

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

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, Village Attorney Egan and Village Clerk Seal present.

The flag salute made.

Mayor Pontieri read the safety message.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of October 13, 2009 with correction.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated: The bills for the period October 13, 2009 through October 26, 2009 totaled \$347,233.41 with the five largest bills being: NYS Employee Health Insurance \$83,069.50 for monthly premium, H2M \$13,732.75 for engineering services, LIPA \$10,969.79 for monthly billings, NYS Insurance Fund \$10,032.00 for worker compensation and Schwing Electric \$9,593.19 for period lighting.

General Fund	274,823.43
Trust & Agency Fund	9,742.47
Capital Projects	21,546.00
Sewer Fund	25,017.72
BID Fund	5,522.52
Housing/Code Fund	1,398.42
Community Development Fund	6,204.65
General Bills	2,978.20
Total	347,233.41

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

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated the cash balances are presented for your information.

Mayor Pontieri stated: We have a request to execute an agreement with E-Gov Link to provide upgrades to the Village website. We have been handling the website on our own and have been considering going to an outside company that deals primarily with government links.

Village Clerk Seal stated: This will finally bring us to the 21st century. This is going to allow us to give a much more informational type of a website with links, a calendar, a newsletter, all of our forms will be available on line and can be downloaded. It will have the capability of signing on to get e-mail alerts, e.g. snow emergency. It should hopefully be up and running within a month or so if the Board should choose to approve it. We are going to redesign it, make it much more user friendly, and it will have the capability of having several different arms of the Village, add links, pictures and events and things like that. The Village of Amityville uses this website now if you would like to see what our website will look like. My understanding is we are considering the Annual E-Gov Core Option 1 for \$3,000 and services may be renewed by payment of annual fees each year which will not increase for at least three years. If you went with the other option it would be a five year total.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Mayor to sign, after review and approval by the Village Attorney, an agreement with E-Gov Capabilities to provide upgrades to the Village website.

Mayor Pontieri stated: We have a request for removal of the sewer Advalorem fee from the 2009/2010 tax roll for the Fire Island National Seashore Properties, Acct #3096 162 West Ave \$186.73, Acct #3097 166 West Ave \$177.26, and Acct #3098, 168 West Ave \$2,339.91.

Village Attorney Egan stated: FINS, being a Federal entity, is not subject to the sewer Advalorem taxes. This was confirmed with Suffolk County and the Office of the Solicitor of the

Dept. of the Interior. In conversations with him it was confirmed that they are exempt from the Advalorem taxes, but they are not exempt from the usage fees which is based on the amount of water they use and is a different question that we will tackle with them upcoming future. We will continue to charge them for that.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to remove the Advalorem taxes from the FINS properties, Acct. #3096, #3097 and #3098.

Mayor Pontieri stated: One of the things that is going to happen in the Four-Corners Redevelopment Project is the removing of the Carnegie Library. The plans are now to move it directly across the street in the driveway opening and that should take up about ten spaces.

Trustee Crean stated: It should be a little bit more than that. It depends if we are going to re-cut a new driveway, it will take up about 14 spaces total. It provides access for the volunteer Fire Department to enter their property.

Mayor Pontieri stated: One of the things we need to do is request approval to designate the property not to exceed 20,000 sq. ft. For purposes of a grant which we are going for to help us with the funding of the move and restoration of it, we need to place a value on the property. That would, therefore, become our match for a State grant which is one million dollar.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to designate the property on the north side of Lake Street not to exceed 20,000 sq.ft. at a value of \$120,000 for the relocation of the Carnegie Library.

Mayor Pontieri stated: As we all know and remember, the murder of Marcelo Lucero occurred last year on Nov. 8th. A couple of things are going to happen on the anniversary of that event. There is a group at Suffolk County Community College (and I sit on their Board), the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity and Human Understanding who have a banner program. It was just set up at the Stony Brook Museum and they have set it up at various places around the County. In front of the South Ocean Ave. Junior High School, starting on Nov. 2nd, will be erecting six of these banners (16x16) set up in a triangle. They speak to diversity. And they speak to people working together. They are all designed by local artists, school districts and kids at the college. They are very dynamic and very moving. I have been working with the new principal Linda Pickford, and what we are going to do is have them grow over the course of 3-4 days before the school. It should a fairly dynamic way of beginning what should be a fairly emotional weekend for a lot of reasons. On Saturday night there is being planned by Marcelo Lucero's family, a vigil on Railroad Ave. then going over to the Congregational Church that night for a religious service. There will be speakers at the church that starts at 7 p.m. On Sunday afternoon, the anniversary date, at St. Francis at 4:30 will be an interfaith service of remembrance of just the religious community. It will be very quiet--no political speeches--presided by Auxillary Bishop Libasci. We have sent letters of invitations to local religious organizations in our community to meet that afternoon. After that, about 5:15 p.m., Auxillary Bishop Libasci they will go into the church and have a rosary and benediction. My sense is that as a community, we have a very dignified and religious service for our own healing as a community, rather than as what could be a fairly politically charged one. Those are the things that are going to happen. The banners I think you will find very moving because they are so well done. The college put together a series of educational programs and the students will have some sort of a program during the week when the banners are all up. One should take the opportunity to spend some time on the property. Our little town of Patchogue has taken a beating over the last year or so and our little community has shown its strength and resolve. When I was talking to Marian Russo, the Director of Community Development Agency, and was telling her about when I get these crazy phone calls like from Newsday the other day asking "what's different; is it worse or better." I am on the phone and getting angry. So we went through this whole thing of what's changed and so forth. In Marion's office she has a Latino employee. Over the past year or so we have hired a full and part timer in community development, a part timer in Bldg. & Housing and a part timer in the courts—all fluent in Spanish so when the community comes in they can get help when needed. She had said that the Latino community sees changes, things we don't see. They feel that there is more communication. The outreach has been felt and that they feel better about where they are at this point and time. Not that I feel that things were that bad prior, but things were happening that needed to be addressed. All that I am saying is expect the white trucks with the big antennas that weekend because they are going to show up whether we want them or not.

Trustee Krieger stated: The Theatre had a very successful weekend with *Theatre of the Gods*; there was probably 700-800 people attending. The restaurants and bars were packed before the show. The holiday shows are about to begin and there will be a lot of shows, one of them produced by the Theatre itself, *Alice in Winterland*, with puppets and all kinds of things. Tickets begin at \$10, so it is a great place to bring the kids. Gateway will have performances during the holiday—stay close to home, have dinner or lunch and enjoy the show at the Theatre. Gift certificates are available, give the gift of entertainment for the holidays. Support the local theatre. On November 19th, La Fiesta Radio on Long Island is sponsoring a new show with Louis Fonsi, a huge Latino star who just sold out at Madison Square Garden and is touring the east coast. They are confident that it will be a sell out. *Live in the Lobby* is Thursday night and we now have music in the lobby on Sunday afternoon, once a month—classical music/small combos. It is starting to catch on. Go on the website, the Folks Festival, Arts Festival. Dominic Chianese is having a small event in the lobby which is funding to benefit his foundation called *Joy Through the Arts*. We are only selling 150 tickets and it is going to be an intimate evening with Dominic with music, chit chat and food. *Joy Through the Arts Foundation* sponsors musicians to go into nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals. They bring music into these places and it is very helpful to patients and the people who live there. It is good therapy, a lot of joy and fun. It is \$125 per ticket and is for a very good cause—music, food, open bar, raffles and a really fun time. You can buy your tickets at the box office or go on the website.

Trustee Crean stated: There is going to be a hearing Nov. 4th at 7:30 p.m. according to Carol Giglio, Zoning Board Coordinator. There is an application for a new business that is looking to open up on South Ocean Avenue. They are looking to open up a tattoo parlor/art gallery. If any one is interested in hearing more on that, I encourage you to come down on Nov. 4th.

Trustee Crean stated: I received a notice today through the Clerk's Office that the Patchogue Riverfront Committee is looking for approval to host or sponsor a what is being titled as a *Christmas Holiday Boat Parade* on the Patchogue River. They are looking for approval from our Board if we are going to provide traffic control and other safety measures. Perhaps it should be something that we should be at least aware of and approve hiring the staff that would provide that service. The Chairman of that Patchogue Riverfront Committee, Mike Bruemmer, said the committee proposes to host the event on Nov. 22nd at 6 p.m. The FINS site will not be used.

Mayor Pontieri stated: This parade is 16 years of tradition and I appreciate your putting the time and effort into it to keep it going; we are the only ones on the Island that do it. As I told Mark Nolan the other night, the bottom line is you bring people into the community; we show them the event that we have. The restaurants on the river have the one last big opportunity, economically to take place. How you figure out how to market and put it together, this Village will be in agreement with. The issue comes down that I think it is an important event. I think we have to figure out how to do it. You need to meet with Steve McGiff and Jim Berberich to take a look at it from the health and safety of it. Yours is the economic end of it, ours is the health and safety of it. I appreciate you guys putting it together because it really has been a unique thing to do over the last 16 years.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request by Patchogue Riverfront Committee to hold *Christmas Holiday Boat Parade* on Nov. 22, 2009.

Trustee Hilton stated: Now that the summer events are over, we have had some meetings with different Boards, one specifically is the Architectural Review Board. We are trying to come up with parameters of different districts, that different sign language would be used as far as what we would want to see signs. What we are addressing is the neon signs, hanging signs, the finding of districts and sandwich signs. One thing I thought was an excellent suggestion was that the sign makers have licenses in order to do signs because we have in the books very good laws as far as defining the sizes, and the use, and the heights. And yet, they go to a guy on the internet who makes a sign and then says, I didn't know. They have to have a Village permit for a nominal fee before they make a sign that goes in the Village--just as long as they are aware of the local laws that we have. It would be up to the Board if the Village would waive the permit fee for the Village domicile signmaker. For a nominal fee a sign maker out of Town would receive a license and the laws to abide by.

Trustee Hilton stated: We talked about having a volunteer group of individuals to help us with the Christmas parade as far as the lineup and going past the judge's booth and also getting people out of there to avoid the bottleneck we had in the past. If you are interested, please call 475-4302.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: Halloween is upon us and there will be extra code guys put on.

Trustee Devlin stated: The Biennial Arts Exhibit was a huge success; between 1000-2000 people walked through the doors of Briarcliffe just to see art work. We are really pleased with the success of the event. The Fire Department is taking the walls down as they are using them in their training exercises. On Nov. 8th we have the Autumn Arts Festival in conjunction with the Theatre. It starts at 1 o'clock with a reception with Lawrence Lee, a welder who lives in Patchogue. At 2 o'clock there will be a reception for all the artists participating in the Walking Arts Tour showing in local restaurants and businesses. You can pick up the brochure all around town giving artists' names and location. There will be poetry and Alive in the Lobby with original music played until 8 p.m.

Trustee Devlin stated: There are new sidewalks on the south side of Maiden Lane. From the little future pocket park that I have been working on where we tore out all the hedges, all the cracked sidewalk was replaced. And now we are going to work putting in some split rail fence and getting ready to do some plantings, either now or in the spring.

Trustee Devlin stated: As far as the Community Development Agency report I would like to invite Joe Keyes who will speak to the Board.

Joe Keyes stated: On behalf of the Community Development Agency I would like to suggest to the Board that you include in future your future budget proposals provisions for additional seasonal security for the Shorefront bathrooms and bandshell and Shorefront playground. As you know the CDA commits considerable resources for those locations. It is the hope that we can minimize vandalism by having a least another set of Village eyes down there to kind of monitor things. And, also to make the bathrooms more accessible to our residents—we would want to be able to close them later—I understand they close them around 2:30 p.m. right now. For those coming out to the playground after supper with the children, we would like to provide something other than those porta potties. Additionally, we have the summer concert series that is probably attended by a majority of Village residents, and again rather than just having those porta potties, we should have the refurbished and rehabilitated bathrooms down there open. We do advocate keeping those bathrooms locked when we have the major events that attract thousands, the music festival and boat race. I guess the vendors provide their own porta potties and that will suffice for those days. We are thinking during the summer, maybe at 8 o'clock and a little later on the weekends. The plan is to have cameras to monitor the late night hours, but for those hours when the playground is being used and there are people hanging around the parks, having a Village presence down there might minimize the vandalism. The agency thinks that is a worthwhile investment.

Trustee Devlin stated: The CDA for the 2010 budget is looking at a signage matching grant and through that we would have some degree of control on what type of signage is put up.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to declare two sanders as surplus.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Hilton, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to designate the Board of Trustees as lead agency pursuant to the implementing regulations of SEQRA with respect to the upgrade and replacement of the fuel tanks at DPW and declare it a Type II action with a negative declaration.

Mayor Pontieri stated: We got \$300,000 from Senator Foley. By law we must replace our tanks. Those tanks are not only used by the Village, we have a shared service agreement with the school district, Patchogue Fire Department, the ambulance and Bayport-Blue Point also. By doing it, we get a better price on the fuel for all and there is only one spot.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Hilton, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to adopt a negative declaration with respect to the upgrade and replacement of the fuel tanks at DPW.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Today is the last day of work for John Lund from DPW who has worked here since he was 18 yrs old, for 39 years. He knew where everything was; he had that institutional knowledge. Just as a sense of the gentleman's talent, last year when we were doing North Ocean and Oak Street, we were notified by the DEC to replace a pump station for the

sewer septic system. He came to me and said, "I think we have a way around this" and sat down with the engineer. And from his idea, designed the pump station with a gravity feed--changed the pitch. He probably saved us \$300,000. The second part of that story is on one of those cold March days, I saw him down the hole on the Four-Corners, about 7 feet down, with three highway guys standing around the sides watching. I said to him, "John, you're the foreman; get out of the hole." He said, "If I won't do it, they can't do it." So, we have lost a piece of this Village as he decided to retire and go to Florida. And you are right, Joe--it's hard to believe he's not coming back. He is as good a worker as you are ever going to find.

Trustee Dean stated: The winning base bid for the Village Hall fire and security system was \$41,100 and the alternate bid was \$50,300 received from Elite Electric Industries of New York, N.Y. I would like to award the full amount, not that we are going to do the full amount but we will at least have the latitude. That would get us the fire alarm and burglar alarm system and the panel installed that we could add upgrades beyond that which would be video cameras and different security measures that we may or may not want to install. I would like that latitude as I have not spoken to the Justice Court yet and they may have some video requirements that we could satisfy with this.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to award bid for a new fire and security system for Village Hall to Elite Electric Industries of New York, N.Y.

Public to be Heard:

Dick Schroeder, Shore Road, stated: I have a request. Since the new doctor took over Dr. Spielsinger's office, the parking pattern has changed to the point where quite frequently there is a whole row of cars down to Shore Road. The problem is if someone is emerging from Shore Road and there is a car parked near the corner, there is just not enough room. My request is you put in a sign "No Parking" 25 feet from the corner."

James Bogack, Noxon Street, stated: Early September, I was here about the West Bank Marina and Tiki Bar. At that point, I was on my way to the Zoning Board along with everyone else. Although, we had a slight detour, it did not have to go to the Zoning Board. Now it is late October. This issue of the parking, upon which apparently everything now is determined, is now coming back to the Board of Trustees. I would like to know where that is because this total history of the WestBank is adrift. This is the 18th month that I have been at meetings about the plans that Bruemmer promised way back in June, 2008. I am curious as to where we are.

Village Attorney Egan: We met this afternoon with his architect and his attorney who has newly submitted plans for a grander scale application. They are not going to be proceeding, as of 4 p.m. this afternoon, with the request to the Village Board of Trustees to allow parking on the residential parcels. That application was never finalized with the Village Clerk so as of 4 o'clock today they will not be proceeding with it. Where they are going now is they apparently are going to revise their site plan as requested by the Planning Chairman and put in, as we requested 18 months ago, a comprehensive plan for the entire project. That would go to Planning first to determine what, if any, parking variances are going to be required. And, if there are any variances required, that would go to the Zoning Board. But, as of now it is a pending site plan before the Planning Board which may or may not be amended. This is a private business owner who has the right to make applications and amend it for what you see you may or may not want to have on this property. The law is very clear that they don't like to sterilize properties because people change their minds as to what they are going to or not do on their properties, for as frustrating as the direction on that lot may be. The only real change we can kind of make is, hopefully prompt the Planning Board to make determinations and put a cut-off. What inevitably happens, in municipal planning, when anybody puts a cut-off on, they withdraw the original application and the next day put in a new application, as frustrating as that may be.

Mr. Bogack stated: I hope that in 2010 we are not back here again. I came to hear what is happening and now have some sort of idea and when this information reverberates, other people also involved in this will figure out what to do.

Mr. Bogack stated: I want to add some comments about the Marcel Lucero adversity and the events and want to ask a question about the Theatre. There was a very good event that was scheduled—Salsa, Reggaeton and couple of other outstanding artists that never made it here and that caused a disappointment.

Trustee Krieger stated: It was a funding issue on their side.

Mr. Bogack said: Alternatively, this new event sounds exciting. My question is this, since the Patchogue Theatre has an e-mail list of 13,000 people, why couldn't the Theatre inform people that the event was cancelled and inform them about the new event.

Trustee Krieger stated: All the marketing is done by the person renting. Some shows are Theatre shows where the theatre does all the promotion. When it is rented, the marketing is done by the promoter who does the show. Normally, they do one e-mail blast a month. This show that I just mentioned was put on the schedule just late last week. They try to do the e-mail blast so that it becomes part of the promotion of the show so the promoters would have to pay because it costs money for the theatre to do those e-mail blasts—they have to pay for the e-mail names and data base. We leave it up to the promoters to promote their own shows. But something like a cancellation, I am surprised they did not have some kind of thing on the website. They did have it on later. This next show is going to be an amazing show.

Don Wacsmith, 60 Carman Street, stated: Awhile back I was complaining about the window treatments on 16 Carmen St. Since then the windows were removed and replaced—a terrible job, but much better than it was. Thank you for whatever part you had in that.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 9 p.m.