

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on January 26, 2009.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pontieri with Deputy Mayor McGiff, Trustees Crean, Dean, Devlin, Hilton and Krieger, Village Treasurer Krawczyk, Village Attorney Egan and Village Clerk Seal present.

The flag salute was led by Dennis Smith.

Mayor Pontieri read the safety message

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved of the meeting minutes of January 12, 2009 as submitted.

Village Clerk Seal read: Whereas, Patricia M. Seal, as the Receiver of Taxes of the Village of Patchogue, New York has this day returned her Warrant and Tax Roll for the year 2008/2009 and had delivered to the Board of Trustees of the Village of Patchogue herein an account of the taxes remaining unpaid, amounting to \$175,782.75 without the penalty and fees of \$22,078.98 and descriptions of the upon the list together with the amount of taxes so assessed and interest thereon, resolved that the unpaid taxes or tax liens as set forth in the account of Patricia M. Seal, as the Receiver of Taxes of the Village of Patchogue, New York dated December 31, 2008, shall be collected by sale of such taxes as provided by Section 1452 of the Real Property Tax Law, such sale to be held on the 26th of February, 2009 at ten o'clock in the courtroom situated at 14 Baker Street in the Village of Patchogue, New York. The proceedings thereunder to be provided in Section 1452 and a copy of this resolution certified by the Village Clerk shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Village of Patchogue, with account, affidavit and certification of such unpaid taxes. Total amount of the tax roll for 2008 close of taxes on 12/31/2008 was \$7,928,586.43, penalty collected on taxes was \$32,918.97, total amount to be accounted for was \$7,983,711.65, total receipts to Ronald Krawczyk, Village Treasurer, was \$7,775,009.93, interest and penalty due \$32,918.97, unpaid total taxes due was \$175,782.75, for a total of \$7,983,711.65.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to accept the 2008/2009 report of the Receiver of Taxes as presented.

Mayor Pontieri stated: I asked Kathleen Gallo, the Assessment Clerk, for a run of how many properties that is and a comparison, going back over several years. The people not paying their taxes is only up by 10% which surprised me because because of the state of the economy and the state people are in that number would be greater. But, there are about 85 that are on the tax rolls for the tax sale which Kathleen expects probably to drop to about 80 before the tax sale happens--people pay at the last moment.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated: For the period ending January 12 to 26, 2009, the five largest bills were: NYS Employee Health Insurance \$78,348.67 for monthly billing, Town of Brookhaven \$70,635.20 for monthly billing, Sidney Bowne & Son \$11,967.00 engineer for river dredging, P & G Fleet \$4,796.60 for parts and maintenance on sweeper, and Barnwell House of Tires \$4,590.89 for tires.

General Fund	\$273,864.26
Trust & Agency Fund	\$5,571.16
Capital Projects	\$99,820.85
Sewer Fund	\$17,069.40
BID Fund	\$4,914.38
Housing/Code Fund	\$1,574.45
Community Development Fund	\$5,558.76
General Bills	\$1,907.25
 Total	 \$410,280.51

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Hilton, and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of bills as read.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved budget adjustment request as approved at 1/13/2009 BID meeting \$5,650.00 from unreserved surplus as follows: \$1,600.00 to go to supplies, \$2,650.00 to advertising, and \$1,400.00 to outdoor street accounts.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved budget transfers as presented.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated: You have the cash balances as of the end of year.

Village Clerk Seal read: Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Patchogue to modify and renew the Special Permit for Artspace Projects, Inc. originally issued on January 28, 2008. At said public hearing any person interested will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Gary Canella of Gary D. Cannella Associates, Bohemia, New York, stated: We are here to renew out application for the Artspace project. The second round with the State is going in within the next two weeks, and hopefully, within a few months after that we should get our approvals. There is still no damage to the funding end of it. The only change from the previous approval is that we are going from 41 to 45 residential units.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to modify and renew the Special Permit for Artspace Projects, Inc. originally issued on January 22, 2008.

Upon a motion made Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board gave authorization for the Mayor to approve the extension of permits, renewals and agreement, as heretofore approved and authorized by the Board of Trustees for calendar year 2009 for Artspace Projects, Inc.

Village Clerk Seal read: Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York, by the Village Board of the Incorporated Village of Patchogue to repeal Chapters 7 and 7A of the Village Code, a copy of which proposed Local Law is on file at the office of the Village Clerk. At said public hearing any person interested will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Village Attorney Egan stated: This is a re-codification of sections that have been used and are in evolution as part of the code. Chapter 5A was the Park Ranger provision. It was originally adopted in the early 90's and never been filled; we never actually had one on the force at Patchogue. Constables is step one of a two step legislation reform tonight to move that section from constables to the Division of Public Safety/Department of Code Enforcement where it always really, in my opinion, should have been in the first place. This is just more of a re-codification of an evolution of these roles and how they are supervised, what their duties are, and how they are utilized today in modern day Village. We never want to leave anything in the code that doesn't actively reflect what the actual practice procedure of the Village is.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the Board repealed Chapters 7 and 7A of the Village Code.

Village Clerk Seal read: Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York, by the Village Board of the Incorporated Village of Patchogue to amend Chapter 5 of the Village Code to amend Section 5-4 and add a new Section 5-5, a copy of which proposed local law is on file at the office of the Village Clerk. At said public hearing any person interested will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Village Attorney Egan stated: This too is the second part of this legislative reformation that we are undertaking tonight. The duties of Department Head has evolved. Originally the Dept. of Code Enforcement reported to the Village Clerk, but as the Village government evolved and the Trustees became appointed Commissioners responsible for different departments in the Village

government, it was thought better to remove the Village Clerk as Department Head and actually have the Commissioner of Code Enforcement actually responsible for the Dept. of Code Enforcement. Again, it is a practice that the Board has undertaken for years and more accurately reflects what the actual procedures are in the Village. The new Section 5-5 codifies a Division of Public Safety as part of the Dept. of Code Enforcement. This was a piece of legislation that was drafted along with the assistance of the Dept. of Public Safety with the Town of Brookhaven. It is modeled closely on theirs. Their duties more accurately reflect what our Division of Public Safety actually does in the Village of Patchogue, that being the enforcement of the code, specifically parking regulations and quality of life issues that are more akin to what the Dept. of Code Enforcement does.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to amend Chapter 5 of Village Code to amend Section 5-4 and to add a new Section 5-5.

Village Clerk Seal read: Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York, by the Village Board of the Incorporated Village of Patchogue to repeal Section 87-56(B)(1) and 87-56(C)(6) of the Village Code which prohibits parking on Church Street, a copy of which proposed local law is on file at the Office of the Village Clerk. At said public hearing any person interested will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Mayor Pontieri stated: This was a request by the residents of Church Street. When that ordinance was initially put in during the 40's or 50's, no parking on Church Street, it was the only westbound route and highly travelled, number one. And number two, then when there was maybe only one car per household, now there may be two or more. This is really to make it convenient for the people on that block—obviously there will be snow emergencies and different other times when we will wish to have them removed. On a day to day basis, to put people in a situation where they are getting parking tickets overnight for parking on the street and don't have a place to park their car does not make sense.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Krieger, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to repeal Section 87-56(B)(1) and Section 87-56(C)(6) of Village Code which prohibits parking on Church Street.

Village Clerk Seal read: Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York, by the Village Board of the Incorporated Village of Patchogue to consider a request by 600 South Ocean Realty Corp. for an out of district sewer connection for property located at 600 South Ocean Avenue. At said public hearing any person interested will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Mayor Pontieri stated: 600 South Ocean is Louis XVI. It seems that there will be a Mama Lombardi's on the Bay at that location. They are requesting an out of district connection for that purpose.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to grant an out of district sewer connection for property located at 600 South Ocean Avenue.

Village Clerk Seal read: Notice is hereby given that a public meeting will be held on Monday, January 26, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York, by the Village Board of the Incorporated Village of Patchogue to adopt a Local Law for stormwater management and erosion and sediment control, a copy of which proposed Local Law is on file at the office of the Village Clerk. At said public hearing any person interested will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Trustee Dean stated: As a condition of our stormwater management plan and also as a requirement of the Phase II Stormwater regulations, the Village is required to pass legislation for the detection of illicit discharges in the Village. The DEC requires certain things do not get discharged into the water as a requirement of the SPEDES (State Pollutant Environmental Discharge Elimination System) permit, but they don't have the resources to enforce that. So what

they do is make the local municipalities the regulatory agency. In order for us to be that regulatory agency, we need to adopt an illicit discharge protection legislation. I want to thank the Village Attorney for his work in putting this together. This covers everything that there is to be covered with regard to illicit discharge detection and stormwater management, erosion and sediment control. It is pretty standard and a lot of other municipalities have adopted something similar. It is something that we have to adopt as a requirement of the Phase II regulations.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to adopt a Local Law for stormwater management and erosion and sediment control.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board set Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. as the Village "Tax Sale" date for all unpaid taxes and tax liens.

B.I.D. Report – Dennis Smith stated: We would like to thank John Lund and the DPW for helping to dismantle the Waverly Avenue Spur Park. This park had to be removed to facilitate the building of the new YMCA on the west end of the Village. Apparently, there was something with the remediation of the ground and the soil underneath so the whole thing had to be taken down. All the items removed from the site have been stored and they will be reconstructed at the same site when the YMCA project is finished. At its last meeting the BID approved financial support to promote the Arts Council Winter events that was successfully held this past weekend. In addition, they also expressed interest to be a major supporter of the street festival event that is coming up in mid-September. At the last meeting, the BID approved the purchase of a salt spreader to be used by Valentin during inclement winter weather. This is something that we have purchased—it is better than chipping the ice which he had been doing. The BID is currently in the process of formulating a budget for 2009-2010 fiscal year. The first meeting was held last week and additional meetings will be held in the ensuing weeks. As usual, we are looking to maintain the services that we currently provide and always have an eye as to what we can do to benefit businesses in the Village in the future. Lastly, at the last meeting the BID voted to draft a letter to be sent to Brookhaven Town in opposition to the proposed Wal-Mart development at the Hospital Road and Sunrise intersection. The reasons to be cited include the Hospital Road bridge, open space, jobs, vacant stores, the negative impact on existing downtown, preventing business sprawl and other items. It is something that is in progress now and we will discuss at the February meeting, make an official draft and send to the appropriate entities.

Chamber of Commerce Report – Charlie Baker stated: Tomorrow at noon, Jack Eddington will be speaking to the Chamber of Commerce to talk about our east end development. Secondly, I would like to have a Trustee to attend our meetings, the third Tuesday of the month at 8 a.m., on a more regular basis. We have reached out to the Chambers in Bellport, Medford and Bayport-Blue Point to extend our reach. The deadline for our brochure is May. We presently have 387 members. The Patchogue Chamber of Commerce has also drafted a letter against the Wal-Mart in East Patchogue.

Trustees:

Trustee Krieger stated: I want to thank Trustee Devlin and the Patchogue Arts Council for Saturday's show at the Theatre--artists and poets. It worked out very well. The Sousa celebration was a great event; all those musicians were volunteers. It cost about \$500 to put that show on and they did a great job. I have to thank Victor Yannacone who put together that orchestra—60 musicians who rehearsed only one time and the performance was incredible. Sousa had played at the Patchogue Theatre in 1923 and 1924, using the same scores. On November 8th they will be back. Thanks to the BID for the advertisement in the Advance.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request by The Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce to hold the Alive After Five events on July 17 and 24, August 7 and 14, 2009. They are asking for street closures on those dates. They are requesting live cut off music is at 9:30 and should so advise the participants.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request by The Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce to hold

their Sidewalk Sales on August 7th, in conjunction with Alive After Five. Carnival Sale Days on July 9, 10 and 11 from 9 to 6 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. from North Ocean to Maple Avenue.

Trustee Crean stated: I had the opportunity to meet with Tritec and their potential hotel operator. They are fine tuning some of their thoughts and looking at their parking calculation, trying to come up with additional ways to find downtown parking, looking to come up with additional space so as to provide parking for the current retail. February 2nd is the cut-off date for written comments and at the next Board meeting the Board will consider the adoption as making final and complete and approve it.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to hold the Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 29th at 2 p.m. This year the line up will start at Route 112.

Chip Hunter, Co-President of Patchogue Arts Council stated: the Green Art Festival was inspired by the walking tour and one of the artist's who does a lot of recycled art. He has worked with a lot of Long Island schools on recycled pieces. Initially, my inspiration for an Arts Festival has snowballed into a major event where we met with County Levy's office and three other departments; on Feb. 2nd will be meeting with Tim Bishop's office and a meeting with Stony Brook also on Feb. 2nd—they have a ¼ million dollar grant towards the green movement. We are looking not only to be the focal point of a Green Arts Festival where artists from all over the area are invited to apply—we will pick 150 of them to create art out of recycled products and pieces that we collect—but there will be LIPA, National Grid, hybrid car companies, alternative energy sources like wind and solar that will all have booths and will be an educational experience. Cornell University has approved an outreach program—working kids on environmental art where they do relief paper things and a lot of educational things that focuses on the environment and art. The art booths would be set up in the center and these education and corporate booths on the outside. We would like to set up musical entertainment and other artistic entertainment using the Bandshell. The energy was not only for the Patchogue Arts Council to create this, but then for Patchogue to also become a focal point for the green movement. Not only would it be a signature for the Arts Council where we would not only raise money for the event but have an excess of \$20,000-\$30,000 to budget other programs through the Council. But, I think it could become a signature event for Patchogue and if it does become an annual event, it could become a nice, positive focal event for the community.

Trustee Hilton stated: I am completely in support of it. But, we are venturing into something that is going to require things like layouts, traffic plans, parking area, handicap parking, public safety, vendor lists, Suffolk County Heath approval of vendors, noise ordinance, porta lavs and you are going to have to work with Peter Sarich, Village Fire Inspector.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request for the Patchogue Arts Council to hold the first annual "Green Art Festival" on Saturday, June 27th at Shorefront Park with a rain date requested for Sunday, June 28th.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request by the Greater Patchogue Foundation to hold a 1K and 5K run at the St. Patrick's Day parade, March 29th.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: The Code Unit trailer is going to be moved to Village Hall on Baker Street from the DPW yard. I think it is going to add to their effectiveness and add to the safety of Village Hall.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: There seems to be a rash of graffiti on the west end of Town. We do have a code in place that letters go out right away to the property owners and they have 30 days to remediate it. It is being addressed and all the property owners have been notified. Also, pictures are taken and given the SCPD to see if there is any kind of gang correlation.

Trustee Devlin stated: We did have an excellent Walking Arts Tour that was coincided with the Lobby Gallery reception for the new artist—we are having six shows a year in the Lobby Gallery. That was the third show. If anybody knows of any artists who might be interested, you can go on

the Patchogue Arts Council website. There is a way for artist's to apply to exhibit their work in the Patchogue Theatre Lobby for the next three shows. We are actively seeking artists who would like to display there. Also, information should be available soon for those artists who would like to participate in the Summer Arts Tour. February 14th will be the next monthly meeting at 10 a.m. at Bricliffe College. Mayor Pontieri will be the speaker who will be updating the Council on the update of Artspace and the possibility of moving Carnegie Library. Briarcliffe College is very excited about collaborating with the Arts Council.

Trustee Devlin stated: A quilt maker has approached me with reference to a Patchogue-Medford Healing Project whereby residents would get together to put together a quilt in memory of Marcelo Lucero. March 5th at 2 p.m. there will be an informational meeting to be held in the Library and March 19th at 7 p.m. Out of those meetings we will start to organize into the groups that will actually do the quilting and we are also actively seeking any quilters that might be interested in facilitating a group. We intend for this to be a 6-8 month project to put together the quilt.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request for PYAA to use Shorefront Park Ball field, Rider Avenue Complex and Four Sisters Park for their baseball/softball program from April 15th – July 31st.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request for Island Softball League to use Shorefront Park Ball Field and Rider Avenue Complex for their softball program from March 1st – November 30th.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request for ABA Softball League to use Rider Avenue Complex for their softball program from March 1st – November 30th.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request for the Patchogue Medford SD to use Rider Avenue complex and Rider Avenue tennis courts for their baseball and tennis programs from April 1st – June 5th.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request for New Life LEAH to use Rider Avenue Complex and Rider Avenue tennis courts for their softball and tennis programs for eight dates between March and May.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to hire Maria Cuccerese as basketball security at \$7.15 per hour.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to hire Zulfiye Bademci as volley ball security at \$7.15 per hour.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to hire the following staff as youth basketball instructors: Christopher Hansen at \$7.15 per hour and Jonathan Afanador at \$7.15 per hour.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to increase the non-resident boat slip fee from \$55.00 per foot to \$60.00 per foot.

Trustee Dean stated: the DPW has been very busy keeping the Village roads clear and safe and I would like to commend the DPW staff for their long hours.

Trustee Dean stated: Take a ride down and checkout the Winona. The reconstruction of the porch has added a level of magnificence. The Mayor and I had a meeting with an architect, an engineer and a contractor about the beginning of the interior renovation phase of that project. That is going to be extremely tedious and complicated. We have a number of mechanical systems that we have to integrate—fire suppression systems, alarms, wiring for computers and office staff, and all of the different uses that we envision the community enjoying down there. We have to proceed carefully; we are only going to have the opportunity to do it once. Hopefully, it will be something that the community will enjoy for years to come. We will be

going out to bid for that. By early summer we should have something that could be used down there.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved J.R. Holzmacher to provide GIS training for MS4 Compliance at a cost of \$1,000.00. We are having a GIS computer installed in Bldg. & Housing and this is going to provide a GIS map of the entire Village which we will be able to overlay all sorts of things. Initially it will be part of the MS4 system and sanitary-stormwater sewer system which is the subject of the Phase II SPEDES that we went through before. This will give us the opportunity to map all of our storm drains, all of the piping that connects all of them and the outflows where they go. We will be able to keep a record on there of cleaning schedules, repairs and any illicit discharges if we find one. For instance, we will be able to report that on such and such date we found homeheating oil in this catch basin, etc. It doesn't end there. It is something Bldg. & Housing could use for houses it does inspections on, for tickets that it writes, it is really endless. Holzmacher is going to provide that training to Peter Sarich and two other employees at Bldg. & Housing at a cost of \$1,000. It will be a about 8-10 hours of training and they will be able to do all of the input and operating of it and be able to pull all of that information off. I think it is going to become a great resource to all of us here on the Board and everybody else who works in the Village.

Public to be Heard:

John Bogack, Baker Street, stated: There is something that still bothers me and I am sure quite a few number of other people as well. And it is the continuing hate crimes that exist in the Village. As you know, after Marcelo Lucero's death two weeks afterward, two Latin men were harassed by 8-10 people in the Village of Patchogue. A safety officer, Costello, intervened and probably broke up something that could have been very violent. The fact that this occurred two weeks after that death, really speaks to the criminality of those 8-10 individuals still on the loose. Several weeks ago, we had another hate crime which is the theft of the baby Jesus which could be an act of juvenile delinquency, but it could also be something else too. It all fits into this pattern of people thinking they could come into this Village, if that's what happening, or they are Village residents and committing crimes in the wake of everything that has happened in the last couple of weeks. As a member of the public and a Village resident, I want to get it on record that I am urging you with all your contacts with the police, to keep them focused. Suffolk County Police can do this job if they keep their minds on what needs to be done. They need to support the community, but they need to be reminded that these 8-10 people or maybe even more are still on the loose and they shouldn't be. They should be in jail. Until we breakup criminal gangs operating in Patchogue Village, this Village is not going to be as safe as all of us wish. Thursday I am going to the Public Safety Committee of the Legislature. Mr. Eddington is the Chair of that Committee and I am going to make the same speech. Maybe the Police Commissioner will be there too and I am going to keep making this speech at the Public Safety Committee until they arrest all those people--until they don't quit keeping this Village safe. I ask you in your capacity when you have contact with these people, keep them focused.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: One of the things on that incident that you are speaking about Newsday covered and it really wasn't eight people--this public perception information war. I think it really was three or four and the group of assailants were racially mixed. And something that the Mayor and the police know about too, in the past two weeks there have been at least four incidents of Latino on Latino assaults—mostly youth, one at the school and one getting off the school bus. Thrown into this mix of this racial element there also is this violent youth culture out there—maybe it is kind of an initiation, but there has been these random assaults and then running off. Police have responded to all of those; you don't hear about that in the publications. The Mayor is in communication with the Precinct probably on a daily basis and just the fact that the County has placed a Spanish foot patrol officer, someone who has grown up in the Village, is great. They have taken this situation seriously. The fanfare about placing a Spanish speaking commander is fine, but putting the feet on the street and I think they are doing that. I agree with you also saying we have to keep the pressure on—come this summer, let's see if we still have the guy walking on Main Street.

Mayor Pontieri stated: The issue that is going to become this summer is kids on bicycles, come this springtime the kids in the afternoon. We have been talking about how do we attack that because the disrespect these kids show is incredible—the disrespect for themselves and to adults.

I was talking to a police officer the other day and he told me that a 14-year old girl spit on his car. That whole sense that you can do it at 12 and 14, makes me wonder what are they going to do at 16, 17 or 18. That is what you are talking about—once they get bigger, stronger and older. Graffiti over the last month has grown. Besides these seven kids that did what they did, I think the thing that bothered me the most is the school district's response to this was almost the denial of an issue. You don't know if it is 7 kids or 14, or 49, or 149, but we need to be able to address it in a very clear way. My sense with the police is that they are—time will tell--over the course of time that you tell whether they are doing what they say they will do.

John Bogack stated: I have had 36 years in Suffolk Civil Service and I was a child protective case worker and have had 20 years of experience. I have worked with the police lots of times. I just had the sense they can do the job, but everyone must keep their minds on it.

Resident stated: Is it really cost ineffective to have a camera system somewhere on Main Street or some of the major streets? They can catch the kids doing this when it is not practical or feasible to have 24 hour constables and policemen walking every inch.

Mayor Pontieri stated: That is something we can look at, but unfortunately, many of these crimes happen on the back streets.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.