

Board Meeting

January 8, 2007

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on January 8, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pontieri with Deputy Mayor McGiff, Trustees Crean, Dean, Devlin, Hilton, Krieger, Village Attorney Snead and Village Clerk Seal present. Village Treasurer Krawczyk and Deputy Treasurer Monte were not present.

The flag salute was led by Frank Di Ambrosio.

Mayor Pontieri stated please let us have a moment of silence in memory of the passing of former President, Gerald Ford.

Mayor Pontieri read the safety message

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Hilton, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the meeting minutes of December 11, 2006, with changes noted by Attorney Snead.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, and seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board minutes the minutes of December 11, 2006 were approved with changes on pages 2 and 11 noted by Attorney Snead and page 10 says end cap should say enclave.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Dean, and carried with Deputy McGiff and Trustee Hilton abstaining, the minutes of Special Meeting held on December 20, 2006 were approved.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated considering our program of Patchogue Pride to recognize homeowners who take pride in their property, we would like to give the Patchogue Pride Award to Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Deschler of 57 Cleveland Street.

Trustee Crean stated the bills submitted for the Board Meeting of December, 2006, including the five largest bills: were as follows:

General Fund	\$767,495.22
Trust & Agency Fund	\$31,769.87
Capital Projects	\$64,030.28
Sewer Fund	\$66,807.18
BID Fund	\$7,327.32
Housing/Code Fund	\$2,879.79
Community Development Fund	\$12,241.76
General Bills	\$151.95
Total	\$952,703.37

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Krieger, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the bills as presented.

Village Clerk Seal read that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 8, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 1 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Patchogue to consider a request to abandon Village owned property located on Arygle Lane. At said Public Hearing any person interested will be given the opportunity to be heard.

David Sloane, Certilman, Balin, Adler & Hyman, LLP stated I represent the applicant Ed Cork & Sons Assemblers. In 2001 we filed an abandonment application with the Town of Brookhaven to abandon that portion of Argyle Lane which is a paper road. And the reason this was made at that time is because there was talk at that time to extend West Avenue through my client's property which is South Shores property. The subject property is a paper road. I have a copy of the map here. It is 50 feet wide and 175 feet in depth, running from Campbell Avenue to my client's property (I will give you the copy). This application to abandon this road was made at the time in order to afford the then Village Board's possible attempt to extend West Avenue through my client's marina, which I understand is no longer the case. As I said this application to abandon this property, my client owns the property on the side of this so they will end up, once it's abandoned, entitled to it. They propose to use it merely to use for storage of boats in connection to the marina. I would accordingly request that this matter after 5 ½ years be resolved.

Mayor Pontieri stated one of the requests, you and I had spoken about it, is that within that we have a 25 foot easement along the easterly border of the property for the use for a possible sewer line or any other utilities that may need to be moved down to that area.

David Sloane stated we at the Village's request to grant an easement along the parameter of the property along the east side, north or east side of the property, whatever you need. As long as it affects the parameter of the property, between Campbell and Patchogue Street.

Trustee Devlin asked what is the history of this paper road. How long has that existed in that state? The talk about extending West Avenue has only been the last ten years. This obviously predates that.

David Sloane stated this map was filed since 1913. The paper road is shown on the Map of KL Gilbert filed with Suffolk County Clerk, Map 242. So obviously, I would assume that if this road was going to be developed, it would have been developed many years ago. The fact that it terminates on my client's property makes no sense.

Mayor Pontieri stated over the course of time from way back when it was South Shore Dredging, 65-70 years ago, it always has been used for the storage of boats, etc.

Trustee Dean stated recently the Village of Patchogue held a workshop to discuss walkable communities in the Village of Patchogue. One of the outgrowths of that was the recommendation to see if the Village could secure an easement, roughly in the same vicinity to help keep people who are traveling down Argyle Lane, to keep them from traveling all the way out to Cedar, to get down to the Davis Park ferries and Sandspit Park. Would a public easement for a walking path be something your clients consider.

David Sloane stated I would discuss that with my clients, but I don't think it would be an issue. As I said, as long as it affects the parameter of the property.

Trustee Dean stated it would be along the east side, not along the Bay.

Trustee Devlin stated if you come down Argyle and make the left on the southerly most street then you could make a quick jog on the right and come right out at Patchogue Street and down Roosevelt or one of those. It would be perfect; I think it's an excellent idea. It would take away from a lot of people walking down Cedar which is what we talked about the River walk to begin with. It would have to be something we would have to establish—maybe a sidewalk with a signal.

David Sloane stated my clients have been there for many, many years. Prior to that it was South Shore Dredging and they were a partner with Al Brown. There are no curb cuts there. I don't see how the Village could every make use of this street as my clients owns all three sides.

Trustee Crean stated other than an easement, how will be Village be compensated for the abandoned property.

David Sloane stated with all due respect, I don't think the Village is entitled to compensation since it is not an existing road. If it was an existing road under 207 Highway Law, you would be entitled to compensation. This is not an existing road; it's just a paper street.

Attorney Snead stated paper streets on subdivision are owned by the property owner until they are dedicated. Once they are dedicated, then they are owned by the Village. They have been taxes on it.

Mayor Pontieri stated actually the payment is the right of way and easement to be able to use their property along that easterly boundary. Just the access in my mind is more valuable than being cut off 175 feet into the middle of the property.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Hilton, and carried with Trustee Crean opposed, the Village Board agreed to abandon Village owned property located at Argyle Lane with a covenant for a permanent easement on the property as discussed.

Janice McEvoy stated I had the totaled wrong idea of what was being abandoned on Argyle Lane. I thought it was a very large piece of property which I would say is a sustainable wetland kind of thing. But now that I hear what it is, the paper road, I know that Mayor Pontieri probably knows that on Campbell Street right next to Christina Murphy's house and between Dennis' house, that's 50 x 125 and I have a feeling that that piece of property is worth a lot of money.

Mayor Pontieri stated but we don't own it.

Ms. McEvoy stated but, you are abandoning it which means at some point it could be owned, operated, utilized by the Village. I know you just took a motion. But, I know I was wrong to come here because I did not understand what it was you were giving away. But, the abandonment of 50 x 175 piece of property....

Mayor Pontieri stated what I had said also is the access to 125 by probably 500 has more value to be able to walk all the way through from Patchogue to Campbell Street. That will be part of the agreement, a covenant, a permanent easement.

Janice McEvoy stated I think thinking about the property we abandoned on Carmen Street and Swan Street, it was out of the Village, but it was a piece of property almost an acre on the river. And when we abandoned it I think.....

Mayor Pontieri stated we did not abandon it, we sold it I think it was \$168,000. Back in 1986 they had just put up the racks on the other side of the other and the guy across the street

Janice McEvoy stated the reason I came was because I thought we were abandoning the Argyle property that's Pine... which is probably worth \$300-\$400 thousand dollars at this point; I know it's wetlands.

Mayor Pontieri stated I don't know if you remember, but back in '86 when I had just gotten on the Board, they had just put up the racks on the other side of the river and then the guy who bought the marina across the street was getting ready... and we rezoned that from Industrial to A-Residential and he sent me poison pen letters.

Attorney Snead stated just to clarify. This piece of property is not owned by the Village. The Village has no rights to it until at such time the Village decides to turn it into a street. That's the only thing the Village could do to this piece of property. Technically, a paper road when it's on a subdivision is actually owned by the property owners on either side of the road. It is not a Village property. It is simply an area that is set aside in the event that the Village chooses to make it a road at a later date. The landowners could grant an easement over it if they wish. But, the landowners on either side of the road are entitled to ask for it to be abandoned if there is no intended use in the Village. That is what is going on here. This is not a piece of property that the Village could have sold or otherwise traded away. We are talking about giving the right to have a road here and the Village Board have asked the land owner to convey two types of easements. And it looks like he has given at least one of those types of easements, the sewer easement, and he will be looking into giving a pedestrian right of way which is all likelihood will happen.

Village Clerk Seal read notice is hereby given that on January 8, 2007 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 discuss the installation of a three way stop sign at the intersection of Rider Avenue and Harrison Street. At said Public Hearing any person interested will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Mayor Pontieri stated there has been a request because of the speed of the traffic on Rider Avenue as you get down towards the parks down there and also the fact that we have kids that cross from Harrison and from Leo into the parks during the course of the summer, that we install a stop sign down in that area on the corner of Harrison. The obvious reason to slow traffic somewhat, but also to give kids half a chance of not getting clipped between cars. As many of you know who have been down there, we put sidewalks and fencing in specifically for that reason to keep the kids in and direct them more through the fence and through the park and onto the sidewalk and not the street. But, it has been a problem down there for years and years. This is just another method, hopefully, to mediate the potential for another problem. And a crosswalk.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, request was granted as proposed above.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried the Board approved to send Debra Newham and Nancy Auer to the annual NYS Towns & Villages Conference for Court Clerks to New York City on February 18-21 at a cost of approximately \$750.00 per person.

Chamber of Commerce report not given.

Trustee Krieger stated I would like to congratulate Gateway Playhouse for a spectacular job showing Oliver Twist. They brought in a few thousand people to see the shows.... This past weekend we had a charity event for kids—Billy Joel, Elton John's bands (fantastic simulations) were there. And there were about 900 people. It was a great success. Coming up we have a lot of children's programming coming up in the next few months. We have a thing called Patchogue Jam which is original music. We have Chamber Music series coming in on Sundays, starting January 21, for anyone who like classical music. Artie Lang's Killers of Comedy, it's not for everyone, but it's humor.

Our Theatre is making it on websites because tickets for Artie Lang tickets are going for \$500; it's completely sold out. On Saturday, Feb. 10, we have Pink Floyd's laser spectacular. We have children's shows. Ronan Tynon comes in on Feb. 17. Jackie the Board Meeting
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joke man comes in on March 24. We are having a great St. Patrick's Day at the Theatre. After the parade there is going to be an Irish show at the Theatre featuring the Prodigals, Fathom, Bangor and Mash, starting at 5 p.m. on March 25. The Long Island Philharmonic is coming in on March 30 for a performance which is going to be spectacular. I mentioned last time that they are looking to make Patchogue Theatre one of their homes and there is a press conference on Jan. 22 at noon at the Patchogue for any one interest in being there with the L.I. Philharmonic people and all our local government officials will be down at the Theatre. It's a pretty big event. And once again I would like to thank all the volunteers at the Patchogue Theatre for making all this possible.

As a lot of people know, we have been making an extra effort to enforce the parking violations in and around the Village, especially Main Street and parking lots. And it was a bit of a learning curve for people but I understand Main Street is opening a bit more space.

Trustee Krieger stated I have one parking issue to discuss. We brought it up at the last Board meeting, the Roe Blvd. situation. We have some parking issues by the students of St. Joseph's and there is one hour parking signs there from between the hours of 8 and 5. I don't want to eliminate parking altogether. There are some areas where Minardi's Greenhouse used to be, sort of an indent, where cars can safety out of the street, which I would like to be able to keep it available, one hour parking, for about six cars or so. The real issue is the last lot on Roe on the corner of Central. What I would like to do is not have parking about 60 feet from the corner. They are parking so close to the corner that it is dangerous to pull out. The second house in is a group home and they have a lot of events on the weekends so I don't want to eliminate parking altogether.

Trustee Devlin asked is there such a problem with their actual parking lots that they have a need to come out where the indent was, by Minardi's. Because when they first purchased that property they talked about planting grass and putting trees there, it was not supposed to be parking.

Trustee Krieger stated at my request they have put a couple of trees in there.

Trustee Devlin stated it was in the grant, in the Planning Board minutes, there were specific amounts and types. I never felt it was done...

Trustee Krieger stated they are not done with their parking lot. There is a hearing that is coming up at Brookhaven Town about the parking lot situation. I guess they are going to work on the parking lots. I spoke to the Mayor about it today. There are other issues about cars existing onto Roe Blvd. Prior to these new parking lots they didn't allow existing onto Roe Blvd., but currently everybody does now. I want to draft a letter to the Town and recommend some various things. Parking is not a problem.

Trustee Devlin stated that area there is not attractive compared to what they had originally presented when they did buy the property. Maybe when they finish their plans, you could ask them to revisit what they had originally proposed.

Trustee Krieger stated I had contacted Mike Julian and he contacted St. Joseph's and within a day they had put in some trees. There is a hearing going on in the Town of Brookhaven so it looks like they are planning something bigger for that parking lot. My only request is to put 60 foot on both sides of the street, north and south.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Krieger, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried the Board set a Public Hearing to be heard on January 22, 2007, for the purpose of extending the no parking zone, east and west, on Roe Blvd. from Central.

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Trustee Crean stated I would like to seek Board approval to authorize the Mayor to inter into a lease agreement between the Village and George Lillianthal who is the owner of 114 West Main Street, to lease the façade of his property in order to create the mural that was discussed at the last meeting. Mr. Lillianthal has gifted or contributed \$3,000 towards the art work that is going to be placed by Mosaica and I would like to declare the Village as the lead agency and retaining Mosaica to do the work, the prepping, the scaffolding and the painting of that building. The actual mural is a little different than that was presented. It will be looking as if you are looking east down Main Street instead of looking west. I saw a draft of it the other day. It is pretty neat. It has a view of the old Swezey & Newins Building, the trolley, some neat looking things on the street. This will be a lease agreement for a period of five years which will be renewable and if for any reason the property own decides not to renew that, or looks to breaks that lease, he'll reimburse the Village for a contribution which is \$4,500 from the Village B.I.D. and \$4,500 from the Village's coffers.

Mayor Pontieri stated when you come down West Main Street, past the Court House, you have what is now Porto Bella's, was Donato's Italian Restaurant and once Feddler's Green at one time. You have a big blank wall. There is an artist in the Village, Mosaica, which is on Main Street, and he is going to do a rendering of what the Village was probably in the 1900's, looking from that position as if you were looking down Main Street. So you can basically see what it was at that point and where it is at this point. As Trustee Crean indicated, the property owner himself Mr. Lillianthal is making a \$3,000 contribution, the BID is \$4,500 and through the CDA will be another \$4,500. So it will be about \$12,000. It will look pretty sharp.

Trustee Crean stated it is a very high profile building. It will be neat to recreate a street scene from the turn of the century. It's going to be beautiful.

Mayor Pontieri stated basically this is an agreement between Mr. Lillianthal and us to lease the wall of his building.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and carried by the Board with Trustee Hilton opposed, the Board approved the request as stated.

Trustee Crean stated this coming Wednesday I will be meeting with the representatives of Cushman and Wakefield. At the last meeting we had retained their services to appraise the Village's Lake Street lot in consideration of a redevelopment of that block from Ocean Avenue to Havens Avenue. Right now there are six different properties that are currently in contract to be reappraised and it is in the hopes of a rather interesting redevelopment of our downtown. It's long been neglected by the current property owner and we expect to get those appraisals back by the early part of February and at that time we will have the decision to make as to what the next steps will be. I also got an opportunity to meet with John Giaccio and his partner Joel Peck this last week to try and select a date to host a community based visioning meeting of what the community envisions what that block to look like. What the use would be, what the density might look like, what the height might look like. It's a meeting that's going to be attended by invitation only. Obviously, these invitations are extended to my fellow colleagues on this Board and we set that date for Feb. 10 from 8 to 4. I will be getting invitations out in the mail by the end of this week.

Mayor Pontieri stated it is the whole block boarded by Havens, Lake, Ocean and Main. That whole area. We talked about hotel. We talked about many other things. We never talked about it as a total block and what we can do with that total block. And one of the issues is to try to value it. Part of it becomes as in any development is how do you

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sustain the parking that you need, etc . Therefore, how do we use our parking lots to sustain that. So that's what we are going to be looking to do.

Trustee Crean stated there are a couple of different organizations who are looking to create a partnership with the Village as well as with the current property owners to see whether or not this could come to fruition.. There are many details that I cannot reveal at this point and time, but when they are able to be made public, everybody will know about it. The Hersha Hospitality Group is no longer in the mix. They had the connections to bring the Loft Hotel to the corner but Mr. Furman has chosen another path. He's going to make certain decisions in short order otherwise this administration is going to help him make those decisions. There are some plans, maybe not larger, but different uses on that block than just a hotel. And the purpose of the charter which we will be hosting on Feb. 10 will allow community members to have some say as to what they would like to see. Is it a hotel? Is a hotel the best use of the property? Is it a movie theatre? Bowling alley? What would the community like to see on that corner. That's the purpose of the charette. It will allow the residents and certain business owners to have some say in that, to create a plan to present to developers and opposed to being more reactive to what proposals a developer might want to see. It's something that I think will give developers certain guidelines as to what the residents and community would want as well. This initial meeting will be very selective. It will be open to certain Zoning and Planning Board members, the Village Board. And when the time is right to open it up to a more public form we will for sure. But, this initial meeting in order to make it more manageable; it's going to be held with maybe 15 to 25 people, just so it doesn't get unwieldy. But, when the time is right the public will be invited to partake in a more open forum.

Ms. McEvoy spoke, unintelligible.

Mayor Pontieri stated interestingly enough, there are not any specific covenants that say that. We've long believed that. The current title property owner has gone through property searches, etc., and there is not anything that specifically says that. We've been very clear to them that that building must stay in tact as is. Now, the use they make of it as long as they don't hurt the structure either internally or externally, is something we have to control.

Trustee Crean stated that's a building that we have gone to every effort to preserve and something that we have made to current developers that have an interest. Is that that the original structure would be preserved, if anything the wings of it get knocked off and, if anything, be turned into either a lobby or community center. It would become part and parcel of an overall development.

Trustee Hilton stated the last two weeks we have posted and interviewed for the position of Parks Crew Leader. After careful consideration of all the applicants we interviewed, Mr. Mayor I would proudly make a motion to appoint Kerry Datz to the position of Parks Crew Leader. As Acting Crew Leader the past year, Kerry the past year has demonstrated leadership ability, devotion and sensibility. I am really proud of the job he has done and I think it was really an excellent choice.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff and unanimously carried, the Board approved the above.

Trustee Hilton stated we are presently going to move from our present office at Four Sisters to temporarily move to the Jennings Fire House on Jennings Avenue on February 1st. We will have one day with the phones down but other than that we will pick right up. We should be there for awhile as we work on the Halycon Manor which is their ultimate

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home. The Halycon Manor project the first phase is to house Luann and Maria Hendrickson from Parks immediately. So we shouldn't be in the Fire House too long.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried to approve 2007 Mascot Dock slip fees to be \$35.00 per foot for residents and \$55.00 per foot for residents. This is no change from last year.

Trustee Dean asked didn't we add some marina guards and some level from security down there and we could afford to do that again this year and keep the prices the same.

Trustee Hilton stated we had raised the price last year significantly last year to cover the added security. We were able to drop some shifts that weren't as important and it pretty much worked out. I think we should take another look at it this year before we raise the fees again. But, last year was fairly substantial.

Trustee Hilton stated the Halycon Manor is going very well. We have posted an ad for two carpenters, part-time seasonal, to assist Kerry in the building renovation and addition.

Mayor Pontieri stated we also are getting a sizable contribution from a local resident who has asked not to have anything to be said either to his name or the amount at this time that will allow us to do a total renovation of the front porch of the building, back to what it was. It was built in 1860. And our goal is to renovate the exterior of the building of the building to almost exactly what it was according to the renderings of the 1860's. The interior will be renovated for use of the Recreation Department.

Trustee Hilton stated the Mayor and I met with a representative of Keyspan last week..... windows, heat sources and solar panels.

Mayor Pontieri stated they have a thing called a Cinderella program where they will take as we are doing here a historical renovation. I think we have the opportunity to pick up a sizable amount of money, if not for the renovation itself themselves, but for the upgrading of the heating system and the possibility of turning it into somewhat of a pale green building not quite a green building. What Keyspan has is they then collaborate with LIPA and she mentioned some other organization that they will get together. The goal is to get between private donations, we suspect it will cost us about \$400,000 to \$500,000 to do the total renovation to do it right. And we are hoping to pick up at least half, if not three quarters of that money, through private donations, like this one resident, plus whatever we can get out of Keyspan and LIPA. With those kind of contributions we can get that thing to look like pretty much what it did in the 1860's.

Trustee Hilton I have a request for approval by the Greater Patchogue Foundation to hold their Alive After Five events on Main Street from Havens Avenue to Maple Avenue, July 6th and 20, August 3rd, 17th and 31st from 6 pm to 10 pm. I would like to hold off on this until I can discuss security. They have asked for the assistance of Public Safety but there is no mention of the added security which we asked them for last year.

Mayor Pontieri asked do you want to approve it pending those discussions or do you want to hold it until the next meeting. The only thing is I know they have to meet with a

couple of banks and funding sources. There is five dates this year instead of the six of nine that they have over the last couple.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried the Board approved the above request pending security or any other management issues.

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Deputy Mayor McGiff state the Bldg. and Housing report for the month of November was highlighted by 12 summons, 49 rental/inspections, which garnered \$21,643.00 for the Village. Followed by the December report highlight by 14 summons, 36 rental/inspections, 36 rental/compliance inspections, which garnered \$13,753.00 for the Village. Patchogue was once again mentioned in the Life Section of Newsday. The Blue Point Brewery which is a misnomer since it is located in the Village. It was a good article, two pictures. Once again, Patchogue has been in the newspaper a lot lately. Mangia Mangia was reviewed right before Christmas. So we are reading a lot of good things about Patchogue which is a good thing. A couple of years ago we weren't see anything about Patchogue. So it is a welcome change.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Krieger and unanimously carried the Board approved to promote Alexander Costello to Sergeant, Code Enforcement Office for fifteen years of dedicated service---Say anything you want about code--Al is one of those guys who gets out of the car, breaks up people on Main Street, and really does it unsung. Al, this is a little gesture from the people of Patchogue saying keep up the good work and lead by example.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried the Board approved the 2007 Softball league fee of \$1,500 per team, the same amount of last year.

Trustee Devlin stated Joe and I had had a discussion about the problem of lack of lids on garbage cans. Mr. Mayor, you had presented with me a memo which we already had in house advising what is proper and what is code. What do you think is the best way to get this information out, short of issuing warnings. Joe, since it is your department do you think it is a good idea to have to maybe have the garbage guys if they see a home where the trash can are out and obviously overflowing to have something like that to put in or should we do a mailing. They are not supposed to have them out and they are according to code have a lid.

Village Clerk Seal stated the Ordinance Inspectors are noticing people now; they are now giving a 24 hour warning that they no longer want the cans out—they want them to be in the yard, even if they think they are doing a favor for the sanitation men. It has already been taking care of.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried the Board approved the Patchogue Lioness Club to hold their annual Walk for a Guide Dog through the Village on Sunday, May 20th. The walk would commence at 9 am and be over at 10:30, anticipated route beginning at the Fire House on Jennings Avenue, south to Haven, east on Main to Rider, south to Carmen to South Ocean Avenue, north to Division, west on Division, north on Clare Rose Blvd. to Lake Street and east to the Fire House. All of the proceeds will be used towards the purchase of a puppy. They expect approx. 125 walkers, no puppies. They have sent a letter to the fire department requesting the use of the fire house for registration and refreshments. They may need security.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request for Larry Williams and Mike De Stefano to attend the Solids Handling Overview Workshop in Yaphank on January 25th at a cost of \$35.00 per person.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request for Larry Williams to attend the NY Water

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Environmental Assoc. Annual Meeting and Exhibition and the NY Marriot from Sunday, Feb. 4th to Wednesday, Feb. 7th. This conference provides contract hours that will go towards Larry's license renewal so it is things he is going to have to attend. There will be some discussions on some cutting edge wastewater treatment procedure which we are going to need. The will be approx. \$1,120 for him to attend for three days.

Trustee Dean stated on Nov. 27th the Board listed the extension of the wastewater treatment plant as an unlisted action and resolved to establish itself at lead agency. Under SEQUA letters had to go out and had to be noticed for a period of 30 days and if we received no comment then we could proceed further. We have received no comment opposing that action so this evening I am seeking Board approval to pass a resolution that the Board of Trustees as lead agency with reference to the above described project do hereby a) adopt the annexed negative declaration of environmental significance pursuant to 6NYCRR Section 617.7 with respect to the project; b) authorize the Mayor of the Village of Patchogue to sign a negative declaration determination of non-significance with respect to the project, and c) direct the Village Clerk of the Village of Patchogue to make all necessary notices required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and that a copy of said negative declaration determination of non-significance be placed on file in the Village Clerks Office and that it be made available for public review.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the motion as stated above.

Public to be Heard:

Mr. Faucey, 541 South Ocean Avenue, stated I have questions and comments on the development on South Ocean across from me is coming along very nicely. I asked a few times before, during and after the time when they were pulling up the sidewalks for the sewer line about running a line across the street because me and presumably other people on my side of the street will want to hook up to the sewer. No one has called me back.

Mayor Pontieri stated what's going to happen is with the bonding of the new plant, a good part of the problem that we are going to have is getting across the street because we are going to have to shoot the line below it. That is part of the next step. Now that we got the line down, there is a connection that is in place—I think at the end of Gilbert Street—to allow that line to come across. We just need to get the funding to do it to get it to the other side and up the block. It's a funding issue.

Mr. Faucey stated for those of you who don't live down there and haven't watched the street construction down there, I am aware of perhaps of a misunderstanding, because I happen to know one of the building guys who was at a party at my house at Christmas time. There is the impression that the renovation in the road down by Leo, underneath the renovated road, is still the bricks and tracks from the trolley. Those have been removed, when you drive down you will see where they end because there are no expansion cracks in the road. That is something they should be aware of.

Mayor Pontieri stated that whole line has been designed to take that flow from that area. That was one of the agreements that we had with Capital Management who is doing that development. The timing will probably be about a year from now.

Mr. Faucey stated the gentleman south of me at 547 South Ocean wants to do some interesting, possibly positive renovation on that property.

Mayor Pontieri stated it hasn't come to me for the potential sub-division yet.

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Mr. Faucey stated the corner house on South Ocean and Smith has a major problem with trucking, at night not just the day. The other is Cedar....Passalaqua.

Mayor Pontieri stated I was appointed in February, 1986, and the first Board meeting he came in screaming about his violations—20 years ago at least for me.

Mr. Faucey stated on the subject of South Ocean, I drive that street every day, and eighty new houses coming on in the next 12-18 months, I was just wondering have we made any plans for changes to how that road flows. I figure at the minimum, especially up towards Main Street, we are going have to eliminate the side street parking. Because anyone trying make a left hand turn along that street anywhere along South Ocean, it's gridlock. That's the least you will have to consider. Maybe even considering making South Ocean one way north.

Mayor Pontieri stated what we have done, and we have to meet because their price was a little more than what we wanted to spend, we have asked Nelson & Pope which is an engineering firm to come on as traffic consultants to give us an overview of all of our traffic concerns and needs given the construction. We have to sit down with them and beat them up on price a little bit. Because it is not just what is going on here. There are some development in Bayport on either side of us, north of us. So in our 2.2 square miles there is a lot going on the parameters. Your read of the situation in Huntington and Babylon towns---nobody ever talks to each other. So we are trying to put something together.

Mr. Faucey stated the subject of the Sweeney property. The hotel is one of the few things I was concerned about and I am sure you will come up with some interesting ideas—and I am sure I will not be at this meeting, but that is okay, but you should consider going up in density not the only alternative. One of the things this Village lacks and whether it's economically viable or not is another question, but what you certainly lack is a proper Town Square. Every time I drive by that building it seems it would be a perfect Town Square location—I'm not talking just grass. I'm talking about possibly shops on the parameter of the thing, walks and make a proper time square of it. It might be something we could do in cooperation with the developer who is working on a big piece of property, open space piece, similar what was done with the park with the broadwalk—basically in exchange for the open space that was required for the development across from me. So it would be a win, win situation. Bill, I am going to wrap up with that last thought. That is as all of you know I am sure, we are going to putting up a broadwalk along the entire south run of the park is a great thing. But the bad thing is that it is not going to last very long because as anyone knows who is down there, the northeasterners that we seem to get every week now, it get really beat up bad. Just look at the real estate we've lost in terms of volume ground—it is going to be under dogged and come apart in no time. I am saying this because there is a real opportunity to build a very large marina, which would be a major source of income for the Village. When you consider the things that have been done during the last two years in terms of developments, envisioning a large marina down there which would have the dual purpose of generating revenue for the Village and protecting the entire south end of the Village from storm surge—you would basically be

building a breakwater. It is something that has to be planned, a long-term project, but it is really something we should be thinking about. We are trying to put money into the park and it is literally be sucked out from the bottom between the bulkhead because it gets slammed by a storm every five minutes. We have this nice blacktop walk which already is becoming undermined. The area in the middle of the walk is becoming a mosquito pond; the geese like it, but in the summertime it gets pretty nasty down there. It is something that should really be looked out. I would be willing to volunteer if anyone wants me to help out with some long term ideas. Again, with the idea of being perhaps a
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500 foot marina at the south end of the Village is a definite revenue source and something you should think about. I don't think there is any shortage in demand for boat slips these days.

Kevin Sanders, Patchogue First prior winner, all located on 51 Lake Shore Drive which would end at the cemetery and going up to Roe. There have been numerous vandalisms to homeowners' properties, cars, personals.

Mayor Pontieri stated Carol Giglio from the Bldg. Dept. spoke to me this morning. In fact, I called Inspector Quinn today at the Fifth Precinct. I started the conversation, I said look out your back window down the street. And I indicated to him, and you tell me if I am wrong, and this has been what has been reported to me today. There has been some vandalism and burglaries.

Unidentified speaker stated I have a police report in my pocket from two separate nights, between 2 and 4 in the morning.

Kevin Sanders stated he is just about our intersection. We've been there since Nov. 14, 2000, and we have never had anything like this before. This has all been within the last eighteen months. And it happened to about seven of our neighbors. And it is getting to be progressively worse. There seems to be a lot of actively in and out of the last residence on the block which would be the hotel. They are up for inspection. We just hoped that they could be a little more thorough.

Unidentified speaker stated it is just getting to the point where it's not just the material things; we are all getting to the point that we are afraid for our safety.

Mayor Pontieri stated I will touch base again with inspector Quinn tomorrow. What I would ask you to do that if there are incidences that you call here and report it to Village Hall also. Because what I will do I will call personally. I will start to put together a list. I will keep pressure on the 5th Precinct. Just give the report to me the next day. I need to know the frequency of where its happening and then I can keep the pressure on the 5th Precinct.

Unidentified speaker stated we didn't get much of a response from them. But, I can understand their position too—it's like what do you want us to do.

Unidentified speaker stated we see what's going on because we are living there.

Mayor Pontieri stated my point to the Inspector was you could virtually probably look out the back window of his office in back of the precinct, and if there isn't a bush in the way, you could probably see the building itself; you can't be 300 feet from them.

Unidentified speaker stated until they blocked the back of that precinct, they all cut through that neighborhood now. Until they did that, you didn't see them at all.

Kevin Sanders stated they are in the park. They are in the cars. They walk and travel in and out of the hotel, two or three o'clock in the morning you see all of this activity around the park. Cars park and stop.

Unidentified speaker stated we had a similar situation on Cedar going back six or seven years ago. My husband helped the police do their work by taking down the license plate numbers of the people we saw frequenting a certain house. And we got those plates to the detectives. Enough of them were people with records, that finally the detectives came down and busted the house and there was drugs going on.

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Lisa stated they took long enough to get the crack house out of the apartments. I didn't go over to the Fifth. I talked to the Sector car and they started to put pressure on the cars that were visiting and like you say run a couple of plates. And eventually the guy was evicted. But, when you have apartments like that.... I don't like the comings and goings I see next door and I don't like living with the girls. But, I'll walk right up to them and say something to them.

Unidentified speaker stated I will give you an example. Yesterday I happened to be driving home from work and I saw some gentleman park his Dodge Caravan all the way down by the other apartments. He got out and he proceeded to walk right into the motel and he was in there for hours.

Trustee Krieger stated they know now not to park in the motel parking lot; actually it's adjacent to the precinct. They will actually park there, walk past the cemetery and the park and then go in there.

Unidentified speaker there is something definitely going on there because the other night when I let my dog out, he was barking up a storm.... There was a guy with salt and pepper grey hair probably in his fifties, hangs out with another guy I am not concerned because the kids aren't there but once they see are there that will bring the dog out and the two of them will walk through the park and leave. Last time I heard the dog barking and when I went to the gate, sure enough, the same guy who was in the park was... I am not going to say what he is doing until I see in fact what he is doing. Do I know better from what I did for so many years, yes. But, I will not sum up an assumption. But, when I'm standing there and see a Mustang drive down Central with a car right behind him, going into the apartment, then make a left and go down to the Lake; where the behind him goes into the apartment, he backs up, then he goes into the cemetery, swings around the cemetery and goes out. Simultaneously the other car is coming out of the apartments. With that he goes up to the corner, makes a right and then I see a 1989 Super white come down and make a left down to the Lake—another Super silver come down and go into the cemetery. So I know something is going on. So then they swing out and go down Central and within ten seconds I hear sirens. So I pick up the phone and call direct to the Station house and told them who I was. Look, I know that you got a radio car pulling these guys over right now and I got redirected to 911. I know something is up but I can't tell them it is an emergency. I don't know who they are looking for or what they are doing, but I know they don't belong there. I apologized to the guys and said look, I just know they you got a radio car pull over one of these cars, I don't know if he needs help or what, but I know they don't here

Unidentified speaker stated that is a relatively quiet block, yet a see more activity after 11:30 at night.... It was just never like that. It was never like that before.

Unidentified speaker stated you have two exits or entrances from main roads. If you seal off the exit that comes into the residential neighborhood, half of that would probably stop. If you seal off the entrance/exit from Central Avenue.

Trustee Krieger stated if someone is in the park after hours, just call Code Enforcement and have them throw the guy out.

Unidentified speaker stated that's another thing. That's all slowed down recently—the Code Enforcement in the neighborhood.

Unidentified speaker stated there is something going on. I just can't pinpoint what it is—stacking out houses or what it is—targeting somebody or looking for somebody—but that
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is not the type of behavior that should be going on. There are four or five cars following each other and it is all around the park, and it's down to the Lake, and into the cemetery and back into the apartments.

Unidentified speaker stated a neighbor of mine had his windows smashed a few weeks ago and they grabbed his navigation system that he just got.

Question was asked is there a gate to the cemetery. Answer was no.

Trustee Crean stated I'm wondering if there was a gate there, if it would prevent cars driving through after hours.

Unidentified speaker stated that's why I had two police reports—because I saw a guy walk in the driveway. I had to go out there and put motion lights up and then I called the cops a second night and the second night he did not write a report. He went out running around because it happened to be the same guy. He said like one more time. I said I am sorry to bother you, but what are you going to do?

Unidentified speaker stated there is a white Lincoln Navigator that races up and down into the cemetery and the kids sit up on top of the roof. I am just waiting for them to fall off.

Unidentified speaker asked can you get a guy take ride down there more, especially between the hours of 10:30 and 1:30 am.

Unidentified speaker stated I spoke to you about the old Datsun running around. When it's nice out you'll have a lot of people at that park and there are certain groups that hang out by the basketball nets. It was during the summer.

Unidentified speaker stated this is the first the Chief and myself heard about this. I didn't know this was even going on.

Unidentified speaker asked was it you I ran into when I saw a kid come out of the cemetery when I was walking the dog and as soon as he spotted the radio car behind me he turned around and did a stage exit right. It's the same two that I talked about getting arrested earlier. It was during the summer.

Trustee Crean asked was the access to the apartments gated at one time.

Unidentified speaker stated Central Avenue ends at the apartment entrance that goes into the apartments. That always was a thoroughfare to get in there—it was always open. But, then if you go in you could make a right just after the Precinct—across from Second Street where the pizza place is. That's the one exit. Then the other exit is if you go down through the apartments to the left and around then it comes out by the Briarcliffe. The traffic light is on West Avenue now, after the circle. There are those two exits plus the once on Central Avenue so there is actually three. None of them are gated.

Mayor Pontieri stated I will contact Inspector Quinn again tomorrow. When I spoke to him today I indicated I would call him because Carol indicated that there might be some residents coming. If you don't mind I will give him names.

Unidentified speaker stated we all filed police reports. They know.

Unidentified resident stated there was a cop as I came here chasing someone down Central Avenue—come down my block, shine a light on my house, chasing somebody and where did they go—right into the apartments.

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Mayor Pontieri stated this morning was the first I heard of the gravity of the situation.

Unidentified speaker stated....what happened down and worked for us was a combination of Code Enforcement with housing and basically the idea was to identify the problems, chase these guys...., the landlord, and get them out.

Mayor Pontieri stated I need to check with CDA to find out if there is Section 8, whether any of the residents are up for inspections. Then we can go in and do those inspections and do those kinds of things you are talking about.

Unidentified speaker stated the landlord of that building owns a body shop right here on Main Street across from Briarcliffe.

Mayor Pontieri stated, as Trustee Devlin said, start getting us a list of plate numbers and those kinds of things.

Trustee Krieger stated if you see some characters in the park after dusk, call Code 475-1225 and then call Village Hall the next day.

Unidentified speaker said somebody has been hitting the cars for change, radios—I think that would be somebody like a crack head.

Unidentified speaker said this was not common in our neighborhood and that's we all have come down.

Unidentified speaker said when of our neighbors who has lived there or only two years expressed that when he moved in, it wasn't like this. And to be honest with you, it's not the material things I'm worried about; I am worried about my wife and daughter. He said there was a guy stumbling out of the hotel, quite lit and out of control, and he was starting to come towards and he had to tell him to back off.

Mayor Pontieri stated tomorrow we will check with Bldg. & Housing, we will pull the inspection certificates, we will have Housing go in, and like I said make initial contacts to the Fifth, and am asking you guys to keep a diary on what you see (especially plate numbers and those kinds of things). We'll attack it as aggressively as we can attack it. And as Mr. Fausey said, we need to do a community action. And it's all this bits and parts—from Bldg. & Housing to Code to the Fifth Precinct.

Richard McClain stated I reside at the corner of Lake Shore Drive and 4th Street. I am curious if the Board could take into consideration on doing a small amount of repair of a dead end street...repaved, which would be ideal, even some RCA. I know when I first moved in, I did call the Bldg. Dept. and they said they would dump some RCA there and you could spread it. I believe the policy has changed since then.

Mayor Pontieri said I will speak to John Lund and he will take care of it.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the Board moved into Executive Session at 9:20 pm.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried the Board returned from executive session. No action was taken.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried the meeting was closed at 9:30 p.m.