

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on April 12, 2007.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Pontieri with Trustees Crean, Dean, Devlin, Hilton, Krieger, McGiff, Village Treasurer Krawczyk, Deputy Treasurer Monte and Village Clerk Seal present.

The flag salute led by Trustee Krieger.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated: We have a conservative budget. The increase is 6.9%. Anne Marie Monte is very good at what she does as far as the budgeting process goes. We don't like surprises and you will have no surprises this year. I think it amounts to an increase of \$84 per year on average per household. All the departments gave a lot of input, we looked at everything and took our time and did a right job. We really have to thank Anne for that. I think compared to a lot of the other municipalities, we do a good job. The taxpayers should be thankful for the professionalism that goes into this.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Just a couple of general highlights to this thing so that people understand it. Salaries are 33.9%, medical insurance is 11.4%, additional benefits including retirement, social security, workmen's comp (of which we had a decrease this year) and disability represents 7.9% of the budget. One of the things that impacted the budget this year is the \$450,000 for the bond—we had a five million dollar bond which we let out last year which was to do roads (and we have additional money coming from the Feds and we will do additional roads next year and the North Ocean Avenue project), the purchase of the Halycon Manor on Bay Avenue and the renovation of that building, the vehicles that were purchased, plus the continuing renovation of Village Hall. One of the other things that we did this year (the Clerk can attest to this more than anyone else) is when tax bills go out, you have people come in. One of the biggest concerns that we had is the senior citizens and their refuse costs. What we did this year we gave all senior citizens who had approved reductions and abatements on their taxes through both Brookhaven Town and the Village, we gave them an additional 25% on their refuse costs. So instead of paying \$500, they are paying about \$135 less for senior citizens. Between those and the number of properties that were acquired with the acquisitions the Bay Village and Copper Beech developments, there are about 60 homes off the refuse rolls at this point and time that had to made up within the budget. So if you take the fact that we paved roads, we bought a building, renovating a building, lost some assessed values on properties on South Ocean, and we gave a senior citizens a tax reduction, we settled a Union contract...

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated: We did not touch our surplus. We promised the people that buy our bonds that we would keep it between 15 and 20% of our projected revenues and surplus and we have done that. We kept it under 7% by doing the right things.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Next year the thing that we will see more than anything else is that we will be getting the full value assessments on Copper Beech and Bay Village. Probably $\frac{3}{4}$ of those homes will be on line by January 1st. We should have probably another 100 homes into the system which would be another \$100,000 of revenue to the Village without any cost, plus we are going to do all their refuse and we don't need to add a garbage truck or manpower. So that 100 is another \$50,000. It is another \$150,000 without appreciable costs because most of these are three bedrooms so even the refuse costs in terms of tonnage will be limited to a very insignificant amount. So we should realize another \$150,000 revenue next year where we covered pretty much a tremendous amount of loss in assessment, increase in expenses within the budget by keeping and managing it. We also have the big issue. Next year we will be going back to Moody's

and ask them to do a re-evaluation our bond status. My thanks to Anne--she is the one who kind of puts it together. Any questions from the Board of what's been presented?

Mayor Pontieri stated: One of the things that we are doing this year within this budget, we will be receiving revenue from the Theatre that we hadn't prior to that. We will be having an agreement signed with them and those monies will be set aside for the Theatre. That's our building so any capital improvements to that building, e.g. roof or other things, will be borne by actual revenue received from the Theatre to be able to cover any issues such as that. The Theatre itself will begin to more than pay its way where it had not up to this point been able to. We will be receiving monies from them.

Trustee Crean stated: I would like to thank the Mayor, the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer. One of the properties that sprang to mind is the old Colony Shop where the use of that property is gong to generate a lot more revenue to the property owner through the use of the steak house and the apartments upstairs. When does that get re-evaluated to determine what that should be taxed at?

Deputy Treasurer Monte stated: As of Dec. 31st we close our rolls, so any improvements completed between now Dec. 31st would be included in next year's taxes. They will go in re-assess that based upon what the improvements are. There also will be a change of use fee that they will be responsible to pay from going from a dry store to a wet store, so that will be additional taxes.

Mayor Pontieri stated: What will happen when they get their CO is Carol Sweeney will do the re-assessment. Just a comment which we talked about earlier before we came out here. There is a lot of question in the newspapers right now about medical insurance—who gets it and who doesn't get it. Within our system the only non-employer, non-elected official that receives it is our assessor. Normally it should be a \$14,000 or \$15,000 salary. Her salary is \$2,000 and she puts in \$13,000 to \$14,000 towards—she basically pays for her own medical. She is getting medical in lieu of. None of the people on our boards are receiving insurance. I would like to give some sort of stipend to the alternates on those Boards. I would like to talk about the possibility of giving them a monthly stipend and asking them to attend every meeting. They come to every meeting.

Trustee Krieger stated: I would like to thank the Mayor and the Village Board for their support of the Theatre. I think the money that is allocated for the Theatre is a clear indication of the success of the Theatre—as you mentioned they are going to be contributing to the Village soon. Looking over the budget over the last few years and how limited it was for the Theatre, I think it is an indication of the Theatre's importance to the Village and how well it is being run at this point. I think a lot of that credit has to go to the Theatre Board who is doing a great job and has really turned that place around and I thank everybody for their support.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Patchogue-Medford Youth and Community Services is going into 390 Bay Avenue; there will be a lease signed with them and we will be receiving payments from them for the use of that building. On Monday night they will have their Board meeting and review the lease at that time. They have put about \$60,000 into the building in renovations. And they will have the obligation to put a new roof on the building also.

Mayor Pontieri stated we have managed to pick up \$450,000 bond, we lost assessment, the refuse will stay as it was last—and we will be able to give the senior citizens a discount within that. One of the things also, we will be picking up all the refuse in these three developments which will substantially help that end of the budget.

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

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board voted to hire Michael Recio as a part time Fire Inspector at \$15.00 per hour.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.