



INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF OCEAN BEACH

Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach, Suffolk County, New York held on March 23, 2024 at the Boat House, 625-632 Bayberry Walk, Ocean Beach, New York and is also being conducted via Zoom.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mayor Mallott moved to go into Executive Session at 8:59 AM from the Village Office, for the purpose of discussing personnel, contracts and pending litigation.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Arment upon call the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

No motions or resolutions were acted upon in Executive Session. Executive Session was closed at 11:01AM by Mayor Mallott. The motion was seconded by Trustee Moritz, upon call the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

GENERAL SESSION: At 11:21 AM, Mayor Mallott moved to open General Session. Trustee Arment seconded this motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Following the pledge to the Flag and Roll Call at 11:22 AM:

There were present:	Mayor:	James S. Mallott
	Trustees:	Marco Arment
		Dawn L. Hargraves, via Zoom
		Ian Levine
		Jennifer Moritz
	Village Counsel:	Kenneth Gray
	Village Administrator:	Joseph DiFrancisco

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS HELD ON JANUARY 13, 2024 AND JANUARY 31, 2024: Resolution No. 2024-011: Trustee Arment moved as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meetings on January 13, 2024 and January 31, 2024, are accepted as presented.

Trustee Levine seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

APPROVAL OF BILLS AND CLAIM VOUCHERS: Resolution No. 2024-012: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that bills and claim vouchers, already paid be approved as submitted and as follows:

General Fund, in the amount of \$351,944.87, for Gross Payroll from 01/10/24 through 03/19/24
General Fund, in the amount of \$961,763.36, check numbers A28572 through A28694, and
Water Fund, in the amount of \$134,233.98, check numbers F3894 through F3931, and
Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$34,714.27, check numbers G6924 through G6949, and
Storm Water Run-off Project, in the amount of \$1,507,331.05, check numbers 1083 through 1090

BE IT RESOLVED that bills and claim vouchers to be paid, are submitted to be approved for payment as follows:

General Fund, in the amount of \$ 142,133.52, starting with check number A28695, and
Water Fund, in the amount of \$ 17,467.95, starting with check number F3932, and
Sewer Fund, in the amount of \$ 21,666.27, starting with check number G6950

EFC Debt payment paid February 1, 2024 - Principal:

Water Fund, in the amount of \$84,740.00

Interest:

Water Fund, in the amount of \$14,444.50

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mallott: Um, I'm going to defer to. What's this lady's name? **Joe DiFrancisco:** Sharon from the SBA. **Mayor Mallott:** Sharon from the SBA. Are you, uh. Are you there?

SHARON GADBOIS – SMALL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:

Sharon Gadbois - SBA: Um, so I'm here. Uh, but my video, uh, says, like, it stopped because of the host has stopped the video. So if somebody could, um, start my video, that would be awesome. **Trustee Arment:** Is there video content to what you're saying is we don't we don't have a screen for everyone here. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Okay? So you just want me to speak and you don't want to see me. That's no problem. It's no problem. For me personally, it's a Saturday. No problem. **Mayor Mallott:** We don't know if you're in your pajamas or not. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Uh, actually I'm not. I'm actually wearing my uniform. All right, go ahead. Game camera ready? Yeah. Okay. So you ready for me to go? **Mayor Mallott:** Yes, yes.

Sharon Gadbois - SBA: Okay. Perfect. Thank you so much, uh, for giving me a few minutes today. Um, to, uh, speak at your board meeting to educate, um, your local government as well as the residents and businesses of Fire Island. Okay. Uh, this, uh, information is in regards to the January 9th and 10th flooding. Uh, that impacted your area. And so, uh, SBA disaster is here to help, um, homeowners, renters, nonprofits, and businesses to. Our mission is to help them to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate against disasters of all types, man made or natural. Okay, so we've been around.

Mayor Mallott: I ask the first question. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** okay, let's do that. **Mayor Mallott:** Are the dates specific? **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Yes, the dates are specific. So, uh, could I go through my presentation and we do questions after. **Mayor Mallott:** But could you give us those dates? **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Yep. The dates are January 9th and 10th for the flooding. **Mayor Mallott:** Ninth and 10th? **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Yes, sir. **Mayor Mallott:** Okay. Okay. Thank you. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** You're welcome. Are there any other questions? **Mayor Mallott:** I don't have any.

Sharon Gadbois - SBA: Okay. No problem. All right. So, um, I usually like to go into an example right away just to kind of give you an idea. Sure. And, um. Okay. Anyway, so, um, one of the examples that I like to give is let's say, um, Uncle

Jim, I don't know, I'm just using a name. I don't know whose name is up there on the board I can't see. So let's just say Uncle Jim is a do it yourselfer, okay? He lives in, uh, Fire Island, where most of the damage happened. Or some of the most of the damage happened. Because Fire Island isn't the only one, right? There's other areas. And so let's just say he lived in an area, um, like Fire Island, where he received a lot of damage. And, uh, not just the flooding from below, but also, uh, on the roof. Maybe he didn't, uh, fix his roof in the last 15 years, and now he has a huge gaping hole in his roof, and he has a lot of lots of other damage. Maybe he calls, uh, he's a do it yourselfer, he calls all of his local, um, uh, all of his calls, all of his roofing buddies. He gets the best estimate, maybe, uh, the best estimate to fix his roof is \$50,000. Maybe it's \$100,000. It could be more. I'm just going to use that as an example. Okay, so \$50,000 to fix this roof. He goes to the local lumberyard. Maybe it's hours lumber, uh, in Montauk. Um, or maybe it's East Islip lumber over on Wall Street in East Islip. Either or. Okay. So he goes to the local lumber yard, buys all of his supplies, gets to the checkout counter, and he pays with it. What, maybe cash. Right? It's possible you guys pay cash, but there are some people who would actually use a credit card. Okay, we put it on a credit card because we want to kind of push off the amount of money that we need to, uh, spend right away. The reason I mentioned that is because when there's a catastrophic event, uh, that impacts our home, okay, our lifestyle, because we eat, we breathe, we sleep there. We, uh, have family and friends over there. We do parties there. Uh, our blood, sweat and tear goes, uh, sweat and tears go into our home. That's our. That's our place of being, right? That's our, uh. Um, so, uh, anyway, so everything stops when something like that happens. Like all spending stops, we have to re-evaluate. We assess of what's going on in our lives. And before we can figure out where we want to spend the next dollar. So, okay. Goes to the local lumber yard, buys all his supplies, pays with a credit card. Now, um, if you don't make a \$50,000 payment on a credit card in 30 days, what happens? Yes, you can answer. **Public response:** Interest

Sharon Gadbois - SBA: Interest? Yeah. All kinds of things. Interest rate. And your credit gets shot right. The one time you don't make your, you know, payment. There's all kinds of stuff that happens. And so, um, you could actually take out a low interest disaster loan with the SBA and pay yourself back for all the supplies that you purchased on the credit card. Now, uh, there was a program that SBA started a little over a year ago that became permanent. It's called the 12 month deferment and 0% interest. Again, that's 12 month deferment and 0% interest. So there's no interest accruing for that first 12 months. Okay. Could you pay off, uh, your, uh, \$50,000 early? You sure could. There's no prepayment penalties. Uh, if you wanted to make a sizable down payment. Sure, you could do that. If you just wanted to start payments, you could do that also. Okay. You're entitled now, I'm also going to do one other example, and then I can entertain some questions. If not, I have a few other things I can go over. Okay. So um, another example I like to give is say same scenario. Um, Uncle Jim and uh, let's say he has a huge family of 50, and I think there's about 60 plus people in the meeting today. But let's say he has a huge family of 50 and uh, maybe, uh, every Saturday, uh, it's tradition. He goes over to town Pizza and Ocean Beach Village.

Sharon Gadbois - SBA: Uh, why? Because it's tradition. They just do it every Saturday. Gets together with his family. Uh, they love looking out over the water and enjoying, uh, what the beauty has to offer over there. Okay, so every Saturday, he goes to Town Pizza you know Town Pizza because they've been slinging pizza with love since 1979. Okay, so, uh, they go to the Town Pizza, uh, every Saturday, so maybe they can get a Sicilian pizza slice for five bucks. I don't know, it could be more. I'm just going to use that as a round number. Maybe they get a Caesar salad on top of that. Ten bucks, \$15 in spending every week with this huge family of 50. So, \$15 times 50 is, I don't know, 750, right? 750 times 4 is \$3,000 a month that he's, uh, circulating over there at Town Pizza. Okay, now, if Uncle Jim here, uh, is previous scenario where his home was major damage from the January 9th and 10th flooding. And he's a do it yourselfer because he went to the, uh, lumber yard to buy all of his supplies to fix his roof. Right. So, he's putting all of his money, uh, all of his discretionary funds, everything he has back getting his home to pre-existing conditions, uh, prior to the disaster, because he wants to get his life back on track as quick as possible. Okay, so he's no longer circulating money into the economy right now because he's putting it into his home. So, the \$3,000 that he would normally spend to Town Pizza. Okay. Um, town pizza is now not, uh, getting the revenue they once were. So, the revenue could be, you know, somebody might refer to that as a pension revenue. They feel in the pinch, right. Or economic downturn. So, what do they use that \$3,000 for? They use it for supplies, um, to purchase, uh, to sell, uh, pizza. Right. Maybe they get some of their, uh, gourmet, uh, food from the gourmet produce, uh, produce at Uncle Giuseppe's, uh, in Massapequa. Okay. The kind of goes it's like a ball rolling thing. Maybe they use the \$3,000 to pay for employee salaries. Maybe they use the \$3,000 to keep the lights on. Okay, you see where I'm going with that? So, uh, SBA actually, uh, says that the economic downturn, we refer to it as economic injury. And now they're eligible for our economic injury disaster loan program. Does that make sense? Yes. Okay. Perfect. Okay. So those are two quick examples I like to give now um, the eligibility amount.

Sharon Gadbois - SBA: Uh, also, it's up to \$100,000. I'll get to questions in just one second. So up to \$100,000 worth of personal property. That's So, for uh homeowners that were damaged let's say Fire Island, uh then the eligibility amount would be up to \$500,000. This is for structural damage. This is for the physical damage. And, uh, the, uh, that includes that close to the real estate itself, that includes the, uh, debris, landscaping, fencing, things like that. All contents inside the structure itself. This is the home we're talking about. And, um, and so, uh, renters would also be eligible for up to 100,000 if they rent a property on a fire island. And then we also cover, uh, automobiles and insurance deductibles. We also cover underinsured and uninsured losses. Okay. Um, I want to go into a question that pops up for me regularly, uh, especially there on Fire Island. I know that there's a lot of secondary homes. And so if you used a secondary home as a, you know, like a weekend thing where you just kind of go and hang out and that kind of stuff and, you know, you get the boat out and you go, you go have fun on the water. You just chilling, right? That's a that's definitely a no, to secondary residence. However, if you used a secondary home, let's say little, uh Johnny nephew Johnny nephew nephew Johnny, let's say he, he stays there because that's the, the closest, uh, relative's home, uh, to maybe Hunter Business School. I'm just using that as an example. Okay. And so maybe little Johnny, uh, or nephew Johnny lives at the home on Fire Island. Okay. And so he would be considered an extended family member. And so, uncle. Uh, Jim, who maybe owns the home. Uh, and little, uh, Johnny, uh, rents the home. So maybe he, the Uncle Jim, would be considered the landlord and little Johnny would be considered the renter. Now, this would be a scenario if an extended family member and, of course, you know, they were living there rent free, right? Little, uh, Johnny goes to college, and he needs to keep his expenses down, uh, to a minimum. Okay. So that's one scenario that would be eligible situation. Another scenario is if a secondary home is used as a business or a rental property. Okay. And so if, let's say use it for Airbnb or even VRBO, okay. Now if the home was damaged from the January 9th and 10th flooding and this is a home that used for rentals, then you would be the this building would be of course, you own the building because it's a home free standing building. Then it's considered eligible. Why? Because it's a business, right? You own the building as a business. So, um, you would be considered, uh, you would be eligible for up to a maximum of 2 million by law. Okay, for businesses is for idle and physical damage. Now, inside the building, even though it's a home, it's considered a business. It would be more like business assets or business contents. Okay. Those are just some quick examples there. I know there were some hands up.

Trustee Moritz: Is this a question? Time for you. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Yeah, sure. We can do questions now. **Trustee Arment:** All right. Um, Maria. Go ahead. **Maria Silsdorf:** Hi. Thanks, Marco. So, um, thank you. Sharon. I think it's a really important distinction for many of us, whether the home is a rented home or not, primary or secondary. Yes. Um, many, many folks, um, live in their homes and rent them for a few weeks in order to pay the taxes or the mortgage or whatever. Is that eligible or not eligible?

Sharon Gadbois - SBA: I would say it's eligible, um, for them. So, if they live in the home, it's a primary residence, right? **Maria Silsdorf:** No, no, not it's a secondary residence. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Yes. Secondary residence but they use it as a rental. Right. **Maria Silsdorf:** So, let's say I'm in the house ten weeks and I'm renting it for four weeks. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Okay. It's still considered a business for this prime season time. And you make money, uh, all year long. So, I mean, not all year long, you know, during, uh, all summer long. But there's a I would just tell you that you're eligible to apply. It's just the easiest answer. Okay?

Maria Silsdorf: And if I live in the house 14 weeks and don't rent it at all, I'm not eligible. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Okay? So if it's a primary residence, you're eligible. **Maria Silsdorf:** It's secondary. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** It's okay. So if it's secondary then it's not eligible. **Maria Silsdorf:** Thank you. That rots. But thank you, thank you. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** There's still other questions in the chat. **Mayor Mallott:** Next. **Trustee Moritz:** What are the interest rates that you're offering? **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Okay. So thank you so much for asking that. So the first year as I mentioned, it's the 12 month deferment and 0% interest for homeowners and renters. It's as low as 2.688%. And for non-profit organizations, if there are any on Fire Island that were impacted, it's as low as 3.250% and businesses as low as 4%.

Trustee Moritz: Thank you. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Thank you for asking. **Mayor Mallott:** 4%r percent for business. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Do you want me to repeat that number or no. **Mayor Mallott:** Yes, if you would. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Okay. So, uh, 4% for businesses, 3.250% for nonprofits. And 2.688% for homeowners and renters. I can email you the fact sheet, um, after the meeting, if you'd like. **Trustee Moritz:** Please. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Or I might even be able to put it in the chat.

Sharon Gadbois - SBA: So someone had a question regarding secondary home. **Trustee Moritz:** Are there any questions?

Trustee Arment: There's no hands up. **Trustee Levine:** I believe you answered that question. **Trustee Arment:** Oh, sorry. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Okay. Because I think somebody was. **Trustee Arment:** I heard somebody end up. Sorry. Uh, Shoshana. Go ahead.

Shoshanna McCollum: Yes. Uh, how are you, Sharon? Nice to finally speak to you. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Nice to speak to you, too. **Shoshanna McCollum:** Now, I just want to confirm first. It's more than one question. First, I want to confirm the SBA is, is federal. It's not state. Correct? **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Correct. **Shoshanna McCollum:** Okay. Um, I personally had an experience with the Small Business Administration trying to secure a low interest loan after hurricane Sandy. I hate to say this in public, but my husband and I were declined, so I know there's thresholds. Can you talk a little about that?

Sharon Gadbois - SBA: So uh, there is a, um, uh, uh, credit in their repayment ability. Right. So, if the factor is, you know, they, they feel like you have a repayment ability factor or, uh, maybe you don't have, uh, enough income. Then, of course, that threshold, they're not going to just drop a loan in your lap if you can't afford to repay it. Um, because that would be a disservice to both of us, right? To not only the SBA, but also to yourself. Make sense? **Shoshanna McCollum:** Yes.

Sharon Gadbois - SBA: Someone said that the answer doesn't make sense on the chat. I think it was a Jill. If she could clarify what she needs clarification on, that would be awesome. **Trustee Arment:** That actually might be about a Zoom policy thing we are having in the chant it may be unrelated. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** okay, thank you. **Trustee Moritz:** Any more questions for Sharon? **Trustee Levine:** Okay. **Trustee Moritz:** Thank you very much, Sharon. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** Appreciate it. Thanks for having me. **Trustee Arment:** Thanks, Sharon. **Sharon Gadbois - SBA:** You're welcome.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ken Gray: Mr. Mayor you don't have a report. **Mayor Mallott:** No, I'll defer to Joe. **Joe DiFrancisco:** Thank you, mayor. Just one follow up. There's a link to on the village website to, uh, the information Sharon just provided us. So if you want to go to the village website, there is a link out there.

Joe DiFrancisco: Um, There is a pretty heavy agenda today, so I'm just going to touch on a few of the items on the agenda. Uh, item number 20, purchase of AC and heating equipment. These are to replace the units in Village Hall, which are, uh, essentially nearing the end of life and need to be replaced. Item number 24. Authorize and approve repairs to the bulkhead. Um, we did have a company come out and inspect the bulkhead in the Marina here. The ferry terminal. Uh, ferry Marina and the and the freight boat Marina. They did discover some holes in there that they repaired. Uh, they inspected the whole bulkhead. And other than those holes that they repaired, they didn't find any other issues or concerns.

Trustee Levine: Joe, is that the area where we think that was causing the leaking into town. **Joe DiFrancisco:** In the corner by on the, uh, east end by mermaids? Uh, they discovered there was four holes over there. Okay, uh, that they plugged. **Trustee Levine:** So hopefully we rectified that problem. Thank you. **Joe DiFrancisco:** Yes, I would, I would hope so. So, it's important.

Joe DiFrancisco: Uh, where would I leave off? That was the repair, the bulkhead. And then the last item, number 28, approving. Accept an intermunicipal agreement with the village of Floral Park that, uh, is a municipal agreement to allow us to use the fuel pumps in the village of Floral Park. Um, for those of you don't know, I live in Floral Park. Um, this will, uh, have a couple of things. It will help us reduce the amount I spend on fuel as the rate, the municipal rate is a lot lower than the public rate that we use right now in a public gas station. And it will also eliminate the need for me to actually use a gas card, as the village will be billed directly from the village, one village to the other village. And that's all I have, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Mallott: I do have, uh, a little. Something I'd like to mention. We've just been told by the DEC that we have a approval for a \$5 million grant. That's a \$5 million grant. Uh. Our portion of that will be 20%, which will be another million dollars. So, we've found the money to complete the project that we've started here in town without too much looking, to tell you the truth, we got this, uh, this \$5 million. We're just. This one was from the DEC. The one we are using now, which is a which is a grant and a loan from the EFC. We're trying to marry them both together. I don't know if

that's possible or feasible yet. Um, we're getting opinions from bond counsel that he sees no problem with it. We just have to get, uh, approval from the EFC to be able to, uh, merge those those, uh, uh, loan and the and the grant together. And that would give us the opportunity of finishing the project next, next fall, next winter. Finishing the project would entail, um, from Ocean Breeze, uh, Ocean Road. I'm sorry, Ocean Road down there by the pantry to, um, the Albatross or to Rachel's. Both sides of the street. Um, that would include sewer and stormwater. We replace some manholes down there, put some more drains down there, and, uh, join that whole, um stormwater project together to the pumps that are going to be under the wagon park. Uh, so we're looking forward to getting that done. Um, we talked to our contractor who is here and asked if we can make a change order. That would mean that he would bid on this new project going forward. And since he knows, um, any of the hardships that he's encountered already, he'll be able to give us a price on that change order. That would, uh, enable him to come back in the fall and finish this project off. Um, part of that project would be a staging area. Um, we would have to use the area that is designated for tennis courts and recreation for a staging area for the contractor. Again, he would remove all the poles in the transient. Uh, in the transient area there and that whole dock, so they can bring a barge large enough to accommodate the amounts of broken cement that he has to take off and bring in the fill that he needs to complete the project. So, what we're talking about now is to put a temporary tennis court in that area, which would be usable for this summer. It would consist of a bluestone covered in asphalt covered in a tennis carpet. Uh, it would be fenced off with a temporary fence that could be removed. And I don't want to spend money on a on a new fence. Uh, twice. So we would remove the fence. He would remove the temporary tennis court. He would do all his work out of this same corner here in the, uh, by the Bayview condos and, uh, get that job finished. And on his way out the door, he would complete the, uh, the recreation area that we've designated by the, um wagon park. So, that's our plan for moving forward with getting this, uh, this project done. **Trustee Levine:** Jim, you're talking about one tennis court, not two.

Mayor Mallott: I, I would suggest one tennis court there because it's going to cost us money to put one tennis court there, and I think we can survive on one. There are a couple of alternatives that we're exploring as far as, uh, additional tennis courts, which would be hopefully we can work something out with the Summer Club who are having some problems down there with their tennis courts and maybe, um, they would accommodate Ocean Beach down there. Maybe we could have an agreement between between both communities to, uh, incorporate a tennis area down there in the Summer Club. Uh, we are looking at pieces of a piece of private property here that, uh, we could use for an additional tennis court. So there's lots of, uh, a lots of avenues that we can explore here to, um to expand our recreation program. So I. You don't all have to clap at once about the \$5 million grant, but, uh, I'll take it as a gimme. Um, okay, Kenny, let's get on with it.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT: Kevin Schelling spoke

Wastewater: Sewer plant is fully operational.

Emergency Systems and Generator systems operational.

Chemical & Fuel supplies are full

Inspected by the Suffolk County Health Dept and passed.

Addressed two sewer stops due to flooding

Generator electrical transfer system was repaired, we had a little problem that was fixed.

Water: Wells #2, #3 & #4 are operational

All Emergency Systems and Generator system operational

Chemical supplies & Fuel supplies full

Did testing for the EPA, for PFAs. We did two sites in the village and Fedex them back to them.

Installed two new homeowner sprinkler lines to two houses streets

Shut down nine (9) properties that froze due to weather

Streets:

Concrete repairs on Midway up Evergreen upper Bungalow and upper Surf

Plowing and sanding we did for that one storm, it was done as needed.

Tractors got tuned up this week so we are all up to date on our vehicles

Benches & pails going out on Main Street as quick as these guys are putting concrete in & back together

One senior cart put back at Police Station. We'll put the other one out in about 2 to 3 weeks.

Properties:

All the fire sprinkler systems in the village were certified inspected.

All the village generators were serviced and operational.

Pavers around the court house completed

EMS paramedic apartment has new floors and repairs done to it as needed.

Cleaning out the community house has already started. My carts and equipment from the uh storing for the winter is almost out.

We removed some playground equipment from the playground that's getting replaced.
We shipped off the lifeguard quad for tune up
Garbage is now Monday and Thursdays in the morning.

Kevin Schelling: And I just want everybody to note about this project and the town. Village personnel has been helping with the contractor daily over the Christmas/New Years break. Village holidays, weekends. This helping. This help includes repairs to the village sewer mains. They kind of damaged my system, but we fixed it. Relocating water lines, capping the end of the old water mains that they've been taking out. Hydrant repair. They knocked one out last week and we had to fix that up on Dehnhoff. I've been informed that the village personnel has to use all their vacation. So, everybody knows we are going to have minimal staff from now all the way to June 1st, I mean minimal, they'll only be about three guys per day working from now to June 1st, just so the board. And that's it Jim. **Mayor Mallott:** Thank you Kevin, and I want to thank you guys for all the work that you do, not only for assisting, uh, in this drainage project, but, uh, everything else on your plate, too. Thank you.

OCEAN BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Chief Hesse spoke

Chief Hesse: Yeah. Good morning everyone. Um. Not much going on. A couple of calls here and there. This since last month. Um. The village, we finished the project, uh, for the garage doors. Finally. Uh, it was, uh, weather related to put the stripping on. So that's all complete. Uh, we just did a final walk through with, uh, Loduca and the engineering firm, and, uh, looks good, it came together well. Uh, we're doing our seasonal PM work right now on some of our trucks. Uh, truck #5 is out of service. It's off. Off the beach. Truck #1, which has been off the beach most of the winter, is back and in service. And, uh, I think as I stated at the OBA meeting the other night, we're going on a heavy, uh, recruitment, uh, uh, plan, uh, to try to recruit some firemen and EMS personnel into the fire department. So, if anybody knows of anybody that's interested, that's between the ages of 18 and 55, let me know. So that's it for the fire department?

OCEAN BEACH POLICE REPORT: Chief Hesse spoke

Police department. Uh, things are good. Uh, we're, you know, preparing for the season. Uh, we just had a, uh, police graduate. Graduate the police academy on Thursday night. So, uh, we have one new green individual coming in. Uh, we hired, uh, and swore in a couple other new seasonal police officers that have experience, uh, to backfill some of the shortages that we have, uh, from last year with 6 or 7 officers moving on to other, bigger, greater things. Um. Let's see. There was something else I wanted to mention and now I forgot. Oh, yeah. We had, uh, two of our boys that were serving overseas for the last year protecting America has just come back, and I put them right back into service to get them acclimated to civilian life again and being on the job. So, I want to thank them for their service. And, uh, that's really it.

Mayor Mallott: Thank you. Chief. Uh, there is one point I'd like to make there. Uh, the new doors and polishing up the the fire department. That money, most of that money was, uh, was FEMA money from Sandy. So how much tax money did we use there, Joe? Do we know? **Joe DiFrancisco:** Not off the top of my head. **Mayor Mallott:** No, not off the top. We'll give you that number. But most of that number, which was north of \$200,000, came from, uh, from from FEMA, from Sandy. We're still pushing that as hard as we can. Uh, okay, Kenny, let's move on.

ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA: NONE

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA): Resolution No. 2024-013: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village hereby declares that all action items on this Agenda, unless otherwise indicated, are Type II, pursuant to SEQRA, and, therefore, no further environmental review is required; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the SEQRA declaration on all action items as Type II, unless otherwise indicated on this Agenda.

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

PUBLIC HEARING #1

OPEN TIME: 11:54AM Mayor/Arment

CLOSING TIME: 12:20 PM Levine/Arment

Notes:

Speaker3: So the hearing is now open. There's a copies of available of the proposed local law are on the back table and was posted on the on the website. Um, it has to do with, uh, we'll call it minor or juvenile behavior. So. Um. Ian, Do you want to take that? Sure.

Trustee Levine: I'll start off with this. Um, I've been on the board now for eight months and way before I became on the board. The police department has been, uh, reaching out to the board and fielding questions from residents and and the community. And, uh, the problem was, there are a lot of minors that are coming over here, and there are a lot of minors that are not a lot. There are minors, some minors that are getting into problem, and the police has no recourse. Uh, in the past they talked about doing a curfew, which pretty much went nowhere. Uh, with the board and with the village. Nobody wants to punish the good kids and tell them they can't go out because it's after 10:00 at night and you're not allowed to go out. So, we kind of put together a draft proposal that, uh, holds the parents responsible for their minors. Uh, there are some laws already on the books in New York State that hold the parents responsible. Specifically, any, theft and vandalism and, uh, bomb threats, placing a fake bomb or calling and saying there's a bomb someplace. And I'm not saying that right now. I'm just saying that's what the law is. But they, um, those parents are responsible, all right for that and can be fined, imprisoned or whatever the case may be. We want, you know, last year the OBA, the police department and the school here sent out letters to all the schools. A nice letter just saying that. Hey, just be advised that we're going to crack down on on minor behavior this year. Uh, it could affect the kids future. If you're trying to get a scholarship to a prestigious college, it could affect that. I mean, if if you're found guilty or whatever. So, we don't want that. We want to be nice. We want to we want to just go after the the children that are causing the problems. And we don't want to close the beach when the sun goes down. We don't want to close the gazebo or the playground. When the sun goes down. We want kids to have a good time. I grew up here as a child and I had a good time, but we we don't want to have the the residents of the village of Ocean Beach feeling that they can't go out of their houses. So, we're trying to put something in place, uh. I don't know if it's going to get voted on today, because there are some additional things that I think we're going to add, but we do want to hear after the board talks from the public on what they think of what was written, what they would change, what they would do to make it better, what we can do to help the chief and the police officer that we have here working. So that's basically what I got. Um, we can open it as the.

Trustee Arment: As the de facto head of the opposition here. I guess I can go. **Trustee Levine:** Yeah. Go for it. **Trustee Arment:** Um, I strongly disagree with the framing of the law as presented. Um, I recognize there are some problems in our town, some of which are caused by, you know, crimes being committed by minors, but crimes. Not crimes. Behavior violations committed by minors. Um, but I don't want to. I don't want to criminalize being young. I don't want to insult teenagers because they're teenagers. I don't want to presume that we know better than they do how to walk around town and have a regular time, and I don't want them to be penalized for anything that a group of adults wouldn't be penalized for. Um, and this law as written, I think, denigrates teenagers and, uh, makes them seem almost subhuman in some of the claims. Um, I think the idea of increasing the responsibility of parents upon infractions is an idea worth exploring. Um, this bill does not quite do that, but I think with another month of drafts and back and forth, I think we can get one that does. So, I do not support this bill as written, and I don't support anything that denigrates teenagers just for being young. But I do think there's more we can do here with parental responsibility. So hopefully we can get that done for next meeting.

Mayor Mallott: Thank you. Uh uh, comments from the public. **Trustee Levine:** Well, does Dawn or Jen want to talk?

Mayor Mallott: Well, let's do the comments from the public first. And if anybody's got anything more to say, we can, uh. All right. **Trustee Arment:** Maria, you're up.

Maria Silsdorf: So, um. Thank you all of you. Um, I actually would be interested in hearing what the other trustees have to say before we comment. Where will we be allowed to comment again? **Mayor Mallott:** Well, absolutely I think.

Maria Silsdorf: Thank you. **Mayor Mallott:** Our plan here is to listen to everybody and take in everybody's thoughts and opinions and go back and just try and refine what we have on the books already and add a sentence or two to the existing code that says the parents are responsible for their kids behavior and can be fined in conjunction with the with the kid.

Maria Silsdorf: Thank you. Jimmy. What you just said, I think, perfectly articulates what the intent is to hold the parents accountable for the kids. Um, so that we can take some action against the kids. Because I have been listening to you, Jimmy, as the bar owner, saying you've had teenagers misbehaving in your restaurant and you can't touch them. You can't address them. I've heard your anecdotes many a time and absolutely appreciate it, and also have been hearing George say that his hands are tied when it comes to dealing with the teenagers. So rather than treating teenagers. As there. I don't remember what Marco said, but there's **Trustee Arment:** subhuman human. **Maria Silsdorf:** Um. Thank you. Rather than treating teenagers as subhuman, I think the idea is to hold teenagers accountable as they as we would adults. So, for example, if there were adults having Fight Club at the gallery, there's no question they would all be hauled off. Um, and there was some, you know, I guess, restrictions on how the police department could handle that. So, I think the intent is to hold adults accountable for not supervising and for their children's behavior. So, I appreciate the intent. Uh, 100%. You know, if you need another month to wordsmith it, have at it. I think it's great. Thank you.

Trustee Arment: Yeah. And to be also like, you know, a lot of, a lot of what you're touching on reflects the, the complexity of this problem. You know, there's, there's a lot that we just can't do. You know, there is no law we can pass that will, uh, give, you know, give the police the ability to do whatever they want to teenagers or, you know, like there's there are certain just inherent, um, you know, rights people have state laws we can't override. So, it's a very difficult problem. And that's why we need to, you know, tread very lightly here and very carefully, because a lot of what people want to happen is just legally impossible to happen. So, we have to figure out first, what are we even allowed to do. And then among those what is a good idea?

Maria Silsdorf: So, I appreciate that, Marco, but I feel like we've been chasing our tail. We've been talking about this for so long. Um, and you know, summer 2024 is upon us. Uh, one month is fine, but we really need to make a commitment to each other that this will be addressed and signed in in April. If not today, I guess. Thank you.

Trustee Arment: Go ahead. Linda. **Linda Stertz:** Hi. Linda starts here. Thank you, everybody, for being here and doing the work you do. I see that in writing. It uses the terms from the proposed bill, uses the terms guardian. And I would request that we always use guardian in addition to parents because you know, anyway, I think that's really an important thing to be mindful of. And also, as far as what goes on on the beach at night and even in the late afternoon, I'm like, oh my god, like watching kids rip out snow fencing and like, hit each other with them and all of that. As soon as the lifeguards leave. I don't go up to the beach at night during the season, and that's a huge loss. How do we set up the beach without completely flooding it? You know, with floodlights, which isn't a good thing. How do we handle the beach at night? Are there any ideas? **Trustee Levine:** Can I ask you, Linda, do you not go to the beach at night because you're of the children that are there? Or because you just don't go to the beach at night? No. Go up to the mic because you.

Linda Stertz: I do go to the beach at night when it's quiet, like in the off season I do when my family's here all summer and we want to go look at the stars. It's really hard to bring kids and even myself down to the beach on a on a busy weekend. You know, it's scary down there. Thank you.

Trustee Arment: I think it's important, too, to recognize a lot of the problems that we cite from, you know, what we perceive as, you know, young people or groups of young people. A lot of these a lot of these people are adults. Um, and groups of adults cause just as many problems as groups of teenagers do. And so if we're trying to reduce some of these unwanted behaviors and, you know, infractions and crimes, the way to look at that is not age specific. It's to target the behavior, not the, you know, demographic of who we think is doing it. Because the reality is we have a lot of problems caused by adults, too. So, I think the solution to something like that is not specific to teenagers at all. The solution of that is, you know, can we improve police enforcement at the beach at night? That's the actual problem there that you're that you're bringing up.

Trustee Levine: I believe, Marco, that this what we're trying to do is make it not age specific. We already have laws in place for anybody above 18. They're held responsible. It's the people below the age of 18 that the minors that we're talking about. They're the ones that we can't hold responsible. **Trustee Arment:** And this doesn't do that, though. That's the problem. Because we can't like it's an impossibility. **Trustee Levine:** But it holds their parents responsible who are or who are legally responsible for the children.

Trustee Arment: That helps a little bit. But what we're talking about, though, is not is not like charging the parents with a violation of the village code. We're talking about charging the parents with a different charge, um, something like failure to supervise or in that ballpark. And so, I don't know, I don't know that this can legally accomplish what we actually want to accomplish. It seems like it's on very tricky ground. And if the result ends up being that a whole bunch of angry parents just sue the village, uh, we're really no better off after that than we were now. Sorry. Go ahead.

Linda Stertz: Linda Sterz again. So, um, I mean, it's not new having things go on at the beach at night. My god, when I was a kid and then they had the vigilantes with guns and, you know, it was crazy. Yes. **Mayor Mallott:** Don't incriminate yourself there. Okay? **Trustee Arment:** Didn't know about that. **Linda Stertz:** It wasn't me. Um, but to have police officers patrol the beach with big flashlights, you know, would be helpful, because, yes, there are a lot of adults up there that are sleeping on the beach that are really drunk on the beach, that you find some things on the beach that are quite amazing, you know in the morning. So. **Trustee Arment:** Agreed. Thank you. Um, all right, uh, Judy Girardi, you're up next. Go ahead.

Judy Gerardi: Thank you. Marco. Um, there's been, uh, talk about the parents being held responsible, and that's in the material, and I think that's terrific. There's also been reference to George saying he he needs the ordinance. He needs the change. George has also said, as I recall. So, I'm asking George, that there would sometimes be a problem when they detained with the parents were when they detained minors at the police station. Uh, and that he would have I don't know, it would be difficult to handle that. Uh, that that would come up. And sometimes also, I think that the the minor has been somewhat abusive to a police officer. Uh, George, could you help me, um, by telling me if you think that the, uh, the legislation as it exists, uh, is going to help you in terms of when the parents do when you have contact with the parents after an alleged event. Thank you.

Chief Hesse: Well, there's many parts to what you just said. Um, as far as detaining children, um, we can detain children. We have a special juvenile room set up for that. If we have somebody that's on the borderline that we can't determine their age and we put them in the cell, we're not held liable for that. Just so you know. And those things do happen. They happen every season. What I'm looking for. Listen, I asked for a curfew three years ago, and you guys don't want to do it. You know, I don't know what else to do. You want the kids to stay off the beach at night? You establish a curfew. You want them to not congregate in the playground at 10:00 at night. We need a curfew. You need to close it down. Um, you're not willing to do it, so I have to do what I have to do. And that's enforce the code that I have in front of me. I don't have a problem doing that. We write a lot of tickets. We bring the juveniles in. But you also take police officers off the street when you do that. And sometimes it takes hours for the parents to get here because like many parents that are just unsupervised, their children, they put them on a ferry with \$100 bucks and they send them here for the day. And then we become the babysitters. So I'm looking for a piece of legislation to maybe hold a parent. Uh liable and uh, and for failure to supervise their child/children. Now, I don't know if we could legally do that. And that's why we have attorneys at this table. It's his job to, you know, figure out and assess and do the research and see if we could write this into legislation. Um, I just think it's, you know, another tool I could put in the toolbox. That's really it. I'm not looking to denigrate, abuse, uh, call names or, uh, disparage any kids. I'm just looking for them to be controlled. We're not babysitters here. And, yes, we deal with adults, too. They get dealt with the way they need to be dealt with. They get arrested, they get charged, they go to court. You know, I'm just looking for another tool to maybe curtail some of the, uh, juvenile behavior that goes on here. The bad behavior. **Speaker1:** Thanks.

Mayor Mallott: And that behavior we're trying to put on to the parents. You know, right now we have a very small amount of money to punish these kids, I think. Or punish the families or punish the families. You know, uh, if it's \$100 fine, your kid, you got to come and get your kid. Um, or is \$100. Fine. It doesn't motivate some family members to come and get their kids. They say, oh, it's \$100 bucks. What the hell do I care? As long as I don't have to leave the party and, uh, take my car and trying to find somewhere to park, and then jump in the car and go over and get this little brat paid 100 bucks. Who cares? So what we want to do is we want to change that fee schedule to \$1,000. Not everyone, but up to \$1,000 fine, if you don't come and get your kid. Okay. Uh, the other thing is, the parents need to be responsible. This pages and pages of the legislation that we have, I don't think we're going to include in this law. We have enough in the code now, as I said before, and George and I have had this conversation and Kenny to to add a couple of sentences to the ordinance that we have already holding the parents responsible for their kids behavior so that they can come over here. And I've seen it myself there. You know, some people it can't be my kid. They're not like that. They don't do that. I've taught my children better than that. Well, here's your kid. And this is what they did. Now I couldn't be. I don't believe it. You're lying. Why did you do this? And it goes from there. But people have to be, you have to. George has to be able to

say, listen, you're obstructing justice here. I'm going to give you a ticket to. So now it's not only the kid, it's the parent too. Okay. Consequences we need for that kind. But the behavior that we're talking about, and it's not every kid, you know, it's kids get very rambunctious when they're in a group. They're showing off to their friends. But the flower soon wilts once they're separated out from the crowd and they're talking one on one with the with the cops. And that's all we're trying to do. I'm not trying to. You have a chain gang here with minors, you know what I mean? We're just trying to give George the tools that he needs to be able to correct any kind of behavior that happens, uh, on the street and in the police station with the parents.

Trustee Levine: Jimmy, are we allowed to, um, read into the record the, uh, sample that, uh, George gave us for, uh, what he thinks the line should be that we add to it. **Chief Hesse:** Not necessarily. I wouldn't read it out loud yet. **Trustee Levine:** okay, George, do you want to add anything else? You know. **Mayor Mallott:** I think we got the gist of what we want to do here. Yeah, I think everybody's in agreement. Marco doesn't like the verbiage in this latest iteration. I don't care for it myself. Actually, I think that, as I said before, the code is quite specific. And if we just add a sentence or two, then we can get this done by the next meeting.

Trustee Arment: Uh, Margaret Mazel. Go ahead.

Margaret Mazel: Um, I've been waiting for this kind of a meeting because I'm very anxious to know what happened to the four girls who were apprehended for breaking, having broken into the house next door to me on Surf Road. Now, this was, you know, uh, you know, it's your last lead. **Mayor Mallott:** We know the case you're talking about. **Margaret Mazel:** Okay and I'd like other people to know what went on, how the the police were wonderful, how everything seemed like it was going to teach these girls a lesson. **Mayor Mallott:** Well that's good. This is still a police matter, so it's really not up for discussion. **Chief Hesse:** Yeah, the case hasn't been adjudicated totally yet. Um, two of them were adults. Two of them were minors. Uh, so in comparison, they have to be treated, treated differently. Um, and, uh, and we're doing that and the court's handling that. So it's still it's still in the court's hands. **Margaret Mazel:** So from last July when they were actually apprehended till now, nothing's been done. And I know. **Chief Hesse:** You can't say that, and I can't say nothing's been done. **Margaret Mazel:** Well, no restitution was made to my neighbors for all their damage. **Chief Hesse:** It hasn't been adjudicated yet, it's still in the court's hands. It's still before the judge. So, there's a lot of technicalities that go on. **Mayor Mallott:** It's out of our hands. **Chief Hesse:** It's out of my hands. It's out of the village's hands. It's in the court's hands. **Margaret Mazel:** Okay all right, I will just I would just say I'm very I want us to watch that. And we could learn a lesson from that because, I mean, I put myself at ridiculous risk with these four little brats. Um, and if nothing happens to them and the court system does nothing, then I don't think someone like me or the police should put themselves at risk for anything. If nothing happens to these people who were caught red handed doing what they did. Right. **Mayor Mallott:** Thank you for your comment. **Chief Hesse:** And your help was very appreciated. **Margaret Mazel:** And I'm sure it was by the police who are wonderful. I love the police. They're I think they're terrific. But if it goes to a court and nothing happens, then what good is it? **Chief Hesse:** You're right. I understand where you're coming, but it's in the court's hands. It's. It's being prosecuted. And, uh, I'm not going to lie, they're in trouble. We just gotta. You just gotta let the system do its job. **Margaret Mazel:** Okay, well, I would like it the least to know that those girls will be banned from Fire Island. That should be the least of their punishment. **Chief Hesse:** Thank you. **Margaret Mazel:** Thank you.

Trustee Arment: Go ahead. **Linda Stertz:** Hi Linda. Again. Um, there were three things that were heartening for me last year, and I just want to see how successful you thought they were. And if they'll just be reinforced on an ongoing basis. One is that I do know. You know, I saw parents having to come over and take responsibility for their kids. So I know that that was being done. Also, the public service aspect of it. **Chief Hesse:** community service, yes. **Linda Stertz:** and you talk to these kids and they are not pleased that they have to be here picking up our garbage. And um, so those two things were really important. And are there there was another thing, but I forgot what it was. But are those going to be reinforced? Were they successful and will that be continuing? **Chief Hesse:** Yeah, as a matter of fact, Diane's out today I don't. **Mayor Mallott:** The electrocution. **Chief Hesse:** I thought she was here. **Trustee Moritz:** Yes I wish that she could speak. **Chief Hesse:** Yeah, yes there's actually a community service going on right now. **Trustee Arment:** In the rain. **Mayor Mallott:** Mr. Speranza. Oh, I'm sorry. **Linda Stertz:** One more quick thing is that during the winter, I noticed that a Saturday morning ferry was filled with people dressed nicely. And I'm like, what the heck is going on here? Is there a wedding in the middle of the winter or. No, it was caught and I spoke to some of the parents. It was effective for them, so. **Chief Hesse:** It's miserable for them to come here.

Mayor Mallott: Yes. Joe. **Trustee Arment:** Can you step up to the mic? Oh, yeah. Good. Well, there's 73 people who can't hear you if you're not there. **Joe Speranza:** Joe. Speranza. 2 Ocean Road. I just want to make sure that the terms parent and the proposed legislation does not include grandparent. **Trustee Moritz:** Includes Guardian. **Chief Hesse:** The category of guardian. You're in trouble, Joe.

Trustee Arment: All right. Um, Joanne on zoom. Go ahead. Joanne on zoom. You have a hand up. Go ahead. Oops. Sorry. Go ahead. My mistake. You got to unmute one more time. There you go. **Joanne Griffin:** You hear me?

Trustee Arment: Yes. **Joanne Griffin:** Great. Uh, my name is Joanne Griffin. I live on Cottage Walk. I'm a homeowner, long time. Uh, I would just like to say that since Covid, the groups of teenagers that come over have turned into gangs of teenagers that harass and, uh, are disrespectful, to put it mildly, to the homeowners. Um, I've seen the behavior change from just blasting loud music and cursing up and down the streets to, uh, law breaking where they're, uh, running and jumping over fences and, uh, jumping in people's pools, uh, drinking and vomiting and urinating on homeowners properties. And, um, at night, the gangs roam up and down the streets. We call the police. The police chase them from the beach to the gazebo in town and back to the beach again all night long until the last ferry comes. So, um, I'm in support of this law and anything else that can be done to, uh, make their lives miserable so that they don't want to come back here because they're destroying our quality of life, too. Thank you. **Speaker1:** Thank you. Joanne.

Trustee Arment: Uh, there's no more hands on zoom. **Mayor Mallott:** Okay, so we want to, uh, we're going to hold the public. **Trustee Arment:** We want to, uh, table the public hearing is that. **Trustee Levine:** Can I make the motion that we table this till the next meeting on the 13th of April?

ADOPT LOCAL LAW 02 OF 2024 AMENDING CHAPTER 123 OF VILLAGE CODE CONCERNING PEACE AND GOOD ORDER MINOR): Resolution No. 2024-014: Trustee Levine moved as follows:

WHEREAS, there have been numerous complaints directed to the Mayor and Trustees and other local officials from residents concerning **the instances of disturbances cause** by **some** juveniles in the Village; and,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Ocean Beach, as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 123, entitled "Peace and Good Order" shall hereby be amended and adopted as follows:

Chapter 123: Peace and Good Order

§ 123-a. **Legislative intent; findings.**

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Ocean Beach makes the following findings:

- A.** There have been numerous complaints directed to the Mayor and Trustees and other local officials from residents concerning **incidences related to juveniles** in the Village.
- B.** The complaints received and the investigations of same show that the protection of the health, safety and welfare of minors and the community requires action undertaken by the Village in the public interest to regulate the presence of minors. The Village acknowledges that the attributes particular to juveniles whose immaturity, inexperience and lack of judgment may serve to impair their ability to exercise their rights wisely necessarily increases the importance of protecting the public welfare.
- C.** In recognition of the special traits, vulnerabilities and needs of minors and the Village's interest and responsibility to protect its citizens **and visitors** from harm, the purpose of this local law is to protect minors from each other and from other persons on the streets and in public areas..

§ 123-1 | **Definitions.**

- a.** Any violation of this section shall constitute disorderly conduct; and any person, firm or corporation violating the same shall be deemed a disorderly person.
- b. MINOR**
Any person under the age of 18 years.
- c. PARENT**
Any natural or adoptive parent or legal guardian or custodian of any minor.

§ 123-11-a. - Procedures

- A.** Any police officer may detain any minor apparently violating any of the provisions herein without warrant, for a reasonable period of time, while attempting to notify his or her parent of the violation.

B. Any police officer detaining a minor shall, at the officer's discretion, take the minor home or require his or her parent **or guardian** to report to the site of the alleged violation, the Ocean Beach Police Department Headquarters or where directed by the Ocean Beach Police Department.

§ 123-17 **Penalties for offenses.**

- A.** It shall be unlawful for any minor to violate any of the provisions of the Village Code.
- B.** Any minor violating any of the provisions of this chapter or the Village Code may be **arrested, fined, or** required to perform community service as determined by the court.
- C.** Any parent **or guardian who is responsible for any minor** convicted of violating any of the provisions of this chapter may be punished, by the imposition of a fine not to exceed \$100 for a first offense and not to exceed \$250 for any subsequent offense.
- D.** Any police officer witnessing a violation of this chapter **or receiving a complaint from a witness or victim** may, as an alternative to making an arrest, issue to said violator a notice of violation or appearance ticket, which notice, in addition to such factors as shall be required by such form of notice as may be approved by the Village, shall specify the violation with which said violator is charged and shall set forth the hour, date and location that said violator is summoned to appear in the Justice Court for the Village of Ocean Beach in Ocean Beach, New York, to answer said charge.
- E.** A violation of this Chapter of the Village Code or any Chapter of the Village Code shall be punishable as set forth in this Chapter, the Village Code and Chapter **1**, § **1-14**, of this Code.

§ 123-21 - **Severability.**

If any provision of this chapter shall be invalidated by any court, such provision shall be deemed severable, and the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

§ 123 **When effective.**

This chapter shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

Section 2. This local law is determined to be a TYPE II action under the NY State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”).

Section 3. This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Office of the Secretary of State.

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Tabled
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Tabled
Trustee Levine	Voted Tabled
Trustee Moritz	Voted Tabled
Mayor Mallott	Voted Tabled

BUDGET MODIFICATIONS: Resolution No. 2024-015: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

23-24 BUDGET MODIFICATIONS		
GENERAL FUND		
To:	Description:	Amount:
A0.1110.472	Conferences	\$ 300.00
A0.1325.414	Advertising/Public Notices	\$ 500.00
A0.1420.100	Village Attorney	\$ 15,000.00
A0.1440.449	Professional Services	\$ 200.00
A0.1910.FDV	Fire Dept Policies	\$ 100.00
A0.1910.FLOD	Flood Insurance	\$ 5,900.00
A0.1925.485	Computer Software	\$ 2,500.00
A0.3120.200	Equipment	\$ 85,000.00
A0.3120.411	Office Supplies	\$ 150.00
A0.3120.413	Printing	\$ 700.00
A0.3120.425	Telephone	\$ 1,000.00
A0.3120.442	Repair Vehicles	\$ 4,000.00
A0.3410.201	Turn Out Gear	\$ 500.00

A0.3410.441	Equip Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00
A0.3410.494	Uniforms	\$ 2,500.00
A0.5110.442	Vehicle Repairs	\$ 1,000.00
A0.8010.482	ZBA – Court Reporting	\$ 1,000.00
A0.8010.493	ZBA – Training	\$ 100.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 128,450.00
From:	GENERAL FUND	Amount:
A0.1110.200	Justice Equipment	\$ 300.00
A0.1325.493	Meeting, Training	\$ 500.00
A0.1420.442	Contractual Legal	\$ 15,000.00
A0.1440.443	Engineering Services	\$ 200.00
A0.1910.PROP	Property Insurance	\$ 6,000.00
A0.1925.486	Computer Support	\$ 2,500.00
A0.1621.441	Bldg. Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 85,000.00
A0.3120.494	Uniforms	\$ 5,850.00
A0.3410.200	Equipment	\$ 3,000.00
A0.3410.462	Ferry Ticket Books	\$ 8,000.00
A0.5110.451	Hardware/Masonry Supplies	\$ 1,000.00
A0.1670.411	Copy & Comp Supplies	\$ 1,100.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 128,450.00
To:	WATER FUND	Amount:
F0.8340.461	Plumbing Supplies	\$ 9,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 9,000.00
From:	WATER FUND	Amount:
F0.1990.499	Contingency	\$ 9,000.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 9,000.00
To:	SEWER FUND	Amount:
G0.8120.492	NY State Fees	\$ 4,112.50
	TOTAL:	\$ 4,112.50
From:	SEWER FUND	Amount:
G0.1990.499	Contingency	\$ 4,112.50
	TOTAL:	\$ 4,112.50

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

RATIFICATION & APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL: Resolution No. 2024-016: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, Jonneigh Adrion, Village Clerk, at the time of hire, has provided a report to the Board of Trustees detailing and listing new hires to be paid under general funds appropriation code, EMT/Paramedics A3410.100, not to exceed these budget line items, and has requested ratification and approval by the Board of Trustees for said new hires; and

Now it is hereby

RESOLVED that the following hires listed are hereby ratified and approved, pending completion of documentation, in order for paychecks to be released:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>1/1/24-5/12/24 9/14-12/31/24</u>	<u>Pay Rate</u>	<u>5/13/24- 9/13/24</u>	<u>Pay Rate</u>
EMT/Paramedics	Dept. -A3410.100		Fall/Winter/Spring Hours		Summer Hours	
Auricchio, Peter	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Bialek, Nathaniel A.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Bolender, Adam	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Brandman, Kasara	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Cantore, Jessica L. -BASIC	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$50/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$25.00/Hr.
Cherry, Patrick - CCA	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$60/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$30.00/Hr.
Colyvas, Nicholas	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
DiFiore, Kevin D.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Falley, Scott M.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Gazzo, Schuyler P.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Hager, Jason A.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Halloran, Angela E.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Hoffman, Jason L.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Killoran, Jessica	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Lee, Winston	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Martin, Kristofer	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
McGrath, Sean M.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
McGuinness, Devin M.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Miller, Shawn S.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Nirrengarten, Ray J.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
O'Connor, Ryan	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Palumbo, Madison	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Quinn, Brian P.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Rudolph, Richard	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Smyth, Thomas A.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.
Wilson, Christian - CCA	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$60/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$30.00/Hr.
Zabiela, Ernest S.	3/23/2024	Seasonal	20 hrs. per wk.	\$75/Hr	40 hrs. per wk.	\$37.50/Hr.

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

HEARING OF REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS: Resolution No. 2024-017: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village is in receipt of the following Grievances which have been reviewed by the Village's Assessor, Paul Petruzzelli and Tax Certiorari Counsel, Scott Stone; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED, per the recommendation of both the Assessor and Tax Certiorari Counsel, the following Complaints on Assessments have been Denied:

Commercial:

- 1.) District: 502 Section: 1 Block: 3 Lot: 9 Item#733730
Fire Island Sandpiper, Inc.
479 Bay/Bayberry Walk, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied

- 2.) District: 502 Section: 1 Block: 4 Lot: 28 Item#735010
780 Bay Walk Land Co. Inc.
778-780 Bay Walk, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied

Residential:

- 1.) District: 502 Section: 1 Block: 1 Lot: 8.002 Item#737490
Arnold Mazel
339-341 Surf Road, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied

- 2.) District: 502 Section: 2 Block: 1 Lot: 54.001 Item#736410
Ellen Reiss Portnoy Trust
89-90 Ocean Road, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied

- 3.) District: 502 Section: 2 Block: 4 Lot: 12.001 Item#734130
Mark DeAngelis
568-569 Bayberry Walk, Ocean Beach
Recommendation: Denied

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT THE PICK-UP OPTION YEAR FOR REFUSE AND DISPOSAL PROGRAM:

Resolution No. 2024-018: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village has previously approved an Agreement with Stang Carting and subsequent assignment to Brownie Carting Inc. to provide refuse pickup and disposal services, which expires March 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement entitles the Village to four (4) one-year options; and

WHEREAS, the Village has been satisfied with the services provided by Brownie Carting Inc. during the current contract period and has determined that it would be in the best interests of the Village to continue with such services at this time,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach Board of Trustees hereby opts to exercise the third one (1) year option for Option Year 2024/2025 contained in the Refuse Pick-up and Disposal Program and extend the Agreement with Brownie Carting Inc. for the period of April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, pursuant to the terms and conditions of the existing Agreement; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Mayor and Village Administrator are hereby authorized to enter into such agreement consistent with the terms of this resolution.

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Trustee Levine: Mr. mayor, just one question. This is the second to last year of the one year option. So this is year three of their one year options? **Mayor Mallott:** Yes. **Trustee Levine:** It's at our discretion. Okay.

SET PUBLIC HEARING DATES FOR 2024/2025 TENTATIVE & FINAL BUDGET: Resolution No. 2024-019:

Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to set a public hearing date to consider the passing of the 2024/2025 Tentative Budget for Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 11:30 am; and

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to set a public hearing date for the adoption of the 2024/2025 Final Budget for Saturday, April 27, 2024 at 11:30 am; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Clerk shall schedule and publish notice of a Public Hearings for Saturday, April 13, 2024 and Saturday April 27, 2024 at 11:30AM for the purpose of considering the 2024/2025 Tentative Budget and Final Adoption

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

ACCEPT & APPROVE PROPOSAL FROM H2M ARCHITECTS + ENGINEERS FOR 2023 ANNUAL WATER

SUPPLY STATEMENT: Resolution No. 2024-020: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach is in receipt of a Proposal to prepare the combined Annual Water Supply Statement/Consumer Confidence Report, required by the US Environmental Protection Agency, the NYS Health Department and Suffolk County Department of Health Services, dated January 9, 2024,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Ocean Beach Board of Trustees hereby accepts the Proposal, a copy of which is on file in the Village Office, in an amount not to exceed \$2,800.00 to be paid from line item F8340.460.

It is further RESOLVED that the Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to execute the documents necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Mayor Mallott: The village will send out that annual water supply statement, as we always do by mail. So everybody will get it and we can put it on the website too, please. Thank you.

ACCEPT & APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS FOR H2M ARCHITECTS + ENGINEERS FOR THE FIRE

DEPARTMENT OVERHEAD GARAGE DOOR REPLACE PROJECT: Resolution No. 2024-021: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village currently has a contract with H2M Architects + Engineers for the Fire Department Overhead Garage Door Replacement Project; and

WHEREAS, H2M Architects + Engineers has requested change order for the spackle and paint of interior apparatus bay walls and ceiling, in an amount not to exceed \$28,579.15, to be charged to line item A0.3410.461; and

WHEREAS, H2M Architects + Engineers has requested change order for the replacement of a cracked header, in an amount not to exceed \$26,720.00, to be charged to line item A0.3410.461; and

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village accepts and approves the above change orders totaling \$55,299.15, copies of which are on file in the Village Office, dated October 10, 2023 and February 12, 2024; and

It is further RESOLVED that the Village Treasurer and Village Mayor are hereby authorized and directed to execute the documents necessary to effectuate this resolution

Trustee Levine seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Mayor Mallott: As everybody knows, we needed new garage doors up there at the, uh, at the firehouse. Uh, once we started to, uh, inspect the building, it was noted that there was a severe crack in, in, um, uh, one of the joists up in the roof that held the whole building up. So that has to be addressed first. Uh, that was done. The doors were installed while we were there. We, uh, painted and spackled the, uh, the whole roof. And the firehouse now is looking, uh, looking pretty good. **Chief Hesse:** Yes, sir. **Mayor Mallott:** And we're ready for action. Uh, **Chief Hesse:** Waiting for the call. **Mayor Mallott:** Yep. The next thing we got to look at is the exterior. The building needs a little love, but that'll come later on. **Trustee Levine:** And this was funded by, uh, FEMA, so it wasn't tax payer money. **Mayor Mallott:** Most of it was funded by FEMA. That's correct.

AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL TO PURCHASE NEW TRUCKS FOR OCEAN BEACH POLICE

DEPARTMENT: Resolution No. 2024-022: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has determined that the Ocean Beach Police Department is in need of two new police vehicles to ensure the safety of Village residents and properties; and,

WHEREAS, the Ocean Beach Police Department has researched the necessary equipment from the state bid list contract 13-178; and,

WHEREAS, the Ocean Beach Police Department has identified, Nielsen Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM, in Morristown, NJ that can provide an appropriate vehicle that is available through state bids,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED the Village hereby approves and ratifies the purchase of the Police Department vehicles from Nielsen Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM, at a price of \$41,844.72 each, not to exceed \$83,689.44.

Trustee Levine seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

ACCEPT & APPROVE DISPOSAL OF SURPLUS TRUCK: Resolution No. 2024-023: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach owns the following vehicles:

2017 Dodge RAM Truck VIN#1C6RR7XT2HS591347

2012 Dodge RAM Truck VIN#1C6RD7FP5CS340138

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has determined that these trucks have no present or future use to the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees has determined that these vehicles have no present or future use to the Village and has determined that these vehicles have no value,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Chief of Police is authorized to execute and process such documents that are necessary to the disposal of said truck consistent with this resolution.

Trustee Levine seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

ACCEPT & APPROVE PURCHASE OF AIR CONDITIONING/HEATING EQUIPMENT: Resolution No. 2024-024: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach has air conditioning/heating equipment at Village hall which the Superintendent of Public Works has determined the units are failing and need to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees accepts the quote dated December 21, 2023 from Wright Refrigeration in the amount of \$11,000.00, a copy of which is on file with the Village Treasurer,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accepts the quote and the Village Treasurer is authorized to make payment consistent with the terms of this resolution.

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

ADOPT NEW YORK STATE LGS-1 RETENTION SCHEDULE FOR VILLAGE RECORDS: Resolution No. 2024-025: Trustee Arment moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees in accordance with New York State requirements and guidelines agrees to adopt a records retention schedule with respect to village records;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach that *Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1)*, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

It is FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:(a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in *Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1)*, after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;(b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

Mayor Mallott Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

ACCEPT & APPROVE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS SERVICE AWARDS PROGRAM: Resolution No. 2024-026: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach participates in the Volunteer Firefighters Service Awards Program (the “Program”); and

WHEREAS, the Ocean Beach Fire Department has presented to the Board of Trustees a list of members who are eligible for the 2023 Service Award program Contribution (covering service made in the Year 2023);

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village of Ocean Beach Board of Trustees hereby accepts and adopts said list as submitted, as the Final Report and further authorizes the Mayor to execute the Sponsor Authorization Form and/or Sponsor.

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Trustee Levine: George, do you know how many members qualified this year? **Mayor Mallott:** We have it here in the package. **Trustee Levine:** I know, but is there a number? **Mayor Mallott:** I don't know if there's a number? I don't know if there's a number on it. **Chief Hesse:** I think it was 45. To tell you the truth. **Mayor Mallott:** Second is that say, does that say I sponsor that Bill or Joe sponsor that. **Ken Gray:** It says it says Joe signs it okay. **Mayor Mallott:** All right. Good enough. **Ken Gray:** So, we can include in there that Joe is authorized to sign the document. **Chief Hesse:** Yeah, we updated the plan. It hasn't been updated since 2015. So, uh, when I read through it, some of the numbers were off, so I asked, uh. Just went blank. Adam. Adam Shapiro, who handles all our LOSAP stuff to deal with PenFlex and rewrite the plan. **Mayor Mallott:** All right thank you. Adam. **Chief Hesse:** Yeah, he did a good job. **Mayor Mallott:** Thank you. Joe. Thank you. George.

ACCEPT & APPROVE FIRE ISLAND FERRIES PARKING AGREEMENT: Resolution No. 2024-027: Trustee Levine moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach desires to obtain a parking facilities agreement with the Fire Island Ferries; and

WHEREAS, counsel has prepared a ten year agreement from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2034 with Fire Island Ferries to supply such services for the Village residents;

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Village Board of Trustees hereby approves parking agreement; and

It is further RESOLVED that the Village Mayor, following review by counsel, is hereby authorized to execute the documents necessary to effectuate the conditions and terms of this resolution.

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Mayor Mallott: So move. This is a ten year parking agreement. It doesn't, uh, specify the amount of money. So we have no control over what fire island, uh, terminal is going to charge us for parking. It just gives us a 350, uh, spots for, uh, property owners that, uh, we've been working off for a long time, but this is. I think this is a good, uh. A good thing for us to do.

AUTHORIZE & APPROVE REPAIRS TO FERRY BASIN BULKHEAD: Resolution No. 2024-028: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Incorporated Village of Ocean Beach has determined that in the interest of safety and flooding concerns in the Village, it is necessary to make repairs to the ferry basin bulkhead; and

WHEREAS, the Village has received three quotes from Advanced Welding Corp for work needed, the extent of work necessary will be determined based on conditions and circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees accepts the quote from Advanced Welding Corp., not to exceed \$8,786.00,

Now, therefore, it is hereby

RESOLVED that the Boad of Trustees accepts the quote and the Village Treasurer is authorized to make payment consistent with the terms of this resolution.

Trustee Levine seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Mayor Mallott: Yeah. Um, earlier this year, we had a very, very low tide in the bay, and we were walking around doing an inspection. We saw a couple of, uh, actually, we saw, what was it, 4 or 6 holes? Four holes uh, in the bulkhead in the corner by, uh, Island Mermaid. Um. We got in touch with the contractor who installed the new bulkhead there. Um, they

came over and, um, fixed those four small holes. Um, it was just erosion that caused those holes. There were rivets in those holes that have been, uh, eroded by the by the salt water. We asked them at that time to do an inspection of the bulkhead. They came over with, uh, um, a couple of divers who went into the boat basin here and examined the bulkhead for leaks and holes. Um, you know, the water does pour in, uh, when there's a very high tide that is not coming through the dock. It's coming over the dock. Um. The design was not meant to be waterproof. Um, so when there is a very high tide, the water will come over that bulkhead. Fortunately, it doesn't happen too often. And fortunately, we have this drainage program now that should, uh, rectify that. Any of that water coming in?

AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL TO ATTEND 2024 NEW YORK'S WATER EVENT CONFERENCE:

Resolution No. 2024-029: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, it is the Inc. Village of Ocean Beach's desire to give encouragement to its employees, in an effort to gain knowledge and improve proficiency in their village positions, and training programs are essential concerning pertinent updates and changes and to facilitate the Village in regard to municipal law, government operations and local finance issues;

Now, therefore, it is hereby,

RESOLVED that Kevin Schelling, Superintendent of Public Works, is authorized to attend NYAWWA 2024 New York's Water Event Conference in Saratoga Springs, NY on April 9th – 11th, 2024, costs to include class registration, meals, lodging and travel expenses each, to be paid from the following line items F8340.493

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

RATIFICATION & APPROVAL TO ATTEND LONG ISLAND VILLAGE CLERKS & TREASURERS

ASSOCIATION (LIVCTA) MARCH MEETING: Resolution No. 2024-030: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, it is the Inc. Village of Ocean Beach's desire to give encouragement to its employees, in an effort to gain knowledge and improve proficiency in their village positions, and training programs are essential concerning pertinent updates and changes and to facilitate the Village in regard to municipal law, government operations and local finance issues;

Now, therefore, it is hereby,

RESOLVED that Joseph DiFrancisco, Village Administrator, Linda Morrisey, Village Treasurer and Jacqueline Rulon, Deputy Clerk were authorized to attend LIVCTA's March Meeting in East Islip, NY on March 14th, 2024, costs to include \$35 class registration, to be paid from the following line items A1230.472.

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

AUTHORIZATION & APPROVAL TO ATTEND FDIC ANNUAL MEETING: Resolution No. 2024-031: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, it is the Inc. Village of Ocean Beach's desire to give encouragement to its employees, in an effort to gain knowledge and improve proficiency in their village positions, and training programs are essential concerning pertinent updates and changes and to facilitate the Village in regard to municipal law, government operations and local finance issues;

Now, therefore, it is hereby,

RESOLVED that George Hesse, Fire Chief, is authorized to attend Fire Department Instructors Conference (FDIC) in Indianapolis on April 16th – 19th, 2024, costs to include class registration, meals, lodging and travel expenses each, to be paid from the following line items A3410.493

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

ACCEPT & APPROVE INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF FLORAL PARK:

Resolution No. 2024-032: Mayor Mallott moved as follows:

WHEREAS, the Inc. Village of Ocean Beach has requested permission to purchase fuel from the Village of Floral Park as part of an Inter-Municipal Agreement to fill Village motor vehicles with gasoline; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Ocean Beach agrees to pay the cost plus thirty (30) cents per gallon to cover administrative and labor expenses and installation of a new tank incurred by Floral Park in providing this service. In addition, Ocean Beach shall pay a fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each lost chip key; and

WHEREAS, the Village agrees to add the Village of Floral Park as an additional insured party to insurance policy and agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Floral Park;

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accepts and approves the agreement with the Village of Floral Park; and

It is FURTHER RESOLVED that the Village Mayor is authorized to execute the proposal consistent with the terms therein.

Trustee Arment seconded the motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye

Mayor Mallott: Sounds like a good idea, Joe. Thank you. So moved

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS: 12:37 PM

Trustee Arment: Uh, Chris Brahe, go ahead. **Chris Brahe:** Hey. Good morning. Um, two quick points. Um, as it relates to rec, I just wanted to confirm on the record that you guys did receive our email this week with our requested, um, funding for the rec program. I didn't hear back from anybody, so just want to make sure it was received. **Trustee Levine:** It was received. **Chris Brahe:** Great. Um, secondly, as it relates to tennis, I think there's definitely some confusion. **Trustee Levine:** Wait, one second. If you want a Linda just said the clerk, the treasurer, that she has not received it, you might want to send it to her as well. **Chris Brahe:** Okay. So that that's the that's the policy moving, I assume sending it to all to the mayor and all the trustees was enough. But I will include whoever needs to be on it. Um, but I will for the better. Um, so as it relates to tennis, definitely a little confused here. So fully understand if this court if that area has to be ripped up in September, putting a multi-purpose court makes no sense. Totally understand that that's a waste of all of our money. Uh, however, you know, I know Ian's been leading the charge and overcommunicating, which has been great on the plans. Um, for it **Trustee Levine:** overcommunicating. **Chris Brahe:** It's a good thing. That's a good thing. I'm not complaining. I don't know, I'm not complaining. I'm not complaining. Um, but I do think if we are simply putting, uh, that surface down with the carpet for one tennis court, that's great. But that eliminates any potential pickleball down there and doesn't resolve the issue we're having at the school. So, I would request that, uh, one tennis court be put there and a half a court, a half a surface, I should say, that allows pickleball to be played there so that REC can run that program there and alleviate some of the traffic. That should still give you guys additional space for the for the wagon park. And then it all get gets ripped up in September anyway. And we can revisit this for summer of 25. So, I would hope that could be explored. I can't imagine adding that, uh, would be a major additional expense. **Trustee Arment:** Thanks, Chris. I mean, we're looking at this, you know, kind of, um, you know, quickly here because this wonderful new grant just came in. And so it really it's a wonderful opportunity for us to do the other half of the drainage project. But that does mean we have to make different decisions for the summer pretty quickly. And on that, we don't yet have a price for what they're going to charge us for that temporary court. So it's hard for us to say right at this meeting right now, you know exactly what we should and can do there. Um, obviously we are interested in keeping the costs low since it is only going to be there for one summer. Um, so certainly worth looking into. We will look into it. And, uh, thank you for your feedback. **Trustee Levine:** Also, Chris, the, uh, temporary court that's being proposed is, is carpet, and I don't think pickleball could be played on carpet, so it'd

just be a waste of money if we did that. **Chris Brahe:** That's my point. That's exactly my point. So it sounded when the mayor started that a decision had been made, wanted to make sure that wasn't the case. And we're going to explore all the options and communicate it with everyone. **Trustee Levine:** Thank you. Chris and I will try not to over communicate anymore.

Trustee Arment: All right, uh, Stephanie Cassell, go ahead. Stephanie? You there?

Stephanie Cassell: Yes. Unmuted. Sorry about that. Got it. Hello, everyone. And, Ian, I think you do a great job communicating. And please keep it up. We're always happy to hear from you. Thank you. Um, um, so, uh, no surprise, this is a tennis question. I think it's great news about that, Grant. And fully understand, um, the modification that's necessary in the plans. Um, obviously a bit disappointed. There were such wonderful recreation area plans that were really picking up steam. Um, two part question. Does this impact a wagon park? And, um, also, what is the plan for seasonal players who that are, that have been served by two courts? Um, all this time.

Trustee Levine: The mayor is not in his seat. So, I'll try to answer this for you. Uh, as far as the wagon park goes, the wagon park is going to be on top of the infrastructure that's being put underground. So that will be concreted this year. And a wagon park should be built with the increase of 800ft² to it, allowing for more wagons. We're only talking about the surface area that was over the tennis courts, so there should be no impact, uh, to the wagon park next year when they tear it up. That should be able to stay in place. And once we build the wagon park, it should be for the next 40 years.

Trustee Arment: All right, Maria, go ahead.

Maria Silsdorf: Hi again. Um, I have two things. Um, bulk pickup, uh, is is on the calendar. It's available on the website. However, the first day isn't until June 4th. Last year, um, we made the observation that a earlier date would be beneficial to homeowners, particularly with the flooding that we had. Um, the mayor had mentioned that a couple meetings ago that perhaps the village would be looking to, um, provide services to clear out whatever flooded homes needed to get rid of. So it's kind of a two part question. Is the village pursuing that? And could we maybe add an earlier bulk pickup date?

Mayor Mallott: Um. We have a pretty heavy schedule. Um. For blue collar personnel right now, so I don't think we can make that date any sooner than June 6th. Um, as far as the village. Taking people's garbage. You know, we do regular garbage pickup. Um, we have that June pickup. But anything else that needs to be thrown away, you need to get in touch with a carter. **Maria Silsdorf:** Okay. So, you're not you're not pursuing what you had suggested after the flooding in the beginning of January. **Mayor Mallott:** No I said at that time that the village wouldn't be doing that, that it was up to the homeowners to remove that garbage. **Trustee Arment:** Maria, the conversation you're referring to, I think, was about trying to get state aid to have them arrange something like that. **Maria Silsdorf:** And I guess that's not happening. Okay. The second thing I wanted to mention, thank you for that, I wanted to mention, um, is the, uh, Ocean Beach Association, um, provided the board, uh, as well as Chief Hesse with some recommendations for Memorial Day. Um, Jimmy, I got your note that you had it, and we're taking it under advisement. Uh, you know, I think with two months lead time, we probably can make some, um, inroads here last Memorial Day. Forgive my use of the word, but was a bit of a shit show in town. I don't think there were criminal activity, but it certainly was an unpleasant experience for many of us. Um, and the streets were incredibly crowded, um, impossible to get through. I know many homeowners actually kind of stayed home, uh, and avoided town. I discussed, um, the recommendations with George Hesse, and, uh, he is in favor of them. And I just want to thank you for continuing to, um, consider them and pursue them at this time so that they can be in effect for Memorial Day. I think the most important thing is that New York City, um, has a deal with the Long Island Railroad, for example, for Santa Con and New Year's Eve, where they just don't allow alcohol on, on their transportation those days because it's so out of control. And I think to require that Fire Island Ferries do that for Memorial Day weekend would be a huge step. Uh, as well as having the fire marshal available and requiring the different business owners to keep the sidewalks clear. So, I just wanted to kind of get that on the record. Thank you for your consideration. **Trustee Moritz:** Maria. In our new lease agreement with the with the Fire Island Ferries that is in it, no alcohol on the ferries.

Trustee Arment: All right. Uh, Joanne, go ahead again.

Joanne Griffin: Hi. Um, I'd like to, um, discuss in regards to the ferry contract. Can you explain why the 15% discount on the ferry tickets wasn't passed on to the homeowners who decided that the mayor and the trustees. And, um, where is that money going to? And why wasn't it made public? Thank you.

Mayor Mallott: You like to address it. It's the soft costs for the ferry tickets. **Joe DiFrancisco:** So the discount was passed along. As far as I know, we didn't the village the we offer the discounted book ticket books to the residents. I'm not

sure why you don't think that cost was passed along. Um. The village incurs costs on tickets to pay for its employees, specifically the lifeguards. Um and the seasonal help. So, in the long run, with the discount we receive from the, uh, that we receive on the ferry tickets, it actually ends up costing the village money. Um, so I'm not sure what you mean by you're not receiving the discount on the ticket books. We are passing the discount on to the residents when you buy ticket books. **Joanne Griffin:** Hi. Yes I'm back on I was muted. Um, so we paid the same price for the ferry tickets that we paid last year. So, there was a 15% discount this year on the ferry tickets in the ferry contract, we didn't get it. It's the same price as it was last year. **Joe DiFrancisco:** We got that discount last year also. **Trustee Arment:** Yeah, I believe that. That I believe reflects the discount off of the full retail price that the ferry company gives us, right? **Joe DiFrancisco:** That's correct. **Trustee Levine:** And I think Joanne's talking. **Joe DiFrancisco:** A book goes for \$442 off the top of my head and with the discount, it's \$395.

Trustee Levine: I think Joanne is referring to. Last year we only had a discount. The discount was different than it is this year. This year it's it. It was 15% this year on all the books. Right. So it's ten versus 15. Joanne, I think the the simple answer to your question is, if I may answer it, Joe, is that the, um, the the village pays \$28,000 for ferry book tickets for 100 books of tickets that we use for our lifeguards, that we use for our seasonal employees, that we use for the paramedics that come over for all all, all the all the people that that that we have. The number might be a little bit more than what I'm saying. Um, we we had two. This has been first of all, this practice has been going on for a long time. We've always, uh, supplemented the purchase of those tickets through, through this purchase, but. We're going to pay for it as taxpayers anyway. Either every house gets, pays the same amount for paying for their tickets, or we pay for it as we use it. If we buy more tickets, we supplement the the money to pay for it differently than if you know, if you buy one book of tickets, you pay \$20. If you buy six book of tickets, you put \$120 into the pool. That that's how it does it. So this way, the people who only buy one book of tickets isn't paying. You know, for the people who are buying more tickets.

Joe DiFrancisco: So, I have the chart in front of me. Thank you. So, a ticket book is \$442 at full value. Uh, the village, as per the new ferry contract, is eligible to purchase up to 1,500 ticket books at a 15% discount rate, which works out to \$375.70 per book. So, the 1500 ticket books at \$375.70, a book works out to \$563,550. The residents purchase 1400 books at a price of \$395. A book which works out to \$553,000. The village incurs expenses on 100 books that we use, that we pass on to the the employees to use, such as the lifeguards seasonal and part time workers, which amounts to \$37,570, which means the village is actually losing \$27,020 on the 1500 ticket books that we purchase at a discounted rate. It also does not take into account the cost of labor that the village takes on in managing this process in the office. It's a pretty big job to manage this process in the office. So we're not even taking into account the expense incurred, uh, by the office staff to work on this.

Mayor Mallott: We treat these ferry tickets as money, as cash. And that's what they are. We can't afford to lose one book. The record keeping is unbelievable. These books are counted and recounted and. Put away in the safe and signed for, and. **Joe DiFrancisco:** It's a very labor intensive process. **Mayor Mallott:** Thank you Joe. **Joanne Griffin:** To charge a \$20 a book fee money processing fee is seems a little excessive to me. **Trustee Arment:** Thank you.

Trustee Arment: All Right um, Dave Lipsky. Go ahead.

David Lipsky: Yes. A quick question on the, uh, proposed new grant for the stormwater project. Jimmy, you said that the project will go to Ocean Road, and I'm just wondering about what? Why it's not being extended to Surf Road. **Mayor Mallott:** Uh right at the moment, we we don't have plans for, uh, any further west than Ocean Road. Um, the to Surf Road will be addressed in the next phase when we start replacing the sewer lines, which will probably start in the, um. Easement that we have, uh, between Surf Road and Wilmot. And at that time, we'll address that. Those manholes there, the one at the ocean, the one on Midway and the one at Bay walk. And that's meant down there. It's fairly new to. So I want to start ripping that up yet. **David Lipsky:** Okay. Thanks.

Trustee Arment: Thanks, Dave. Uh, Janet. Einig. Go ahead.

Janet Einig: Hi. Back to the ferry book tickets. So you're passing on to us. You give a discount to your employees, whoever you're giving these books to, and you're passing that cost on to the residents. That's where that money's coming from. **Mayor Mallott:** Janet, they're your employees. Yeah, we have to play them. Everybody. You know, all the lifeguards. Linda, how much do we put aside for the lifeguards for ferry book tickets.

Janet Einig: Isn't that part of their salary? **Mayor Mallott:** No. **Janet Einig:** You're you're paying them. And now you're telling the residents that we have to. Contribute to. So we're paying them also. **Mayor Mallott:** Well, it's it goes towards

\$25,000 worth of lifeguard tickets. **Janet Einig:** Why did we get as of two years ago? **Mayor Mallott:** Listen it can be, you know, we can give you you can buy your tickets from the ferry company and you don't. **Janet Einig:** I understand that and I appreciate the discount. **Mayor Mallott:** you don't do anything. **Janet Einig:** It doesn't make sense why we're being charged. So if you buy one book of tickets. Is there, the office work more for them to put one book a ticket into an envelope is to compare to six books, a ticket. **Mayor Mallott:** It's just it's just the same amount of money, you know, it's looking after a dollar or looking after \$1 million. It's the same thing, you know, it's a very labor intensive program, and we're not making any money. It's not paying for itself anyway. **Janet Einig:** Because you're making it up by passing it on to us. **Mayor Mallott:** 15% doesn't cover what we're trying to do.

Trustee Levine: Janet, you're going to you're going to pay for the ferry book tickets for the lifeguards. Regardless if I'm hearing you correctly, you buy one book so that one book is costing you \$20. If we gave you the extra 20 book, \$20 discount on that book, and then you bought and we passed it along to the 600 homes, it's going to cost you probably 50 or \$60. So, to you, it's a benefit. It's question. You're saving \$30 or \$40 that you would be paying your taxes if we if we charge everybody the same amount. **Janet Einig:** And why did we lose such a large discount? Just two years ago we were paying \$260 a book when I know the the going price was \$395 a book, but \$260 to \$395 is \$130. And now we're paying \$395 and they're selling, um, at the ferry terminal for \$442.

Trustee Arment: What happened there was the ferry company raised the price pretty dramatically two years ago on those books. The villages, the village actually reduced the a little bit of extra padding we put on top of it when that happened. Um, so that's it was just it wasn't our we actually make less now. **Janet Einig:** So you always took money from the ferry books? From what we paid. **Trustee Arment:** I'm sorry. What was. **Janet Einig:** That? You always. The village always took money towards what we were paying for the discounted books. **Trustee Arment:** Correct? Yes. There was always some small margin at the top there to pay for all these administrative costs and everything that we've been going over. But that margin actually is lower now since that \$395 price. We lowered it last year to account for that, to try to reduce the burden on the homeowner. **Janet Einig:** Okay. Thank you.

Trustee Arment: All right, uh, Stephanie Cassell. Go ahead.

Stephanie Cassell: Hi. Sorry. Um, my question about the tennis, um, seasonal players wasn't answered. Um, I had that two part question there. I was on a chat with Dawn. Um, is there a possibility of two tennis courts? And if not, how are the seasonal tennis players going to be accommodated if there is only one court? **Trustee Levine:** I believe that once this decision is finalized and we give the approval to the contractor, then we can open up the. I'm looking over at Bunny to Jonneigh to see if what I'm saying is true. Once we know what we're doing with the tennis courts, then we can open up the time the calendar for people to sign up. **Stephanie Cassell:** So, it's a mad rush to the front door to get time. **Trustee Levine:** We we at this point, you know, we're still talking about one quart, two quarts. So we really need to finalize this, get the prices back on what it's going to cost us to put down this temporary court. And then once we have that, we can approve it. And, you know, time is of the essence now. They plan on being out of here by May 15th. So that means the tennis courts will be completed by May 15th. So we need to make this decision. And once we make the decision and we know what's going on then. The village will open up the calendar. But until then, we don't know what we're doing. **Stephanie Cassell:** Right? Uh, okay. No, wait Hold on. **Jonathan Jossen:** Okay, okay, so just one one more quick question, Jonathan Jossen here. Okay. So you're going to make one temporary court. Why can't you make one real court the West Court. Because that's going to stay and why can't you make the second court temporary. So that's where. The kids can do the recreation. Also, why can't you make the second court, the East Court temporary? I that I don't understand if you're not going to use that piece until, um, September or October, why can't we just make a temporary recreational court for them? Why does it have to just be empty? Especially if you're leaving the wagon park the way it is. I don't understand that. How much more could it cost?

Trustee Arment: But we don't know yet. That's the that's the question right. Right now. Yeah. The timing I mean, we really getting this extra grant and being able to finish the second part of the project is really a pretty amazing thing. And the small inconvenience that we have to deal with now of kind of rushing a temporary tennis court plan for the summer, I think is, is really a small price to pay for that incredible value. So we're trying to do the best we can here. I know it's it's a little bit frustrating that we don't have a solid. This is what we're doing. Answer for you right now today for this summer. Um, but it just had the timing worked out. This is going to be a great thing overall. We're going to have, you know, one more year to work out the final plan over there. In the meantime, we're doing the best we can with, you know, the temporary court that we have.

Jonathan Jossen: It is wonderful that we're going to get the money. So it's sad that you're not going to surf Road and that the idea that you put new cement down is the reason that you're not going to Surf Road. When we have a flooding problem on that corner over there and you're talking about too much, too many, two more blocks, that's a little insane. Just might as well go all the way. I mean, that that's simple, but I'm just saying make the one court permanent. You were going to do that. It's paid for already. And then have the other one temporary. Why make that? I don't understand. You already have the plans to make the one court.

Trustee Levine: So, there's not enough room for us to have a permanent court there now, because they're just going to tear it up once the summer is over for the project. They need to they need to use that whole area for their big trucks to get off the boats, and it's just going to break up whatever we put down. That's why we're going with the temporary surface. Whether we do 1 or 2 is really based upon what the finances are going to be. And and we'll find out, you know, shortly once we get the prices. But we did say there's going to be tennis this year. We're hoping that we'll have two, but there might just be one and we'll we'll deal with it when we know how much it's going to cost, and we'll make a decision based upon that, I guess.

Trustee Arment: And certainly there are other options as well. You know, we talked about possibly talking to summer club and, you know, as the mayor went over earlier, his report. So we're going to we're doing what we can here. We don't have any firm answers for you today on this, but hopefully we will in the near future.

Jonathan Jossen: And just one more question. We're trying to raise money to redo the kids park. Right? That's what we're trying to do. So we can redo the the children's park. **Trustee Levine:** I believe the Community fund is raising money, right, to redo the park. **Jonathan Jossen:** How come the village is not getting involved in that and putting some money in it? Is the village getting involved and putting money in for that also? **Trustee Levine:** I believe we are. **Jonathan Jossen:** Okay, great. Thank you guys. You're doing a great job. I really appreciate it. Thank you.

Trustee Arment: Thank you. All right, that's all. Oh, sorry. Maria, your hand's still up. Did you have something else? All right, Maria, hold on a second. Constantine. Go ahead. Constantine.

Constantine Karalis: Um, I'm quite concerned about the condition of the ocean side of the dune. Uh, along the length of Ocean Beach, if you. Of course, we've had this upheaval through the winter months. What is going on now? It looks like a flat airport landing strip. That's fine, but the dune itself is, um, endangered species. Uh, if you go down to the end of, uh, the east end of Ocean Beach, you look towards Seaview, the fencing and the planting of grass, uh, beach grass. There's exemplary professional. If you look on the ocean beach side, it's missing, it's dog eared, and it's ready to be blown off by the next big wave that comes over. I wonder who is responsible for dealing with our side of the beach.

Mayor Mallott: Constantine. We're missing probably 1,500 feet of of fence up there. We asked the, um, Army Corps of Engineers, uh, this past week when we had a conference call with them. Why that piece of fence wasn't installed there? They told us, because that area conforms with the height of the program. Okay. **Constantine Karalis:** Whatever that means. **Trustee Levine:** They are what you're talking about. What? Mention the two blocks.

Mayor Mallott: It's from, uh, the Cottage. No. Dehnhoff. **Joe DiFrancisco:** Bayberry to Dehnhoff. **Mayor Mallott:** Bayberry to Denhoff. **Trustee Levine:** It came on the dune. **Mayor Mallott:** Meets the profile there. That's why it wasn't scheduled to be fenced. They didn't do any planting there. Because the dune is this high, right? Not this high. Okay, so they didn't plant anything there and they didn't put any fence there. We asked them that okay. So we're going to buy a couple of lengths of fence and we're going to fence that area off. Now the other thing you bring up with Seaview had their fences put up on the top of their dune right. **Constantine Karalis:** It's further back inland. **Mayor Mallott:** That was the profile for there. But again we prefer to keep the fencing down on the bottom of the dune so it stops people walking up the dune. **Constantine Karalis:** Understood, it's just that it's **Mayor Mallott:** It's pretty weird right? **Constantine Karalis:** I look at it every day. There's nothing going on. **Mayor Mallott:** It's government at work. **Constantine Karalis:** The next big wave comes in. They'll take whatever fencing is there now. It'll be taken away. **Mayor Mallott:** Well let's pray to the gods that it gets buried and it's okay. **Constantine Karalis:** I would also recommend that when it does go in, it will be put in in a zigzag fashion, which is a lot better than flat on, uh, the emulate what is in Seaview lower away from, from further south but in that same shape. Okay. **Mayor Mallott:** Thank you. We'll see.

Trustee Arment: All right. Uh, Maria, your hands still up. Go ahead.

Maria Silsdorf: Thank you. I want to go back to the ferry tickets, if I could. Um, I completely understand that, um, giving our employees ferry tickets is necessary. Every business owner in Ocean Beach provides their employees with ferry

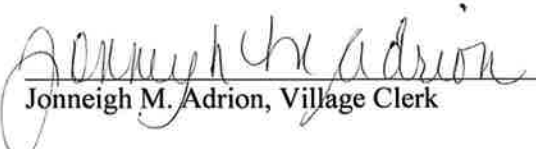
tickets, so I think that's very reasonable. However, I think it's a legitimate village expense that should be included in the budget. Uh, for someone who's getting six ferry ticket books to pay a greater share of the cost of providing our employees with ferry tickets does not seem reasonable to me. **Mayor Mallott:** That's the cost of doing business. That's that's what it is. You know. **Maria Silsdorf:** No, it's not. If I could just finish. Please. Okay. Uh, everyone in the village pays for the village employees. Everyone in the village should pay for the village employees ferry tickets. If that's what's necessary, we'll listen. **Mayor Mallott:** Listen, we'll stop buying the 1500 books from the ferry company. Okay? We won't do that anymore. Other villages have given it up. And so if you want ferry tickets, go to the ferry company and buy the ferry tickets. We'll still spend \$25,000 for the lifeguards and for village personnel that need ferry tickets. **Maria Silsdorf:** As we should. As we should. I'm agreeing with you. **Mayor Mallott:** It'll just come out of the taxes. **Maria Silsdorf:** That's. That's the way, in my opinion, it should be handled. **Mayor Mallott:** Oh well we'll write that up well, okay. It'll take a lot of pressure off the village office. Because we don't have to Keep track of \$600,000 worth of ferry tickets. **Maria Silsdorf:** So the the cost of the employees who manage those ferry tickets is already in the budget. There's no incremental cost. **Mayor Mallott:** No, I'm not talking about the village office. Okay. What we charge there are soft costs for the village office. Okay. That helps our budget. The main thing here is to pay for the lifeguard ferry, ticket books and anybody else that we need to bring to the beach. Give ferry tickets to. That's what we do. But we can always buy 100 books and we'll still have some over and not bothered by. **Maria Silsdorf:** That is certainly. That is certainly not what I'm suggesting, Jimmy. Oh, that is certainly not what I am suggesting. **Mayor Mallott:** You want to. It doesn't make any sense. We can't I, you know. We can up the taxes one more percent. It's another \$40,000 on the taxes and everybody pays that. So. What the homeowner wants a bigger discount on the tickets. Is that where we're going?

Trustee Arment: All right. Uh, Brenda Jean Farrell. Go ahead. **Brenda Farrell:** Good afternoon everyone. In regards to the vehicles being purchased for the police department, is there a reason why those vehicles could not be purchased from a Long Island or New York dealership? **Joe DiFrancisco:** They're they're bought off of us. The state bid. New York state bid. We're required to buy them off of New York state bid. We can't go out on our own and buy them. This is the company that the state has established the prices with. **Brenda Farrell:** Okay. Thank you. Second part to that. The vehicles that can no longer be used, are they being traded in to offset the cost of the vehicles? **Chief Hesse:** No, they'll be destroyed. Uh as soon as I rip some equipment out of them. Uh, they're no longer, uh, any good. I mean, one of them's almost 14 years old of beach miles, so it is. Well, well, well beyond its use. **Mayor Mallott:** They're not drivable. **Brenda Farrell:** Thank you. That concludes my questions.

Trustee Arment: All right, Dave Lipsky, go ahead. **David Lipsky:** Yeah I just want to comment on the sand fencing, the condition of the sand fencing. Constantine alluded to the issue. But, uh, from a sustainability point of view, um, with all of the visitors that we have, uh, who are leaning on the on the fencing, the straight line fencing is just going to be knocked down, uh, easily by people, um, easily by people trying to find their frisbee or volleyball, uh, where there's no fencing. And I think before the summer begins, we really should think about putting in some money and getting a crew to put a zigzag fence line in like Seaview has. It's much more sustainable. It's not a perfect solution of a big series of waves comes up. It'll knock that down too. But given all the sand that we have now, a zigzag pattern will, uh, last us at least a little more than a straight line pattern. Which is just going to boil down. **Trustee Arment:** Thanks, Dave. All right, that's it. Motion to close.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mallott moved to close the meeting at 1:09 PM. Trustee Levine seconded this motion. Upon call, the following voted:

Trustee Arment	Voted Aye
Trustee Hargraves	Voted Aye
Trustee Levine	Voted Aye
Trustee Moritz	Voted Aye
Mayor Mallott	Voted Aye


 Jonneigh M. Adrion, Village Clerk