

**MINUTES**  
**FIRE ISLAND PINES PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
July 4, 2018

**Directors Present:** Allan Baum, Gary Clinton, Tami Hausman, Chris Lovito, Jay Pagano, Henry Robin, Bob Tortora, Russell Saray, Ed Schulhafer, Jeff Staad, Jim Vandernoth

**On Phone:** Greg Henniger, Eric Sawyer

**Absent:** Garry Korr, Tad Paul

**Also Present:** Pollard (Director of Finance & Administration)

Meeting called to order by President Jay Pagano at 10:05 am in Solstice Room, Whyte Hall, Fire Island Pines, NY.

Clinton Motioned to approve the June meeting minutes. Robin seconded, and the motion carried.

**President's Report**

**Trap Bags**

- Tamara Wright, The Brookhaven Commissioner of Finance, has been very helpful on the trap bag project.
  - The Town will loan the funds for the project until the bond is floated.
  - The project is budgeted at \$425,000 based on estimates from the most similar project(s) they have done.
    - The budgeted amount includes the Town's administrative fee plus a 20% contingency.
    - \$150,000 is budgeted for finding sand and shipping the sand to the Pines.
      - Our consultant, Kelly Risotto of Land Use, says our beach does not look good as a sand source.
        - To use the sand from the beach requires there to be 100 feet of beach at high tide.
  - Our councilman questioned the project because it is so close in time to the FIMI project.
  - There is also the problem of FIMI demolition occurring at the same time as the trap bag project is underway.

**Invasion**

- The budget for the Invasion needs to increase from \$7,500 in 2018 to \$10,000 in 2019.
  - The Invasion needs a sponsor to help subsidize the rising costs.
  - It has become a large community event with 4 principles coordinating a host of moving parts.
    - Many thanks to Ariadne Villarreal, PJ McAtee, Panzi and Chris Lovito for their efforts.

**Treasurer**

Henry Robin, Treasurer, reported

- There are fewer budget deviations at this time and no red flags.
  - Therefore, there are no budget adjustments at this time.

- If any director is aware they will exceed their budget, please notify Robin.
- It looks like we will have one of the best years as far as budgets are concerned.

### **Harbor**

Jim Vandernoth, Harbor Committee Chair, reported:

- Harbormaster Dennis Murphy and Vandernoth met with Sean Carlin, the owner of the water taxies to discuss their docking at the Pantry.
  - When the water taxi docks bow in with the engine idling it creates unsafe conditions in the harbor because of the backwash.
  - Although we do not own the Pantry's dock, we do own the water in the harbor and are responsible for Marina safety.
  - They have agreed to idle down and are going to provide us with a certificate of insurance.
  - FIPPOA could give them an alternative space near the harbormasters office but would loose 2 seasonal spaces which with the water taxi income would break even.
    - The space in mind would provide a safer harbor and would not interfere when freight deliveries to the Pantry are being made.
    - This would of course take the water taxi contract income from the Pantry.

### **Membership Update**

Russell Saray and Tami Hausman, Membership Committee Co-Chairs, reported:

- Membership numbers are slightly down, but ahead of last year at this time
  - There are 379 Regular membership and the committee has a goal of 400.
    - This time last year there were 362 regular members.
  - There are 44 Associate memberships down from 32 last year.
  - There are 40 members who joined last year who have not renewed for 2018 and there are about 157 chronic NON-joiners.
  - The Membership Committee is working with the real estate brokers who will distribute the Sandbook to new and prospective owners.
  - Tad Paul wrote a personal email to non-joining ocean front owners stressing FIPPOA work on the beach, including FIMI.
  - Many thanks go to Wissam Abyad and Dana Spitzer, who designed the Sandbook, and are also making the thank-you stanchion.
  - Mark Kornspan, the co-op president has been asked to write a letter to co-op owners to encourage membership.

Adjourned at 11:08.

Respectfully Submitted,  
 Ken Pollard  
 Director of Finance & Administration