

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on January 28, 2008.

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

The flag salute was led by Pamela Barr.

Mayor Pontieri read the safety message

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of January 14, 2008 as presented.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk presented the five largest bills as of 1/28/2008: Sumer Estrin as Attorney \$337,500.00 for purchase of 20 Terry Street, NYS Employee Health Insurance \$78,477.08 for monthly premium, Total Computer \$19,483.00 for Village Hall upgrades, Luigi Pascarella \$9,675.00 for pool engineering, AKRF \$9,220.95 for LWRP for riverfront.

General Fund	\$219,340.62
Trust & Agency Fund	\$2,788.86
Capital Projects	\$479,995.95
Sewer Fund	\$13,583.12
BID Fund	\$2,051.06
Housing/Code Fund	\$520.94
Community Development Fund	\$5,758.80
General Bills	\$100.00
Total	\$724,139.35

Mayor Pontieri stated: 20 Terry Street is the location for the Artspace project which is being presented tonight

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

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the board approved budget adjustment to appropriate from general fund surplus acct #001-0001-0599 \$32,000.00 to acct #003-8790-0335 Riverfront Redevelopment Plans to cover matching portion of LWRP grant.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board approved budget transfer to cover cost of roll-off truck tires from 001-5630-0419 Bus:Repair Equipment \$3,000.00 to 001-1640-0422 Garage Tires \$3,000.00.

Village Clerk Seal read: The total amount of Tax Roll	\$7,325,554.23
Penalty Collected on taxes	\$34,158.85
Total amount to be accounted for	\$7,360,746.45
2007-2008 Tax receipt to	
Ronald Krawczyk, Treasurer	\$7,145,491.82
Interest and Penalty	\$34,158.85
Unpaid taxes due	\$181,095.78
Total	\$7,360,746.45

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board accepted report of Receiver of Taxes as presented.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff and unanimously carried, the board set Thursday, February 28, 2008 at 10 a.m. as the Village "Tax Sale" date for all unpaid taxes and tax liens.

Dennis Colichio of St. Joseph the Worker Knights of Columbus of East Patchogue and Jim Koronkowitz presented a check of \$4,100.00 for the piano fund of the Patchogue Theatre.

Mayor Pontieri stated: This past week the Long Island Advance had honored the volunteers at the Theatre for what they do for the community and the Theatre. That whole group is a much larger group than we think it is and when you tend to get organizations like the Knights of Columbus make these kinds of contributions, you see how big that volunteer network becomes. Gentlemen, we thank you very much.

Village Clerk Seal read: Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 28, 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 consider a request by Artspace Projects, Inc. for a Special Permit for the Artspace project on Terry Street. At said public hearing any person interested will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Mayor Pontieri stated: This evening two gentlemen from Artspace, Sean McClarren and Will Law, who have both presented before this board. I am going to ask them to present to the Board Artspace, what it brings to the community, how it is structured financially, what the impact will be on those kinds of things. The board and the community will then have the opportunity to question them. After that piece of it is over, Gary Canella will talk about the site plan and give everybody the opportunity to take a look at what is being proposed and how we are planning to put it into place.

Sean McClarren, Project Manager of Artspace stated: We are very happy with the progress that we have made and are very pleased with the excellent working relationship, probably the best across the country. The relationship with this community is an excellent example... I would also like to thank Mayor Pontieri for giving us the opportunity to meet with our other half of the architecture team and helping us on the fast track we set for ourselves.... Artspace mission is to createand have been doing that for 20 years in partnership with local communities. (presentation inaudible)

Trustee Crean stated: This is a process that we have been working on many months and have worked closely with Sean and Will, going all the way back to Chris and Wendy. It has been a long process that we have gone through and pretty much all of my questions have been answered a long time ago. I am in full support of this project. It is going to be a wonderful addition to our Performing Arts Center and be a real enhancement and

continuation of our efforts to support the arts. Just for the public's benefit, we have had our questions answered and feel comfortable with the project.

Deputy McGiff stated: We are often asked what exactly is the criteria that defines artists. Perhaps you could give us a Reader's Digest version of the application process.

Will Law stated: What we do is set up preferences, saying that if you are a member of the household whose main involvement is pursuit in the art, we give your application preference over other applications. We are not really in the process of their art. It really demonstrating their art form through a portfolio or resume per se. (presentation inaudible)

Trustee Hilton asked: Do you find artists flocking to your community?

Sean McClarren stated: Last July we opened 60 units in Buffalo. We had 269 persons, all of them artists.

Trustee Devlin asked: Who actually makes the decisions? I understand it is not just the people from Artspace, but you have people involved—certain people from the community.

Will Law stated: We create an Artists' Selection Committee as part of the process... and then the committee usually asks a number of local artists..... The purpose of Artspace involvement early on..... is to abide by the standards of the Fair Housing laws.... Those same members continue on during the first few years of operation, but eventually it is turned over to the artists in the building and they take over the responsibility themselves but always using our models as structure. There is series of questions that they take turns reading and then..... Those questions are standardized. There is really no variance allowed. There is some discussion as to the answers of some of the questions, but it is a very standardized process. (discussion inaudible)

Village Clerk Seal asked: Do you limit the percentages of a specific art form, if it be painter, photographer vs. a musician?

Will Law stated: We don't. We sort of throw it to the wind, but all our projects are well represented.....

Mayor Pontieri stated: When Artspace initially came to the villages in 2005, Patchogue and Riverhead, and then went away, we didn't hear anything. Then we just became annoying and kept calling until you decided to come. In Artspace's mind what makes Patchogue a good spot for you and what says to you that we could be successful doing this?

Will Law stated: It has been the sort of persistence that you have described and the emphasis of local leadership has been steady and this makes us believe we can be successful.... That is probably one of the biggest things for Artspace. One of the other things that is important to our overall success is the strength of our banking, local support and I think the demographics of this community in particular and its need for quality workforce housing is very important.... There are a lot of strategic things like that I think hold well for us....

Trustee Crean stated: When we visited the site in Bridgeport, I found it somewhat amusing that a couple of the tenants/residents of that project were actually from Brooklyn. They were priced out of their units because of the increasing value of real estate in the city and had to move to Bridgeport. We have such a wide net that we are

casting all over the island to attract artists to our community. There is a real need for it. Hopefully, we will get those people instead of having to move off the island and away from the city they will be able to stay home. That's what it is all about.

Dick Schroeder asked: Do these artists own or rent these apartments and what happens if one of them turns out to be a deadbeat or a lousy saxophone player?

Mayor Pontieri stated: They will be rentals. Because it is being done through Workforce Housing and Affordable housing, their salaries and income are verified on a yearly basis. If they become a deadbeat in month 10, by month 12 they are gone. That takes care of itself because of where the funding process is put in place.

Will Law stated: Generally speaking, there is a high tolerance ...There is a practical solution to all those problems..... (inaudible)

Pamela Barr, 77 Cedar Avenue, stated: First of all, I want to go on record saying I am absolutely in favor of this project. I have done my homework and learned that Artspace has been an asset everywhere it has been established. As with any large project, the devil is in the details. So it would behoove everyone to make sure those details are really fine tuned. You are really going to have to sell me on the black brick. But, I can see where it might work and am not going to say no. I have never been shy with comments. I hope it has never been personal, but always to the question on hand. When I think something warrants praise, it would behoove me also to express that. And I commend the Mayor and the Board and Artspace for presenting this project to Patchogue. It is absolutely, in my opinion, a win-win for the community. As I have said, I have done my homework, but unfortunately, there is someone in the community who has not done their homework and a letter was printed in last week's Advance which is the worst kind of derogatory stereotyping that I have read in a long time, "Many artists represent a rock culture that has come into our homes and communities. Low income housing is an open invitation to Section 8 housing like many other high crime communities like North Bellport, Bay Shore and North Babylon." I was not aware that we were a high crime community and am sure that the affordable housing piece will be looked into and if someone is possibly eligible for Section 8, they are going to be eligible for Section 8. However, I don't want to take the attitude that we don't want this generally to stay out of Patchogue. When Artspace is up and running and is successful, I think we should contact this gentleman and invite him to Patchogue to see what an excellent asset this has become to the community.

Mayor Pontieri stated: You had expressed a concern at the last Board meeting regarding parking. We had a lengthy discussion afterwards about that and what we fully realized also was that those spaces during the course of the day when people may be visiting the shops will be available because many of the artists also have other jobs; so we create space back in the parking lot during the day. After you brought that up, I sat down with members of the Zoning Board because that does become an issue. There will be double use of the space, coming and going.

Pamela Barr stated: I had a discussion after the meeting last week and it seems that the lot behind Richard York and Custom Art is scheduled for refurbishing and that will go a long way to make an attractive parking space and people won't hesitate to park there and walk.

Caroline Busceni, North Ocean Avenue..... (inaudible)

Will Law stated..... (inaudible)

Gary Canella stated: The property is located on the south side of Terry Street between South Ocean Avenue and Taylor.... Right next to that is an area reserved for the Garden Club and public parking for approx. 40 spaces. As was stated because of our application to the State of New York and because of some of the methods for deciding how many units are allowed and how many types of units, that is why we are stating 41 units approximately. We have three story wings on the east side of the building and a three story wing on the right side of the building. The right side of the building consists of a commercial use of real estate use of the building at street level, and on the eastern side are stacked one bedroom and studio type apartments. This is not a conventional apartment. It is an apartment that allows for a certain amount of flexibility from within—one can move into space as one sees fit; basically you can do your artwork in the bedroom or in the kitchen if you want to--do whatever you want to do in there. It is very common in glove type construction—if we had our old lace mill, that would have been a perfect place to renovate for these types of studios. That is what is done in the city and Bridgeport. This will be a 100% project, to create wall space. Integrated into the building also in additional to commercial space—I might add the commercial space is always targeted toward art and art related businesses. In this particular case, a coffee shop is a part of it on the street level. In addition to that, there is a five story portion in the center of the building. It is basically red brick that has been stained with a black stain. What happens to it is basically black, but some of the red shows through. It is a pretty interesting effect on the brick, incorporating some wooden panel type exterior with that, and the glass.... It is a very unique and I think suitable for the clientele that will be working there... The five story portion is actually a five gallery spaces stacked. These are public and private spaces. Remember we own a certain amount for the public. The use of the art spaces may be for traveling exhibits and shows. The corridors are sometimes as much as 10 feet wide. This allows the residents to display their work within the building. I think it is a project that is well received by the leadership of the Village and by members of the art community and members in general. I think it will be a real asset, particularly to that area... (inaudible)

Trustee Crean asked: On the first floor plan there is about 837 sq. ft. of storage and I am wondering if that could be converted into a sound-proof room that the noisy saxophone players could use.

Will Law stated: That is certainly possible and one of the things that we discussed is based upon needs that may show up later in our Artspace projects, they will have that space to do things like that. We do need a large amount of storage space for artists. As you know, we will probably not be able to have any basements..... (inaudible)

Gail Hoag, Patchogue Chamber of Commerce, 15 North Ocean Avenue, stated: The Chamber is a neighbor of this project and we think it is a very exciting thing happening in Patchogue. We did have a reservation about the selection process and are glad that you answered our question tonight. I am glad to see that there is going to be someone in the community also involved in the selection process. I do have one personal request, please give me the name or e-mail of someone to contact because already we have been getting calls from artists for this place and I would like to know where they can call.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board declared the Village of Patchogue as lead agency and to have the Artspace project as an unlisted action with a negative declaration with SEQUA.

Mayor Pontieri stated: I would like to read a statement. “In light of the review of this project conducted by the Zoning Board, Planning Board and Architectural Review Board and based upon the findings and recommendations regarding among other things

variances that would be required from the code and site plan conditions and other conditions that would be imposed for this project to have been ultimately reviewed by those boards, the Village Board hereby exercises its power under Section 95-1, Article XI, of the Village code to grant a Special Permit to undertake this project and adopt at its own recommendations of the Zoning Board, Planning Board and ARB, make the Special Permit subject to each of the conditions recommended by those boards. I hereby direct the Village Attorney to draft such a permit consistent with this resolution.” Basically, what that says is what Gary indicated, we are giving a Special Permit to allow apartments.

Trustee Krieger stated fabulous and wonderful and voted, aye.

Trustee Hilton stated I think it is great and voted, aye.

Deputy Mayor McGiff voted, aye.

Trustee Devlin voted, aye.

Trustee Dean voted, aye.

Mayor Pontieri voted, aye.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Krieger, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved that a Special Permit be issued for Artspace Projects, Inc. for the Artspace Project on Terry Street.

B.I.D. Report – Dennis Smith stated: At the last meeting I discussed possible reconstruction of the B.I.D. board. The B.I.D. has recently received resignations from four members leaving the existing board number at 14. Benches have been placed on Main Street, one in front of the library and one in front of the Theatre. Twenty eight additional benches will be placed..... We have bought a new storage barn to be placed on Academy Street. It should be placed in late February.

Chamber of Commerce – Gail Hoag stated: The Chamber would like to congratulate you all on the wonderful press we have read this past week. It’s fantastic to read great things about Patchogue every day in Newsday. It even praised the Village fathers for bringing Mozart, Bach, Tchaikovsky and Pachelbel into the Village. After Thursday’s article in Newsday, somebody came in the Chamber, not a Patchogue person, and actually joined the Chamber because they read the article and was so impressed with what was happening in Patchogue.

Trustee Krieger stated: I would like to congratulate the Theatre volunteers for being chosen as the “Organization of the Year” in the L. I. Advance. A lot of the organizations in the area deserve the accolades, but I am a little bit prejudice over that group of people because they have done such a great job over the last few years. And I just want to congratulate them and thank the L. I. Advance for choosing them.

Trustee Krieger stated: The other thing I wanted to mention was the great review we had in Newsday. It was a wonderful presentation. One of those things we don’t have in Patchogue too often—we had a great crowd and a lot of local people there. It was quite impressive. This is another good reason why we want the L. I. Philharmonic to make Patchogue one of its homes and we expect that to happen over the next year. What they plan to do is bring some outreach programs for the school children in the Patchogue area and do some things for the community. It is great to be involved with them. They are a great bunch of people and very committed to bringing the L. I. Philharmonic to

Patchogue. Again, thanks to Tom Keegan and our Chamber for adding so much fun to it with the reception at the Brickhouse afterwards. It was a great and good night for Patchogue.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: Trustee Hilton nominated Steve Gill for "Person of the Year." On Saturdays he is at the cemetery with you, Bill, kids and single handed cleaned it up. He decorated it for Christmas and it is now a point of pride for the Village.

Trustee Crean stated: I would like to extend an invitation to this board as well as residents and guests for a meeting to be held on Feb. 28th at the Theatre lobby. Depending upon the response it might be held in the big house. It will be a presentation made by Tri-Tec to give everybody a sense of the scale of the project that they are proposing. Some of us got an opportunity to see the presentation this past week and many of us were quite impressed. Mark it on your calendar and please come at 7 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board approved payment to Norco of \$83,192.00 for construction done at the Village pool.

Trustee Hilton stated: We have saved a ton of money by having Highway work with Mr. Noberto at the pool doing the demolition.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved hiring Siobhan Papello as basketball instructor at \$7.15 per hour and Lauren Daleo and Maria Cuccurese as basketball security at \$7.15 per hour.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce request to set July 11, 2008 as Carnival Day. They request the normal closures and set-up and breakdown times. Carnival Sale Days have been happening on Main Street the weekend after July 4th for over 35 years. The event would be from 5 to 9 p.m. sponsored by the Business Promotion Committee of the Chamber.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to change "Alive After Five" dates to 7/18, 7/25, 8/1, 8/8 and 8/15. There was a conflict with the American Youth Festival on 7/11.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to go out to bid for the purchase of an office trailer for the Public Safety Department.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: In the past two weeks we have discovered three illegal boarding housing, one on West First St., one on Thorne St. and one on North Prospect. There were three people in the basement. We are getting those houses into compliance. We hired a fire inspector to do a lot of inspections about nine months ago and in those nine months he has issued an excess of 1,000 violations. More importantly, he inspected approximately 430 commercial buildings and more than 200 of those had never been inspected previously. That is Mike Recio, he works for OSHA full time and with us part time and is doing a great job.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for St. Francis De Sales to hold a parade

on July 22nd—route and time to be determined. This is in conjunction with their 120 anniversary.

Trustee Devlin stated: I would like to welcome the newly formed Patchogue Civic Association.

Trustee Devlin stated: The house on West 6th Street that the CDA was renovating has been finished. Marian Russo now will be getting an appraisal done as part of the process to eventually within the next couple of months put that house back on the market through an Affordable Housing Program lottery. This house was given to us by the County off a tax sale and we had to renovate it with community development block grants and then through a lottery it will go out as an affordable house. The funds come from community development block grants that are administered to us through the County but ultimately they come to us through HUD and we choose to renovate this house which was given to the Village. There was no cost to us for the house and once we put it on the market through an affordable housing lottery then that money will come back to the Community Development Agency. It will be done in conjunction with the County's program and their guidelines. The house was boarded up for a quite a long time—it is on West 6th Street and marked with a sign.

Mayor Pontieri stated: This is the third or fourth house that was done through that. If you go down South Ocean Avenue, just south of Park St., on the east side, second house in, it is a brown cedar shake—it was done about five years ago under Mayor Ihne. 130 Cedar Avenue was done under Mayor Keegan administration—that house had really turned bad and had become a drug haven and a lot of things going on in it and the house was taken and it was gotten through tax sale. Again, the overriding benefit is obviously that it is an affordable house--you get rid of blight and the third good thing you do, the revenues go back into the agency and you do another house—we are turning them over as they become available.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved nomination of David Reese to serve on CDA Board. Alan Robinson is no longer available to serve on a regular basis as he travels to Florida and we have accepted his resignation.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved nomination of Frank Buscemi to serve as an Alternate on the CDA board.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Hilton, and unanimously carried the board agreed to lend support of the formation of an Arts Council for the Greater Patchogue area.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the board set a public hearing to be held on March 6, 2008 at 7 p.m. to consider establishing a river beneficial use district. This district would be a small taxing district within the riverfront, similar to the B.I.D., and would be to collect seed money for future maintenance, dredging and other capital improvements that may be needed along the river, e. g. jetty reconstruction, bulkhead repairs, capital improvements along the river front. It would be in a dedicated fund solely allocated for that and would not be mixed with the general fund for any other purposes.

Trustee Dean announced: As I predicted here two weeks ago, the NFL football champions would be the Giants--a prediction that gathered some snickers in the audience.

As a superstitious, delusional Giant fan, I will predict a big win on Sunday for the New York Giants.

Trustee Krieger stated: I would like to thank the Highway Department. At our last meeting the neighbors from West 2nd Street were having a problem with the parking. John Lund and I looked at the situation on the weekend, Monday was a holiday, and by Tuesday he had the lines painted. That is just another example of how our Highway Dept. gets those things done.

Trustee Devlin stated: There were some Village residents who were here earlier who wrote a letter about the erosion of sand on Sunset Lane and wanted to know if we were able to do anything about the jetties.

Public to be Heard:

Ron LaVelle, 205 N. Ocean Avenue, stated: Also, you did send a letter already to the post office. What I am going to do is send a letter is to contact Mr. Bishop because the postmaster is still letting trucks come down North Ocean. I don't know if you are aware that last Tuesday there was a truck up on somebody's lawn. The other things was we talked about signs, in terms of trucks over 10,000 tons. I have trucks coming in and going out of Patchogue. And then, of course, the speed limit signs.

Trustee Dean stated: I have to call about the radar speed sign. I did not do that yet.

Mark Siegel, 260 Waverly Avenue, stated: I think the two hour signs should be bigger.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Signed _____
Village Clerk

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