

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on January 14, 2008.

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

The flag salute was led by Abe Siegel.

Mayor Pontieri read the safety message

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of December 10, 2007 as presented.

Deputy Mayor McGiff presented a Patchogue Pride Award to the Baker family on Amity Street who won the "Christmas Home Decorating" award and a gift certificate from Dragon & Phoenix Restaurant on South Ocean Avenue. Also, the Maria and Anna Stravrides owners of 1824 East Main Street has won an award for the beautiful job done on the façade.

Village Clerk Seal stated we need two approvals. The total bills for the month is \$1,514,720.08. The top five bills were Blue Water Environment \$275,120.00 for dredging, Patchogue Ambulance \$225,799.50 for 2nd half of ambulance service contract, Bove Industries \$150,357.37 for Hammond St. sewer repair & balance of N. Ocean Ave., Francis Palumbo Builder \$98,614.00 for Village Hall improvements, and Pilger Skidmore \$85,433 sewer project, Francis Palumbo Builder \$98,614.00 for Village Hall improvements and Pilger Skidmore \$85,433.99 for quarterly NYMIR payments, totaling \$835,324.86.

General Fund	\$867,655.75
Trust & Agency Fund	\$40,595.08
Capital Projects	\$492,195.99
Sewer Fund	\$91,157.00
BID Fund	\$6,299.10
Housing/Code Fund	\$1,221.88
Community Development Fund	\$12,082.41
General Bills	\$3,512.87
Total	\$1,514,720.08

Mayor Pontieri stated: As a point of information. On the Hammond Street sewer repair, about three months ago they found an old clay pipe that had started to collapse and they did an emergency repair on it because of the amount of water that was going in and what they find now is about 75,000 gallons a day of water was being filtrated into that line itself. Not only does that repair give us 75,000 gallons a day additional capacity, but also lessens the pressure on the system itself. That is \$150,000 well spent.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the board approved the bills as presented.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for the general fund to loan the Housing Code Fund \$1,753.41 and Community Devel. Fund \$23,495.26, totaling \$25,248.67.

Mayor Pontieri stated: The case balances are available for the board to review as of 12/31/07.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried the board approved a change order of \$114,083.00 for the dredging contract. Primarily \$86,000 is for the cost of the liner brought in at the end. They are filling up the geotubes which basically takes the muck out of river, put them into the bags, and one of the things we had to do is put a plastic liner down. The cost of the plastic liner, materials, grading, etc. came out to \$114,083 additional.

Village Clerk Seal read: Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 14, 2008 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 eliminating on-street parking on the south side of West Main Street; west of River Avenue; to take effect upon the completion of the Walgreens project. At said Public Hearing any person interested will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Trustee Crean stated: Many of you may know that there was an assembly that took place of property at the foot of Waverly Avenue. The developer will be looking to construct a Walgreens. At that particular site, the way the property lays out and the way the traffic would flow from the property, it just seems to make sense to allow for a little wider roadway and a little less parking along Main Street by that location. It is where the Japanese restaurant, Rocky's luncheonette and Mt. Carmel's used to be. It will clean up the corner and give a nice profile. They are looking to start demo and redevelopment of that property the end of March or the beginning of April, so we have some time to make a decision on this. From viewing the initial renderings on how it is going to be laid out, it just seems to make sense to eliminate the parking and make a safer traffic pattern on that corner there. Just taking a look at the plan that has been presented, it seems from my opinion the parking stalls on Main Street should be eliminated. The actual timeframe to complete the construction will take three to four months; they are hoping to get the store up by the end of summer.

Trustee Devlin stated: From the corner of River on the west side to the driveway entering Walgreen's parking lot, the Planning Board has also requested that we eliminate parking; so it would be everything around the corner.

Mayor Pontieri stated: One of the issues is that it is a County road and the County is also looking for us to make some changes to make it an easier turn.

Public:

Question: What's happening at the corner?

Trustee Crean stated: It is actually going to round that corner a bit; it isn't really a ninety degree turn at that intersection; it is somewhat angled and going to make a nice radius for a turn there. They assembled the property right to the corner.

Question: Are you taking into consideration of the walkers going to school?

Trustee Devlin stated: That has been very adequately discussed at the planning board meetings that led to the approvals. They spent quite a bit of time discussing the safety issues in terms of the traffic flow into the parking lot that is going to be created and part of this whole thing with the parking came out of those discussions.

Paul Pontieri stated: One of the issues is that they haven't gotten approval of it at this point—we might want to reserve that until they finish their approval.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board closed the hearing and reserved decision.

Village Clerk Seal read: Request approval to set a public hearing to consider a request by George F. X. McInerney, property owner of 18 Beach Street and 83 Brightwood Street for relief of the Patchogue River Moratorium to construct a marina/yacht club on his property.

George F. X. McInerney, Jr., 18 Beach Avenue and 83 Brightwood Street stated: Since 1908 it has been the way it is, nor has the neighborhood. I have a beautiful sail boat which I got from a job on Edwards Street. I restored an 1885 house and next door was a sail boat that had been under a tarp for 14 years. I restored it. I was a Great South Bay clammer from Bayport for many years and got a lot of information about the Great South Bay and the Patchogue River. My son-in-law Grady Wilkens is the captain and we are planning to do a sunset cruising-environmental project out of that property. We want to do on-site parking—we have 8 boat slips there, which eventually I might take them out and put the sail boat sideways to it. My daughter is living upstairs in the barn; I have it as a residential commodity. It is not working. Everybody doesn't like it. I would rather turn it back to what it was which I had built 4 boats in it, I had my ice boat in it and I would like to make that a sail loft-boat storage. In the winter time I would like to park some boats on top like Fat Fish Marina does and many other marinas. In summer time I want to do parking for the boat slips and if there is any left over, for the ferry terminal because there is quite a bit of ferry overflow from non-Town of Brookhaven residents. I don't have to build anything. All I have to do is cut down one dilapidated tree which is not in good shape. I don't want to blacktop; I want to put down crushed concrete and put round pebbles on top, fence around it, basically keep it simple. My daughter is still living there. We just want to do a sunset cruise; keep it simple. Anybody here could come out at the end of the day and go out on the boat for 3 to 4 hours. There are restaurants on the Great River, Sayville River to this river, Fire Island. You got the train right there. If it gets going I would like to get Billie Spadaro's shop at the end so you could get on the train in the city, come here and get on a bicycle at Billie's and go on the sail boat. I want to access that parking; I could access it out on the beach. I want to try to not do that. That is why you don't see much parking there because I am not particular about a large amount of parking. I would like to have some for the people that are going to be using it. Gong out on Beach Avenue, I could do that, but I would rather have them exit out onto Brightwood. There is a total of 8 slips and I would be using one 38" sail boat for the sunset cruise. You are allowed to take 6 people on the boat at one time. We have three Zodiacs and one row boat. In the frame barn proposed boat shop, I will basically be doing winter time shrink wrapping and the storage of a small trailer.

Mayor Pontieri stated: So you know what the process is. We now pass this onto the planning board. Because this is A-Residential the planning board will review it and make a recognition to the zoning board because you have to get a zoning change. We will take this now and you will get a letter from us indicating that it is being passed to the planning board and they will have a planning board hearing to review it with you. Make sure the parking spaces are correct and there is a proper usage in that. Across the street you have commercial property with the restaurants. It is not one of those things where you are within a highly residential area. It is appropriate for what's on the river in terms of what you are looking to do. And it will be up to the planning board to make that decision as to whether it lays out property. This is the start of the process.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board reserved decision pending planning board review.

Mayor Pontieri stated: There is a series of hearings coming up and if those hearings go forward on the 28th we will consider approval of the Artspace project.

Trustee Crean stated: We are trying to follow a calendar which will allow them to make application to get certain tax credits. In order to streamline this process we need to make it on the 28th otherwise they would have to wait to next February to get these credits.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board set a public hearing to be held on January 28, 2008 to consider a request by Artspace for a special permit for the Artspace project on Terry Street.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, and Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to appoint both Village resident and non-resident election inspectors for the March 18, 2008 election.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to increase the election inspection fee to \$175.00 per day and chairperson fee to \$185.00 per day, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the board designated polling locations for the March 18, 2008 election as follows. District 15, 16 & 103 at River Avenue Elementary School, River Avenue; District 17 & 18 at Fire Headquarters, 15 Jennings Avenue, district 19, 21 & 23 at South Ocean Avenue Middle School, South Ocean Avenue, district 20 at Van Guard Fire House, Park Street.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for Debbie Newham and Nancy Auer to attend the Annual NYS Towns and Villages Conference in New York City on February 17th to 20th at a cost not to exceed \$1,000.00 per attendee.

Mayor Pontieri stated: We recently received a grant from the DEC to purchase fish, carp, to put into the Patchogue Lake. This is a matching \$17,949 grant. Our half of the match can be done with in-kind. We have already done a lot of work with the Highway Department in picking stuff up. Justice McGuire had a group out there doing some hand pulling and we actually get credit in dollars for the time spent by the volunteers. The Judge has taken a proactive attempt to save the Lake before it becomes a swamp. Those of you who go over the Roe Ave. bridge and look south across the lake, it looks like you could actually mow it during mid-summer. These grass eating carp are neutered. They are about \$40 a fish.

Trustee Dean stated: I had the opportunity to take a look at this and it is an expensive proposition and one that I would probably normally be hesitant to jump on board with considering the property owners around the Patchogue Lake is mostly private property owners with not a lot of public access so there wouldn't be a lot of public benefit to an investment like this except the health of that lake does affect the downstream waters. I think it is incumbent upon us to make an effort to contribute to the health of the lake. I understand this is just going to go towards the purchase of the fish and any hand removal will be done by volunteers. Several of the properties have mowed lawns that extend directly to the water's edge. Typically, manicured lawns do not do much in the way of recharging storm water. It actually adds to the runoff, where a vegetative buffer

indigenous native plants would do more towards recharging storm water and preventing fertilizers from lawns, etc., from entering into the lake along with sediment that is going to fill it in and add to the marshy condition. I would like to go along with this. I think it is a great idea. I would like to encourage some of the property owners to consider returning some of the areas down close to the water to a native state which would contribute to the health of the lake.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board approved matching funds of \$17,949.00 and in-kind services for the Great Patchogue Lake NYS DEC Invasive Aquatic plant eradication grant.

B.I.D. Report – None

Chamber of Commerce Report – Spokesman stated: On March 30th we are hoping to have a combination of a race and the St. Patrick's Parade at the same time. In the past we always had "May the Road Rise to Meet Ye 5K Run" from St. Francis De Sales. What we are thinking of doing is have a 5K race start west bound on East Main St. from Rider Ave. and run it down to the court house and then proceed south and lay out a 5K course and finish it at the back of the NAPPA parking lot. It will take the average runner 25 minutes or so and this will be done in 15 to 17 minutes. We hope to have the runners leave the parade—we had some discussion to have a 1K fun race for the kids to go right down Main Street right in front of the parade (maybe 10 minutes before), then the regular race and then the parade would start at 2 o'clock sharp. We discussed this with some members who have been down to the preliminary meetings and I think it would be a great thing that would add a little excitement to the day. We have one race that we are going up against, the L.I. Half Marathon, which is not a race that would take away our 5K runners and we have one other parade. That Sunday is traditionally the Montauk Point parade. On behalf of the Chamber/Foundation to consider our request to have the street closed sometime shortly after 1:30 and allow us to use Main Street from Route 112 to the Court House. I would like to have approval for the parade, to close Main Street and any appropriate street for the 5K race. We are going to need help from the constables and will contact the 5th Precinct as well, but we will have a rolling closure for some of the nearby locations.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the proposal was accepted as presented.

Mayor Pontieri stated Deputy Inspector Meehan would like to get together within the next 5 to 10 days and go over the calendar for these kinds of events for the next six months or so. He said if they know early enough they could get their auxiliary police involved.

Chamber – We don't have anything carved in stone. But I would like to announce that we had probably had the most contentious debates of the committee over the thirteen years that we have been doing this—who is going to be the Grand Marshall. Sometimes we have people that are 100% Irish, people in the neighborhood that are nice folks in the community, sometimes we have had public officials, and sometimes we have people that really change the face of what Patchogue is really about. A few years ago we had Bill Knapp as the Grand Marshall. So this year we have chosen Gerry Crean to be our Grand Marshall.

Chamber – The L. I. Philharmonic will be coming to the Theatre on January 25th with an Evening Serenade program.

Trustee Krieger stated: Jan. 25th will be the second performance of the L. I. Philharmonic at the Theatre this year. The Philharmonic is working with us right now to have outreach programs for young people. The Philharmonic wants to make the Patchogue Theatre one of their bases for education with the schools and things like that. We have been meeting with the Executive Director and hope to have those things locked up in the next few weeks. Another show I would like to ask people to support is the Acoustic Long Island Winter Concert on Feb. 9th to benefit Long Island Cares. Trustee Crean has been involved in that quite a bit. If you are into political humor, come see the Capitol Steps Comedy show on Feb. 15th at 7 p.m. They are a nationally known group and it is their 25th anniversary and we are happy to have them here at the Theatre coming at a most opportune time with elections going on, national and local. Once again, Ronan Tynon is coming. The Chamber Music series is running on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Dee's Children's program is going on. Arnold Guthrey is coming in May.

Trustee Krieger stated: Last week I went to a Theatre Board meeting and the Theatre audit was discussed. They are going to give us a final report, but I would like to talk about a few things now because it is really quite impressive. The first thing is the Theatre's ability to get grants and contributions. In 2006 the Theatre received \$28,000 in grants and contributions and in 2007 they went out and worked for \$108,000 in grants and contributions. A lot of those dollars are from local businesses, Mr. Siegel from Blum's, Brick House Brewery and other local businesses. I would just like to mention them all, Pulse Magazine. In 2006 the Theatre brought in \$142,000 in ticket sales. In 2007 they brought in \$238,000 in ticket sales. A lot of things are going on—a lot of success at the Theatre. Most importantly, when people do give money to the Theatre and the Theatre goes for grants and contributions, the number I am going to read to you is very important because when you give the money to a non-for-profit you want to know that the money is going to run the Theatre and not being spent on other things. The auditors were quite please with the number. Normally an organization say like the United Way, 65% of their dollars goes to the program services and 35% goes to management, administration and general stuff. Last year at the Patchogue Theatre, 95% of the dollars that came into the Theatre went into program services and 5% went to management, administration, etc. That's incredible. It goes to show you how the work with the volunteers has made such a difference. If we didn't have that volunteer staff, that number would no where be that high. Those people put that time in and that effort and it allows the Theatre thrive.

Mayor Pontieri stated: 2 ½ year's ago at this time we made some decisions in terms in how we were going to manage the Theatre and one of them was Jack was going to handle it from the Board's position. At that time my wife was the treasurer for the Theatre and they were in the hole for about \$28,000 to \$30,000. The Theatre was coming to us, the Village, asking us to bail them out. There had been a change of administrations and there had been some discussion prior to that change of administrations as to whether the Theatre would continue or not. We made a decision that it would continue, but we also made a decision that we would not give them any money, that they were going how to figure out amongst themselves how they were going to do it. We gave them the services—we take care of the plumbing, those kind of capital improvements, a new roof is going to go on the building. We made sure that the structure, the building itself, which the Village owns, we took care of. But, we also made a very clear decision about the management of the Theatre in terms of who was going to manage it and how it was going to be done. Yes, the volunteers are very important, but it is the leadership of people like Jack Krieger and John Ashline who is running it now and the people that we brought in to the board and the changing of the board that changed the philosophy of how it works. The volunteers are tremendously important, but everybody else that sits on the board, my wife, John Cassese, David Kulesa, Barbara Kane the Chairperson and Chris Cappabianco; they are all volunteers also. They put a tremendous amount of their own

time and their own equity into it. It is simple to say the volunteers, but it is a much more complex piece. It is who you put on the bus with you to solve the problem that determines the outcome. So, Jack, I thank you more than you can imagine because you make us look good every day when it comes to the Theatre. It is very much appreciated. You can pass a lot of the success to others, but take some of the success yourself.

Trustee Crean stated: The deep down benefit to the downtown goes way beyond these numbers. The amount of patrons that come to the Theatre--they shop, dine, visit our community, enjoy our amenities and services and it is a benefit that is enjoyed by many more people than just the Theatre board themselves. I really appreciate your efforts. Thanks so much.

Trustee Crean stated: As has been publicized, we have a series of meetings over the next couple of days to take a look at and consider certain approvals for the Artspace project that we are looking to develop within our downtown on Terry Street. I invite you all to come down to a series of hearings which will start tomorrow evening from the planning board and then continue on Wednesday evening to the zoning board. We have seen some renderings and how the property will be laid out, the scale of it, the amount of units, the square footages, the amount of commercial space vs. residential space, gallery space. It is a very creative approach in providing affordable workspace for artists in our community. I would like to invite Mr. Siegel to share with us some of his impressions of a property that Artspace developed in Buffalo. I understand you had the opportunity to visit up there and see what one of their project looks like.

Mr. Siegel stated: I was at a Chamber meeting when it was mentioned that this Artspace was mentioned by Marion Russo. I said get me an address because after Christmas I drove to Buffalo. Main Street goes for miles and miles and there are good sections—Schneider with magnificent homes built in the '40's, '50's and '60's. Leave Schneider, you see the south campus of BU and when you go farther down you start to see the deterioration of a Main Street. Where they took over this building, they had made electrical generators and parts, etc., four stories high. They kept the fascia and everything else. I met the superintendent of the whole job who took me up the four floors. They did a tremendous job. If they build half of what they built there, it will be the best thing that this Village board has gone for. You have done tremendous things in the Village. I am really proud of all you people on the Board. You all deserve a round of applause from all the Village residents. This would be a tremendous asset for Patchogue. The top three floors are all apartments. They are all from a studio to a two bedroom. You qualify by what your income is. You have to have a portfolio. You have to show earnings from art. You can do anything—jewelry, woodworker, photographer, sculpturer. The apartments are huge because they had a big, old building. They left the old ceilings up there and the wood oak floor in the main part of the factory is still there. With the property that they took over, there was a big piece of property in the back and they figured the parking and everything else and they built four apartment houses on their back property and they are all filled. They have a waiting list right now and they are not even done with doing the work. What has happened, the area previous to this, I told the Mayor, there is a company called Deltasonic, and when they build their complex, a pod, right behind it or near it they bring in a Chinese restaurant, a quick food place. So people coming who have to wait can go have lunch—they are sharp people. They did a big thing right across the street already that is gorgeous. The street next to it is an old Roe house street. One guy bought three houses of \$10,000. Real estate is the cheapest thing in the Buffalo area. Everything else is the same. My daughter bought a three level townhouse on a golf course—swimming pool & all kinds of grounds to play on—for \$142,000 with a garage. The property values right around these Roe house streets that had been abandoned have tripled and quadrupled overnight. That is what is going to happen. This is a win, win

situation. The public should go to the board meetings and say do it. The workmanship is first class all the way down the line.

Trustee Crean stated: We share your enthusiasm and confidence in Artspace. We realize, especially the Mayor has had the vision of what this could bring to our community. The economic benefit and the redevelopment of what Terry Street could become. Those little row of houses along that stretch there that some of the quasi-commercial/residential structures. It could really transform that road into a destination. People will come and enjoy the Theatre, enjoy the gallery space and it is just another way of continuing the revitalization of our downtown. Anybody else that might be available, please come to the meetings and learn about it. It is going to be a neat project when all is said and done.

Trustee Crean stated: At the next bid meeting I made arrangements for Tri-tec to do a presentation to the BID board members as well as I am going to be inviting the Chamber directors and officers at the Theatre lobby on February 12th in which they will present a Powerpoint presentation of what the four corners is going to be. Tri-tec will show the scale of the project, what the uses will be and the overall economic benefit. It is a project that they are estimating that is going to bring about 150 million dollars in construction costs into the downtown.

Trustee Crean stated: We received our first draft from Dr. Pearl Kamer about the economic development analysis of our community. It is an interesting report that shows certain demographics about our community, what the percentages are for renters vs. homeowners, disposal income, what the purchasing power of our new residents is going to be. There are a few details that we need to work on with her and I am looking forward to using that final report again not only as a planning tool but as a marketing tool to hopefully attract new merchants and businesses to our downtown. She is very well respected and I look forward to the final draft.

Mayor Pontieri stated: One of the concerns that I had, so that the community could understand the economic benefit to these kinds of developments. Some of the numbers that are coming out on the initial side of this are quite striking in that Copper Beech when fully loaded and operation, disposable income (not that all disposable income stays within the Village) but after general expense income will come out to a little over seven million dollars for those 80 units. When you begin to look at those kinds of numbers and what it could do to our downtown and what it can do to the assessed values of all the properties in the Village, it will lead us in another direction over the next bunch of years. Once the report is done, Dr. Kamer will come and do a presentation at this board and I will have her meet with the Advance and we will have it available for all residents. We can put it on line.

Trustee Crean stated: I would like to provide that to the Chamber and again, use that as somewhat of a marketing tool of what the Village has to offer. And if you are a business, these are some of your prospective customers. See what might be available in our downtown. See if you might be able to find a good home for your business.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Back in September we approved \$20,000 toward this study itself. The reason that we did it is because most developers would do it on their own and they will hand us their report. Because of the amount of development, I wanted us to be able to hand them our report and for us to develop those numbers. And as for Kamer to understand we are paying her, not Tri-tec or which some other development going on.

Trustee Crean stated: It is a proactive, progressive approach, Mr. Mayor, and we applaud you.

Trustee Crean stated: The Chamber got awarded a \$100,000 grant for the Roe walkway. They actually granted a little more money than expected. Marion Russo put a lot of effort into it, Gail and Alan Robinson. They really did a first class application. It shows the support that we are getting from the upper levels of government for all our hard work. The walkway connects the Terry Street lot to Main Street, between Yesteryears and Stanley's. There will be improved lighting, drainage—just make it a safer, more inviting walkway for Theatre goers and shoppers.

Trustee Hilton stated: Parks and Recreation are starting to put the programs together for the summer. I encourage to those of you who have young children and old timers to put in your application to the Parks Department which is in the Fire House at Jennings for any part time employment—pool attendants, lifeguards, camp counselors, Mascot dock booth attendants. We prefer to hire out of the Village. Most of our lifeguards, sailing instructors and pool attendants have all started at the bottom and worked themselves up and they do a great job.

Trustee Hilton stated: We are now putting together a bid package to install windows in the Halycon Manor—the missing windows here have been put into the back of the Halycon Manor. We are also going out to bid on the insulation as well and then we start on the interior.

Village Attorney Snead stated: It is my understanding that after the board approved the contractor Norco to refurbish the pool that some other discussions were had regarding scaling down the project a little bit and using Village services to save the Village taxpayers' money. A memorandum was generated between the Mayor's office, Billie and the Norco folks, and there was about \$160,000 reduction in the price and Norco has agreed to it. It seems reasonable and I will draft it up for Norco and for your review and approval.

Trustee Hilton stated: Last week we met at the pool with John Lund from the Highway Department and the developer Anthony Noberto to have the Highway Dept. as well as the Parks Dept. take on some of the more removal of the pool and construction debris which saved us a tremendous amount of money being we did not have to pay prevailing wage to an outside contractor to do so. It worked out well. And it is a slow time for the Highway Dept. and the Parks Department so it works out as well.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board authorized the Mayor to execute an amendment agreement with Norco Ltd. for the construction of the Patchogue Pool.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the board approved hiring Jorge Ayala as a Youth Basketball Clinic Director at \$15.00 per hour.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board approved hiring of staff (list attached) for the Youth Basketball Clinic at \$7.15 per hour.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to hold the annual World T'ai Chi & Qigong Day on April 26th at Shorefront Park from 9 a.m. to noon.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to hold T'ai Chi in the Park at Shorefront Park on Saturdays from May 3rd to 24th and from August 16th to September 6th.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board set a public hearing date of February 11, 2008 to consider amending Chapter 93 of Village Code with regard to permitted signs including type, numbers of, sizes of and fees.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: The Building and Housing Department is still aggressively combating overcrowded houses. To that end, we will probably be hiring another part-time housing inspector in the new year. And also Carol Giglio and I are setting the boundaries of the Village into zones which will help us identify problems more quickly and assign specific people to geographical areas. We are taking a cue from the Maple Avenue Neighborhood Watch which works very well up there. We are going to try and start similar organizations in other areas.

Trustee Devlin stated: Part of the money for the Roe walkway project that Gerry was speaking about because part of the money for that project is going to be coming from the CDA in conjunction with the grant and some funds from the library. If you are approaching the walkway from the parking lot, to the left is a warehouse and we found out the landlord has a tenant and it is being converted to office space and they are going to be making a contribution toward the landscaping, fencing to block off the alley behind it. The whole thing is coming together.

Trustee Devlin stated: Marion Russo and I will be attending the LWRP seminar in Albany on February 6th that was approved at the last meeting.

Trustee Devlin stated: I would like to encourage anybody who is here and is interested in hearing more about the Artspace project to come tomorrow night's meeting at 8 p.m. where the site plan and elevations will be presented to the planning and architectural review boards. You will find it very interesting and we look for as much public support as we can get for that project.

Trustee Dean stated: I would like to take a moment and congratulate Trustee Crean on his selection as Grand Marshall for the parade this year. I know a couple of guys as deserving, but certainly none more deserving than Trustee Crean. It is well deserved. Congratulations. I am looking forward to that parade. It is going to be a lot of fun.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to award bid for the renovation of the roof at the Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts to Carter-Melence, Inc.

Trustee Dean stated: That work will take place during mid-March when there is a little lay over in the Theatre schedule. It is going to take a little longer than a week than they anticipated for the rip off.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for employees and/or Trustees to attend the Brownfield Seminar on February 20, 2008 in New York City with reimbursement for travel expenses, seminar is free.

Public to be Heard:

Abe Siegel, Roe Blvd, Patchogue, stated: I said a few things before about you guys doing a great job. Coming back to the Artspace, I think you should fast track it through the planning board and the zoning board and forget about the ARB board. I think you should do it that way. About the parking lot behind my store. I think you are doing a great job by having someone there early in the morning and having someone there when certain Theatre things are going on. I think the coordination between the Theatre and that guy that lives in Bellport and the Village has to be better because they ignore everything. They don't care who is there or what's there. He parked two empty trailers in that parking lot and took up ten spaces. There is no reason for it. He should be able to haul them back to his property in Bellport and leave them there. I called up about that and you told me they were being moved. And then they bring in entertainment and the entertainment big bus sits right in the middle of the parking lot—you can't get a fire truck in. If you had a fire there you would never get a fire truck to the back of the building. They have no caring for the other people in the area. We have restaurants that are doing very well. People are coming here to the restaurants and their customers need parking. I came to this meeting tonight because of the Artspace, but you already went through that. I drove down North Ocean Avenue. It is great. I wish it was the same on Main Street and South Ocean Ave. and I wish that's what the alleyway between the Artspace and Main Street will look like. You asked about the Roe alley, previous administrations with whom I had many battles with, the BID donated \$100,000 for the north and south alley to be bricked and done right. The previous administrator didn't care and did it the way he wanted to—that concrete is garbage, it cracks and it looks terrible. And also, Mr. Mayor, the previous administrations, I saw the guy who put the roof on. You know more about roofing than they knew. They were all immigrants; one guy was running the whole job. That's a brand new roof up there. It was only put up there ten years ago and now you have to replace it. Good money went out after bad. The same thing about the walkway. I was so mad about that walkway. We spent \$100,000 and had nothing to say about it. We were supposed to approve it and all of a sudden we had a bill and were told I had to have it done right away. Getting back to the parking lot, you need better signs—entering and exiting and also where the stalls are (to tell the people this is two hour parking). There is only one sign up. That this is for the businesses not for the Theatre. When you come in off of Oak Street and make a right hand turn it should say “entrance only” and two stop signs should be going out. The same thing with the next entrance. I think that will ease up some of the problems with people trying to get in and out. And also when you have a big event, and it fills up, it is hard to get out of Oak Street onto North Ocean Ave. I think something should be done—maybe your police department or code enforcement directing traffic.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Maybe there should be signs directing people to Route 112 so that everybody is not making a left and trying to get out. If people realized that Route 112 is the other way, you may get some people that will make that turn to get out.

Mr. Siegel stated: Back to the Theatre. Barbara K is a very persuasive woman. She is very nice and that is why we heavily donated to the Theatre. I think it is a great thing, it brings a lot of people, there is business that falls off especially on the Sunday afternoons and Saturdays when they are strolling around and who come into the store.

Mayor Pontieri asked: That section behind your building and the nook behind the library, what if it were metered with 2-hour meters. The only reason I like the 25 cent meter for a half hour is once you put it in people look at their watch. Some of it would be to just re-design. To have fresh eyes look at the whole thing—entrance & exits.

Mr. Siegel stated: I would be for it.

Trustee Devlin stated: We had discussed at the CDA meeting because it was the CDA money that did the Terry Street parking lot, so not 2008 money because that has already been allocated, but possibly using 2009 monies for the parking behind Blum's and the Theatre.

Mr. Siegel stated: McInenery's idea on the river is great. I think you should give him all the help he can get. But you have a moratorium on the river. And you had one of the leading river people make a presentation for a marina, restaurant and apartments, or whatever he made. He got a lot of help years ago. The BID donated \$100,000 for his sewer line. Now he comes back and says there are two people on it. One person was on when that sewer line was built. It cost the Village \$750,000 to keep the Oar House in business and the BID was talked into giving \$100,000 toward it. Everybody's tax money went to Mr. Blakslee. At that time he had a lot of problems and there was a planning board, zoning board, site plans. None of the things that he had promised to do is done, if he has I would like to see it in pictures, at that site plan was done on his property on West Avenue. And then he has the guts to come back to you and give a story and I heard his first presentation. All of a sudden he becomes a part owner in the property. The other guy worked for three years and got the DEC papers and all of a sudden Blakslee is there. Why? I told the Mayor this. He thinks he is the biggest man in Patchogue and he is the biggest politician in Patchogue. He has never done anything for Patchogue except for Mr. Blakslee. I will say it right to his face and have done it to him. I think you people who have done a great job for this Village should look into Mr. Blakslee and his new project very carefully before you people decide on what's right for the Village of Patchogue.

Adele Worthington, 42 West 2nd Street, Patchogue, stated: We have three houses on our street, 37, 39 and 53. 37 is supposed to be owner occupied. My concern is he has a summer kitchen in the back which my neighbor's on Third Street tell me they think he is making an apartment. They think people are living in it. 39 has many boarders coming and going with pit bulls (I have pictures), cars are coming and going with out of state plates, cellar lights are always on, mattresses are coming and going, attic lights are on, and cars are picking up people at all hours. 53 is an illegal two family and has many people in and out. They only keep two cars but have a lot people start 5 a.m. blowing horns. 9 a.m. Sunday in front of 39, he had his car radio blasting. They don't care. Our other crisis is parking. Second Street is 19'8" across. An average car is about 6 ¼ ft. wide so if we had to get emergency vehicles down that street, it is impossible. Years ago Mr. Krieger, Sr. and Mr. Juliano because people couldn't get out of their driveways they came to Villages meetings and complained and Mr. Krieger and Juliano came up with a plan, about the end of '60's or early '70's, they came up with a plan of parking in stalls. They came down and put so many stalls down the street and the Village police enforced it if they didn't park in the stalls they got parking tickets. That worked out very well, but somewhere along the line as the administration changed, the lines got covered, people have many cars today, so it has never been enforced. We would like to see it go back to that because on the south side you cannot back out of your driveway without a problem. They only park on one side of the street, the north side, but you can't back out of your driveway. Your Village truck hit a car about a month ago backing up the street. They don't care where they park, these people. Everybody that has lived on that street their entire life uses their driveway. These people have very large driveways. There is no reason way they cannot use their driveways. We don't know who is responsible for ticketing the cars. So when the plows come down for snow who would be the ones we call?

Mayor Pontieri stated: If we declare a snow emergency, we have the right to tow off the street. I will let John know if we have that problem.

Ms. Worthington stated: I have inquired at Village Hall and understand that dogs have to be on a leash and you are supposed to clean up after them. That is what I read in your law book. As of yesterday, this pit bull--which there are two in this house--is running around everywhere it wants to go.

Mayor Pontieri stated: We have been to the house and supposedly the appointment is supposed to be made with the attorney and Victor Cruz. We have the attorney's name and we are setting an appointment up with them this week.

Craig Augi, 54 West 3rd Street, Patchogue, stated: It has gotten to the point with these dogs are so bad that we have to strategically plan how to get my kids from the vehicle into the back yard. When these two pit bulls come running from across the street I am concerned about by children who range from 2 years old to 7. I can't have my 75 year old aunt to the point where she is running from her car. We feel threatened and it is a dangerous situation. On the southwest corner of 4th Street there was an application made to have a taxi stand. That application was denied, yet the taxi stand runs. There are four taxis there. It is not that I want to give the guy a hard time. He did his driveway and the place looks half way decent. On the other hand, he was told no, but he doesn't seem to understand what no meant. The company is called Condor.

Trustee Devlin stated: I have to check the Planning Board minutes because I remember the meeting but it has been a while.

_____ stated: I had spoken with a woman there when the application was denied and she said that they live there and they park the cars there. They have an office in Ronkonkoma.

Mr. Augi stated: Saturday morning there were four of them there. two of them were running.

Mayor Pontieri stated you can't get cab licenses in the Village unless you have an address.

Dan King, 98 Gillette Avenue, Patchogue, stated: Last time I was here I expressed that we don't have a softball league in the Village of Patchogue anymore. Recently speaking with Reggie Sessman that enough teams have come to him recently expressing an interest to play in the Village again that he feels that he could put together three nights of softball in the Village of Patchogue. First of all, I want to express my confidence in Reggie's ability. He is very involved with all the Village sports, the bowling alley. I think Reggie is quite capable in taking care of that and I would also like to encourage you to put that together if possible because I would see that as the beginning of a new start of the Village softball league. Having played at Shorefront Park for Island Softball who took over last year, I can tell you that we wanted to stay at Shorefront park and play ball. It didn't work for us. It's a different league. The times that he runs there doesn't work for us; six o'clock games are too early for a lot of our men to get home from work to play, double headers are getting a little tough for some of us at this point, the Village league worked out wonderfully at 7, 8 and 9 o'clock, games were over in an hour, guys could get there on time, so I would encourage you to try and put that back together again with Reggie if possible. I am wondering if you had any conversations with him regarding that.

Trustee Hilton stated: We haven't heard from Reggie at all. In fact, I don't know why Reggie didn't approach before he is talking to you about it.

Mr. King stated: He was not talking to me officially about anything. We went to high school together and are old friends. Talking with him about our disappointment with softball before, he did tell me that people had approached him. I will speak to him again and ask him why he hasn't approached you about it.

Trustee Hilton stated: You will understand that we were running the softball fields at about a \$45,000 a year deficit. That was the way the leagues had been set up until I became commissioner. Island Softball approached us with a full agenda, compensated us that amount of money. So not only were we compensated for that amount of money, but we were not losing that money. Which league do you play with?

Mr. King stated: We played for Island Softball last year. We played in the Patchogue Village league for many years, for 30 years. Reggie had conveyed to him that there were enough teams to put together three nights of softball. I don't know who the other teams are.

Trustee Hilton stated: We would like to have the Village teams back as well.

Mr. King asked: So you still would give me the opportunity to rent the field out for the days that you wouldn't be using as a Patchogue Village league and still then hopefully expand and get back every night as it used to be.

Trustee Hilton stated: ALB has offered to double what Island Softball is paying us in order to get Shorefront. In other words, all the playing fields today have become a tremendous commodity. The Mayor and we want to bring the Village league back. We were losing a tremendous amount of money—we couldn't replace the bulbs in the lights because we didn't have the money in the budget (even though we did replace them). Certainly the teams that were playing did not support even replacing the bulbs that were down there. That is why we turned it over to Island Softball and that's why we made a lot of improvements with the money we got for that. I will meet with Reggie and talk to him about that.

Mr. King stated: I think what you might want to consider is our team went to Island Softball, a number of other teams went to Island Softball to play at Shorefront and I don't think we will go back. If we don't have another avenue, another place to play where we could play with teams that suite us and at our level, then many of those teams are just going away especially when they are teams consisting of people mostly between 40 and 55 years old who are considering not playing ball anymore and are now dissatisfied with the venue to play. If he loses all those spots, I don't know that he will necessarily have the money to be there to support you as well.

Trustee Hilton stated: Apparently the breakeven for our fields is 12 teams and that is bear minimum. Last year at the point that we negotiated with Island Softball, we had had only four teams sign up.

Mr. King stated: On another note is the work that was done at the Lake which was wonderful. I have another concern about the two small bodies divided by the Lake which is frequently known as the cove. As a small child, it was the only place out parents would let us go skate because it is shallow and freezes over very quickly. At this point it is un-skateable in large areas because of fallen limbs, overgrown trees and I don't see it as a pollution problem like the Lake, but as those things being maintained. I am wondering if the homeowners are responsible for the tree limbs and the things that hang over the water from their property. Who could remove what has already fallen? I would like to give that back to the kids.

Board Meeting

January 14, 2008

Mayor Pontieri stated: I will talk to John Lund and see if there is some way we can get that cleaned up. Technically, it is probably the property owners in there. But if the property owners give us the right to clean it out we will get some guys there in early spring and see if we can clean it up a little bit more.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board moved into executive session.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried the board returned from executive session and closed the meeting.