

MINUTES OF SEA CLIFF VILLAGE BOARD

April 8, 2024

7:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff was held on Wednesday April 8, 2024 at 7:00 pm, to discuss various Village matters.

Present: Elena Villafane, Mayor
Nicholas Pinto, Deputy Mayor
Mark Sobel, Village Trustee
James W. Versocki, Village Trustee
George O. Williams, Village Trustee
Sarah Beaudin, Village Clerk
Judy Phelps, Treasurer
Bruce Kennedy, Village Administrator
Brian Stolar, Village Attorney

9:00 am

Welcome to the Board Meeting of April 8, 2024

Public Hearing – Continued

Bill VSC 2401 – Business Districts Moratorium

A local law to enact a temporary moratorium on the expansion or addition to existing buildings and the construction of new buildings in the Business Districts in the Village of Sea Cliff.

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto, seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, the Public Hearing was adjourned.

Public Hearing

Bill VSC 2403 – Principal use buildings in a business district

A local law to amend Chapter 150 (Zoning) of the Code of the Village of Sea Cliff, to modify the number of principal use buildings permitted on a lot in the Business A and B Zoning Districts.

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto, seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, the Public Hearing was closed.

Public Hearing

Bill VSC 2404 – Property Tax Cap

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

This proposed local law would authorize the Board of Trustees to override the State tax cap, should it prove necessary to do so prior to adopting the Village budget. This law does not override the tax cap at this time.

There were no public comments.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto, seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, the Public Hearing was closed.

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Public Hearing

Proposed 2024-2025 Village Budget

A member of the public commented.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto, seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, the Public Hearing was closed.

The Mayor appointed the following Sea Cliff Fire Department Chiefs and Company Officers:

Chief of Department	Anthony E. Grella
1st Assistant Chief	Brian O'Donnell
2nd Assistant Chief	William Koopmann

Engine & Hose Co Officers	
Captain	Brian Griffin
1st Lt.	Mark Vitale

Hook & Ladder Co. Officers	
Captain	Thomas Selleck
1st Lt.	Jack O'Donnell
2nd Lt.	Javier Valentin

Enterprise Hose Co Officers	
Captain	William Neice
1st Lt.	Jeffery Whitcomb
2nd Lt.	Andrew Janusus

Fire Medic Unit Officers	
Captain	Ray Silka
2nd Lt.	Joe Baskin

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, the minutes of meetings on 3/20/2024, 3/25/2024, and 4/3/2024 were approved.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, the Mayor’s appointments to Sea Cliff Fire Department Chiefs and Company Officers were approved.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, the Board directed the Village Treasurer to modify the 2023-2024 General Fund by debits or credits in those accounts and those amounts as listed on the schedule dated 4/3/24, for a total amount of \$761,680.10

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, the following bill was adopted as Local Law No. 1, Year 2024:

Bill VSC 2404 – Property Tax Cap

A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c

(This local law authorizes the Board of Trustees to override the State tax cap, should it prove necessary to do so prior to adopting the Village budget. This law does not override the tax cap at this time.)

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On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 27, YEAR 2024

RESOLUTION BY THE VILLAGE OF SEA CLIFF ADOPTING A ZERO GOAL TO ELIMINATE FATAL AND SERIOUS INJURIES FOR ALL ROAD USERS CREATING A SAFE SYSTEM FOR ALL

WHEREAS, the Village of Sea Cliff establishes a Zero fatality by 2040 for all road users including those who drive, walk, bike, ride (passenger and transit) and travel by other modes;

WHEREAS, the Village of Sea Cliff by its Comprehensive Plan adopted September 2023 endorses the planning, design and construction of municipal roadways for the benefit of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, persons of all abilities which promote safe and efficient operation for all users;

WHEREAS, safe road system elements include Safe Road Users; Safe Vehicles; Safe Speeds; Safe Roads; and Post-Crash Care;

WHEREAS, traditional road safety strives to modify human behavior and prevent all crashes, the Safe System approach also refocuses transportation system design and operation on anticipating human mistakes and lessening impact forces to reduce crash severity and save lives.

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Village of Sea Cliff to formalize a commitment to the principles of Safe System throughout all city departments.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SEA CLIFF, that the Village of Sea Cliff commits to a Safe System approach which has the following elements:

1. While no crashes are desirable, the Safe System approach prioritizes crashes that result in death and serious injuries, since no one should experience either when using the transportation system.
2. People will inevitably make mistakes that can lead to crashes, but the transportation system can be designed and operated to accommodate human mistakes and injury tolerances and avoid death and serious injuries.
3. People have limits for tolerating crash forces before death and serious injury occurs; therefore, it is critical to design and operate a transportation system that is human-centric and accommodates human vulnerabilities.
4. All stakeholders (transportation system users and managers, vehicle manufacturers, etc.) must ensure that crashes don't lead to fatal or serious injuries.
5. Proactive tools should be used to identify and mitigate latent risks in the transportation system, rather than waiting for crashes to occur and reacting afterwards.
6. Reducing risks requires that all parts of the transportation system are strengthened, so that if one part fails, the other parts still protect people.
7. All city departments will be required to address safe system approach with integrated training, shared implementation strategies, to achieve the goal of Zero while adhering to the aforementioned Resolution and Ordinance already adopted.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF SEA CLIFF, that the Village of Sea Cliff will be a Vision Zero Community of Practice through the adoption and implementation of Vision Zero and applying the Safe System Approach while growing a positive safety culture in the community through a holistic view indicated by the principles and elements outlined above.

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On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 28, YEAR 2024
ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2024

WHEREAS, Bill VSC 2403, a proposed local law to amend Chapter 150 (Zoning) of the Code of the Village of Sea Cliff, to modify the number of principal use buildings permitted on a lot in the Business A and B Zoning Districts. (the “Proposed Law”) has been introduced, and

WHEREAS, the Village has scheduled a public hearing on the Proposed Law, and published and posted the hearing notice, and

WHEREAS, the Board held a public hearing at which time all persons seeking to comment or make a presentation on the Proposed Law were provided with the opportunity to do so, and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Law was referred to the Nassau County Planning Commission and the Commission has recommended that the Board make a determination on the law as it deems appropriate, and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Law constitutes an Unlisted action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and its regulations; the Board is the lead agency with respect to environmental review of the proposed action; the proposed action would not have a significant adverse environmental impact, as that impact is considered under SEQRA; and no further environmental review is required with respect to the proposed action

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

1. The Board hereby adopts the Proposed Law as Local Law 2 of 2024.
2. The Village Clerk is directed to take such action to file and publish the Proposed Law, as may be required by law.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION NO. 29, YEAR 2024
ADOPTION OF THE 2024-2025 BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Sea Cliff, has met at the time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on April 8, 2024 on The Tentative Budget, and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon, now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, that the Budget, as hereinafter set forth, is hereby adopted, and that the several amounts stated be, and they hereby are, appropriated for the objects and purposes specified and the salaries and wages, as provided for in said budget, shall be and are hereby fixed at the amounts shown therein, effective June 1, 2024, and be it,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become effective at the expiration of the time required for filing with the State Comptroller of the State of New York of the statement of the estimated amount of real estate taxes to be levied on account of such budget as required by the State Finance law, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board directed the Village Treasurer to (a) file a certified copy of the budget with the Office of the State Comptroller, (b) to the extent practicable, post the adopted budget on the Village website and (c) take such actions as are necessary and required by law with respect to the budget.

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The Mayor appointed Stephen C. Pinzino as deputy prosecutor for the remainder of the current term. On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, the appointment was approved.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, a meeting of the Board of Trustees was scheduled for April 15, 2024 at 5:30 pm in Sea Cliff Village Hall.

There were no comments from the public.

On a motion by Deputy Mayor Pinto seconded by Mayor Villafane and unanimously approved by those present, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Sarah Beaudin
Village Clerk