

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on November 9, 2009.

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

The flag salute was led by Pack Cub Scout Troop Pack 40 of Medford, New York.

Mayor Pontieri read the safety message.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Before we get started, a couple of things happened over the course of the last couple of days which kind of reminds us what liberty and freedom is all about. This morning I attended a funeral at the Methodist Church of Sgt. Keith Bishop who graduated Patchogue-Medford High, a soldier who was killed two weeks ago in Afghanistan while serving with the Army Special Forces. It is about who we are as a country and who we are as a people and it was a very moving ceremony and a very sad ceremony. I had spoken to the Lieutenant Colonel from the Special Forces Green Beret prior to it, and he was telling me how they had to attend these funerals all over the country. So there are not any communities that are immune to what happens in war and the affect it has on that community. And then you go back to a year ago this past weekend and as many of us have remembered, Marcelo Lucero, the Latino who was killed on a street of Patchogue. Two vigils were held for that, one at the site and another at St. Francis Church. Again, it talks about the Keith Bishops and the Marcelo Luceros; one was fighting for the right for that gentleman to be here, but unfortunately, that murder occurred. It isn't an easy place that we live in--the country that we love and sometimes it is very difficult to understand all the things that happen. With that being said, as we go through our days, let's not forget either one of them because both of them have set us on a path to who we are. We are a free country and nobody should ever be denied that and it is only made that way by the people who protect us.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of October 26, 2009 as presented.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated: The bills for the period Oct. 29th through today totaled \$236,162.52 with the five largest bills being: H2M \$15,738.54 for sewer engineering, LIPA \$12,727.65 for monthly electric, Sidney Bowne \$11,130.00 for roadway engineering, Earthcare \$5,887.36 for shingle removal, NYS Department of Labor \$5,746.68 for 3rd quarter unemployment.

General Fund	175,861.16
Trust & Agency Fund	3,835.18
Capital Projects	12,726.39
Sewer Fund	35,201.33
BID Fund	1,118.60
Housing/Code Fund	1,209.96
Community Development Fund	6,084.90
General Bills	125.00
Total	236,162.52

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

Trustee Crean asked: Is the sludge removal the same amount each month, \$5,800 to \$6,000 each month?

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated: Yes.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Each one of those sludge loads that goes out is about \$1,500 per load. I understand right now it is going out with about 95% water.

Village Clerk Seal stated: On September 28, 2009, there was an original public hearing held requesting approval to grant an out of district sewer connection for the proposed Clare Rose project on West Avenue.

Village Attorney Egan stated: May I make a suggestion that based upon the proposed bid and the proposed expansion of the plant, given that the plant is going to be expanded in the very near future and the capacity of the current plant that the Board consider a motion to authorize the Clare Rose project developers to meet with the Village sewer engineer to prepare a map and plan for the Board's consideration. And once the Village sewer engineers have completed their map and plan, that at that time the Board consider granting the out of sewer connection based upon the input from the Village sewer engineers.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: This is the first project coming to us that is contingent on the expansion of the sewer plant. Every other project we have had, we had the capacity and at this juncture, I don't think we know what the capacity is going to be. My feeling is to concur with Attorney on Egan on this.

Trustee Crean asked: Are we instruction the representative of Clare Rose to meet with our engineers before we consider having decision on this hearing tonight?

Attorney Egan stated: Precisely.

Village Seal stated: It is my understanding that they will not proceed with a map and plan until they have an out of district sewer connection.

Mayor Pontieri stated: That is more of a procedure than a policy, that there is nothing within our code that references that prior to the map and map. We are giving the resolution for their going to go forward and meet with in preparation of that approval and that connection. We need to have that information prior. We will hold our decision pending that report coming to us which doesn't stop them from their planning at all.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for out of district hookup for the Clare Rose project as presented by Village Attorney.

Village Attorney Egan stated: We are going to get more information from the Village sewer engineers, a complete map and plan. Once we have the scope, e.g. the gallonage, the impact, the size then the Village Board can consider the out of district sewer connection, only because of the size of the project.

Village Clerk Seal stated: Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, November 9, 2009 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 the property owners of 215 East Main Street for an out of district sewer connection. At said Public Hearing any person interested will be given the opportunity to be heard.

Trustee Crean stated: This is the property located at the top of Rider Avenue. Currently, the property is being occupied by 7-11, Carvel, a Chinese restaurant and a couple of other dry uses. They are hoping to be able to attract additional tenants to some of their vacant parcel units by offering the connection to our sewer treatment plant.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Just as a piece to that, the Clare Rose project and this one are asking for the same thing. The difference is with this is that we know the size of the buildings, the uses projected and we will be able to take that into account now.

Trustee Crean stated: The size and scope of use of each of these properties are quite different. The Clare Rose development is something that is unknown, not only for the use but the size of it. For the property for 215 East Main Street we know what they are currently being used for.

Dimitri Spanos, property owner of 215 East Main Street, office at 635 Old Country Road, Plainview, N.Y. stated: I have tried to rent to several potential tenants; Brazilian restaurant who wanted to come in with 6,000 ft, but the Dept. of Health would not let us to put in a restaurant. Next to the Carvel, the 1750 sq. ft. store, I had a pizzeria and a deli, but again, was unable to put in any of those tenants. So it remains empty.

Mayor Pontieri stated: The sewer line is going right past your front door and they are actually hooking up now, prior to the sidewalk getting done. What is your timeline? With our approval you would have to go and get a map and plan from H2M; there is a process. Do you want to start immediately?

Mr. Spanos stated: Yes. I have to do something.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Even if it is the environmental end of it by itself. We have the ability and the sewer line there; let's take advantage of it.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request for an out of district sewer connection for the property located at 215 East Main Street.

Mayor Pontieri stated: One of things that you heard when we talked about the Clare Rose property was expansion of the sewer plant. We had gone out to bid on the plant and what we are going to be doing now is to approve those general bids for it.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Krieger, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to award bid for the general and mechanical construction for the upgrade and expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to R. J. Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$8,906,550.00.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Dean, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to award the bid for the electrical construction for the upgrade and expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to Wire to Water, Inc. in the amount of \$1,232,000.00.

Trustee Crean asked: Mayor Pontieri, why don't you share with us and the all the good residents that are in the audience tonight how successful you were in winning certain dollars for this expansion? I think it is a great achievement. I know you are not one to brag, but it has been quite an achievement actually.

Mayor Pontieri stated: The plant is costing us a little more than ten million dollars. When we first came into office as an administration in 2004, one of the things that we clearly understood was that in order for this community to move forward, we needed to take advantage of that sewer plant. And, I always go back to Norman Lehtrecker in 1986 when they did the expansion. He could have expanded it at that time to about 100,000-125,000 gallons because it was under a consent order from the DEC. Instead, he expanded it to 500,000. We are looking now to go to 800,000. So we started the process of looking for money because we had a small sewer district. The DEC initially gave us two grants, one for 1.2 million and one for \$500,000, totaling to 1.7 million. We had to prove that we were going to get the work done. Then we were promised, at one point, funds from both Schumer and Clinton to the tune of five million dollars. About 3-4 months ago, I received a letter informing us that we were not going to get it as a community. I got a little angry and upset because I could not use the 1.7 unless I got another amount. There were a couple of articles in the paper about it. Because we had spent \$600,000 based upon their promise. I got into a back and forth with Senator Schumer and they eventually figured how to get 2.6 million more. Now that we had the 1.7 and 2.6, we were at 4.3, so we went out to bid, knowing that if we borrowed three million dollars—because it would come up to be a 7-8 million dollar plant—without all the additional pieces and parts to it—we bid it as a whole project—as a basic plant and some alternates which were environmental in nature. One of the things you heard Trustee Crean ask Treasurer Krawczyk was about sludge removal. The sludge removal is the aftermath of the sewerage and it has to be removed on a regular basis. Right now when we remove it, we fill up a 15,000 tanker truck of which 95-98% of it is just water and the rest is solids. I got a call from NYS Environmental Facilities Corp., which is a funding organization, asking us what we were going to do with our plant. I said we were going to build a basic plant. They asked us how much more money would we need if we wanted to build it the correct way, all the way out to having sludge removal, certain pieces of what is called “green elements” to it. So, this would be a green plant. So, I told them at that point, with all the added alternates it would be somewhere between 2.5 to 3 million dollars more. We finished the conversation and Tim Burns from the EFC asked us if we wanted 2.8 million more. So, now we are up to 7.1 so we are going to be able to build a plant as we should build it and we are able to get 7.1 million dollars of grant and State monies towards building a plant that will service this community for the next 25-30

years. Interestingly enough, the EFC gives out loans and we will borrow from them the additional 3 million dollars at 2% which when you look at that number and the payment that we made in 1986 (when we borrowed 1.1 million) there is a very small difference—I think a \$25,000 difference between the two amounts. I think we will be able to basically borrow 3 million dollars, the same as what it cost us in '86 to borrow 1.1 million.

Resident stated: I am getting the impression that what you are talking about is a smaller version of Bergen Point. What do you do with the residual sewage? Would you sell it to the general public as fertilizer?

Mayor Pontieri stated: Right now because of the way our sludge removal is done, we are taking out 1,500 gallons three times a week which is primarily water. That all goes to Bergen Point. The affluent after it is processed and the other portion of the water actually is processed and then goes out to the stream and then goes out into the Bay. And that is one of the reasons that we need to upgrade this is, that we have a very high nitrogen content. And the process that we use is chlorine based.

Resident asked: About a year ago there was an article in Newsday and I am kind of on top of it because I work for SCW. Steve Levy I think talked about giving the County and Patchogue for example a couple of million dollars for drains especially close to water. Has the Village of Patchogue gotten the money from the County to do such a thing? That would cut down a tremendous amount of waste water that goes into the Bay.

Mayor Pontieri stated: We actually did not get funding specifically for that from the County. We have gotten funding for roads and other projects. But, one of the things that was done was we had a number of development projects that were being done on the river and with each one of those—Mulford Street has new drainage and sediment collection tanks. We have done them already on Laurel Street and Campbell Street. And there is a sewer line now being run down Cedar Ave. to Sandspit—down Cedar to Brightwood and into the ferry dock and will pick up any homes along there that want to be hooked up—and the same for the Waterfront restaurant. Once the sewer line comes they are going to do a reconstruction and they are going to rebuild the end of Brightwood Street—we have gotten other people to do our duty work. Actually, you are right; one of the biggest problems that we have is the water and the rain. The big thing right now, we are going to be able to go forward with the plant.

Mayor Pontieri stated: The Community Development Agency will be transferred to the Village of Patchogue, 10 Terry Street, Patchogue. On Terry Street is where the ArtSpace Development will be-- rental units with living workspace for artists. It is a 45-unit rental development. Last week we were just awarded 1.7 million towards that development. We hope to break ground in mid-December. Basically, we will transfer it and then it will be transferred to us and then transferred to ArtSpace Lofts which is in Minneapolis.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request for the Community Development Agency to transfer property located at 10 Terry Street to the Village for the ArtSpace Lofts project.

Village Krawczyk stated: We are refinancing one of our bonds to get a lower interest rate at this point and will save around overall around \$135,000. The bonds go out to 2050 or 60, so it is around \$11,000 to \$12,000 a year. One of the reasons we are going to save is that our bond rating which is much better and plus the rates are down. And we have people that watch out for us in that area so we can get this done.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to approve authorizing the issuance pursuant to Section 90.10 of the Local Finance Law of refunding bonds of the Village to be designated substantially “Public Improvement Refunding (Serial) Bonds” and providing for other matters in relation thereto and the payment of the bonds to be refunded thereby.

Trustee Krieger stated: I would like to thank Trustee Devlin for all her hard work yesterday for getting the Patchogue Arts Council together to have the Autumn Arts Festival at the Theatre. It was a great event. Friday night we had two sold out shows, comedians who were hysterically funny. It was WBAB Roger & JP's Comedy Club Night. They brought in a lot of people. There were people all over the Village that night. There were about 2,000 people at the Theatre on Friday night—the restaurants were doing very well. Saturday night was disco night which was

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fabulous—Mickey B really does a great job. Harold Melman's Blue Notes were unbelievable. One of the best performances I have ever seen at the Theatre. They were fantastic. Mickey B's is a four hour marathon. There were people all over Town; another example of how the Theatre generates a lot of business for the downtown and we are really proud of the job that they do. Dominic Chianese is coming up which is a benefit. On Nov. 20th is Fran D'Ambrosio is performing with the Long Island Philharmonic. He is a Broadway star who is the longest running performer of the Phantom. We have Sousa coming on Nov. 22nd. Check our website to see all that is happening at the Theatre.

Upon a request made by Trustee Krieger, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the Board set a Public Hearing to be held on November 2, 2009, to consider a request by Steven Fahner of Karl Ehmer, Inc. to install two thirty minute signs in the municipal parking lot behind his store.

Trustee Krieger stated: I would like to discuss the Waverly Avenue traffic circle meeting that we had on November 4th.

Richard McClain, 47 Lake Shore Drive, Patchogue, stated: I have resided there since April, 2000. I did want to say prior to your administration, change seemed to be very stagnant in the Village and I am very excited over the many positive changes that have happened over the last 4-5 years. The one change that happened is I am pro Lake clean-up—I donated a sum of time and a little bit of money. However, what has happened is since introduction of carp to the Lake, I believe that they installed a grate. What is happening is the properties are actually flooding. I don't know if the problem is with maintenance issues, that it has to do with cleaning that grate. What is happening, at certain times of the year, whether it is the carp, the grass comes up against the grate and it literally rises two feet. I have had a lot of erosion.

Village Clerk Seal stated: I spoke to Louie Garafola, who is head of DPW, and he was there on Friday and cleaned all the grates again and does it on a regular basis. Today, there was an issue--actually Main Street got flooded--the grates were clogged again. We did contact Will Bowman, the hydrologist who started the project. He said, apparently, the water table is up on Long Island and another thing he did mention was now that the trees are dormant they are not drinking the water and this is also causing the water level to rise. Somebody else also said the carp eat at the bottom of the Lake and what they don't eat flows to the top and that's also what causes the issue.

Mayor Pontieri stated: What we need to do is look at the whole picture with it. The stream south of Montauk has over the years collapsed trees have fallen—that will back it up. We will try to attend to the grates on a more regular basis.

Trustee Dean stated: The stream north of the Lake is controlled by the Town.

Mayor Pontieri stated: We are the last bottleneck out. So, if there is going to be a problem it will happen there. No matter what they do at the top we need to make sure we are clean and it will flow on our end. We will take a look at the south end of it, talk to Louie, call Will Bowman, take a look at the grates themselves if there is any other way we can deal with that and consider if at this time of the year do we need the grates.

Resident: As of last year, when I had called, I think the Lake was up over a foot, I was told that the grates were pulled.

Village Clerk Seal stated: That is because at this time of the year, the fish start to lie dormant at the bottom of the Lake.

Trustee Krieger stated: On Nov. 4th we had a meeting at the Fire House to address some issues at the traffic circle. Tonight I made a point of driving there and this was the first time where I was actually in a situation where somebody didn't yield. I hadn't really had a problem with it. But, from the people who were there the other night, especially those people who live there. Waverly has always been a speed zone and once a week I can hear the screeching tires and wait to hear them it. People come flying off Patchogue-Holbrook Road over Sunrise Hwy and try to beat those lights and drive down Waverly at a high rate of speed. One of the issues is speeding on Waverly; except for Route 112, it is the only street in Patchogue that isn't 30 mph. It was requested by the people there and agreed upon by the County that reducing the speed limit to 30 mph would help the situation a bit. Today, I drove it at 30 mph and it is not an unreasonable speed to ask them to drive. The County person that was there said that if it says 30 mph, they will

drive 40 mph. I tried to drive 40 instead of 30 and there is a big difference. I made the turn into the circle at 30 mph and you feel like you have more control. One of the solutions that the people from the County said they will actually re-do, is re-stripe the road. If you drive southbound there are two lanes, one lane goes south and another goes around circle. They are going to eliminate one of those lanes because people who are going straight are speeding down there. It is not only creating an issue in the circle, but also for the people who live down there who have a problem getting out. They are going to start merging to a single lane starting around 2nd Street so on the west side of the street they are going to start that into a single lane which they believe will calm traffic down which will allow people to get out of their driveways and create a different atmosphere going into the circle. Plus, they are going to bulge out the circle on that side to accommodate that single lane now. As everybody knows who is involved with this, it seems the circle is too small. They are not going to change it; they are going to stripe it. They did admit that it is small compared to other traffic circles. It is something that can be done fairly quickly. A few more things that was discussed were stop signs and traffic lights—which seems to be a bit to have more stop signs and traffic lights. There is already a traffic light at 4th St and to bring one down up north a little more would just cause havoc with the traffic on Waverly and Roe Blvd. So, one of the things we can do is a resolution for also 1) reduce the speed limit to 30 mph, 2) have the County install a sign at the entrance to the Village—by the shopping center light—blinking yellow light sign 30 mph. It will slow down the traffic and also make it a little easier to transition it into the Village, 3) a warning that they are entering the Village and that the speed limit will be strictly enforced and when you get just before Gibbons, a sign to remind people. The guys from the County were very supportive and SCPD was there also. People look at those signs and the average person slows down, but some won't. If the average person is 7 out of 10 people, at least those people will slow down. I believe that these things will at least calm traffic and slow people down. As far as the circle, we are going to see how the striping works. All and all, there is cooperation between the Village and the County.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Krieger, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the Board set a Public Hearing to be held November 23, 2009 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 amend Section 415.2 to drop the speed limit from 40 to 30 mph on Waverly Avenue between Roe Blvd. and the traffic circle.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Krieger, seconded by Trustee Dean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request from the County to have lighted signage indicating a 30 mph speed limit on Waverly Avenue and a radar controlled speed sign.

Trustee Crean stated: A few days ago I had the opportunity to meet with the Mayor and some new tenants moving into 41 East Main Street, formerly known as Carl & Bob's. There has been lease agreement executed where Bridgehampton National Bank is going to be located on our Main Street. The depth of the property is actually going to allow them to have a mixed use. Part of the space will be the service gotten from a bank. However, the Main St. portion of the building is going to be a coffee shop—a shop that is going to roast their own beans, give classes, and create live entertainment as well. They are looking to co-exist with the rest of the businesses on Main Street in a more positive way than our previous coffee shops. It is called Hampton's Coffee and they have one in Westhampton. As the Mayor said, the missing tooth is going to be filled. There will be an entrance to the back and in the interior space and there will be a separation between them so their hours of operation aren't going to be the same. The new tenants and the current owners of the building have committed to spend ¾ of a million dollars in improvement to the building, both interior and exterior. They are looking to service mostly commercial business, but are also for the retailer consumer/depositors. It is going to be a good use for Main Street.

Trustee Crean stated: In the absence of Trustee Hilton, I am looking for Board approval to set aside certain dates for the 4th Annual Battle on the Bay at Shorefront Park.

Louis Giancontierre and Kevin Naringer stated: On August 20th would be the Main Street block party and August 20 and August 21 would be at Shorefont Park. We start setting up on Tuesday and are cleaned up by Monday.

Trustee Crean stated: I guess you have your punch list and you work with Peter Sarich over the last few years and you have done a great job in shining the spotlight on the Village.

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Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to hold the 4th Annual Battle on the Bay on August 20, 21 and 22, 2010.

Trustee Crean stated the current owners of the Patchogue Bowling Alley are requesting a connection to our sewer treatment plant. They would like a conference to present what their project is.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Before we set a public hearing on it, I would suggest that you meet with them and with Frank Russo from H2M.

Trustee Crean stated: With our shiny, new plant going to be put on line hopefully within the next few months, I would like to get an opportunity to review how our gallons are being taxed, e.g. residential vs. commercial, owner occupied vs. commercial. And see how we may be able to shift some of those burdens to profit generating uses, where you have a business making a great deal of money on the gallons that they are able to treat through our plant and how are they beings taxed vs. our Village residents.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Jac Paris, a long time member of the Patchogue Fire Department--probably in the Department for maybe 70 years back when you just jumped on the back of the truck and you became a member. He was quite a character. I think his tombstone says, "I told you I was sick." He was the Captain of the Racing Team for all those years.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: Last week we attended a meeting that the Library sponsors with the Latino community. Basically, the Mayor speaks, SCPD speaks, Bldg. & Housing, Parks & Recreation-- more educational. I found it interesting that last year and the year before there were 50-60 people there. This year there were 10-15, but about 15 media. We did this all before the media swarmed down on Patchogue and all the press were there. I guess it is a good sign that there were only 10-15 people there looking for information. We inform them about their rights as a tenant, if the landlord doesn't supply heat and things like that.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: We found a couple more overcrowded houses. If you have one in your neighborhood, call Bldg. and Housing and we will have a code officer go there either hat day or the next day.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: On Veteran's Day we have a ceremony on the Four Corners at 11 o'clock. If you are in the area, it is a nice tradition. I think the fact that our community has things like this, lends itself to our sons and daughters going into the service. I know it spurred me on to join when I was a kid. I think it especially means something to the Mayor now that his son is in the service. If you are in the area, it is a nice way to honor both present and past veterans. It ends on the 11th day at the 11th hour of the 11th month.

Trustee Devlin stated: Two of the members of the Official Tree Board called and said Lowe's in East Patchogue had a tree grant that nobody had applied for. We had spoken with the Mayor awhile back. Earlier this year we put cherry trees in front of Village Hall and talked about how nice it would be to continue that theme down to Am Vets and then south in front of South Ocean Middle School. They took that idea; took it Lowes's and they gave us \$1,200.

Trustee Devlin stated: The Arts Council had a fabulous Autumn Arts Festival that went unbelievable well; what a great, great turnout that we had. We had an artists' reception in the afternoon from 1 to 3. The place was packed. People were up and down Main Street from 3 to 5, checking out artwork in the different storefronts and windows. When I came back at 5 o'clock, I found the 50 folding chairs that were in the lobby were completely taken. It was standing room only for poetry and original music. That went on until 9 o'clock and the place was packed the whole time. It is amazing what talented people we have in this community. The artwork is up until January.

Trustee Krieger stated: Also on Saturday, C-2 Art Gallery opened.

Trustee Devlin stated: They took the front part of the Mosaica store and made the front part it into a gallery. It is open on Monday-Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is beautiful artwork displayed and I encourage you to go there.

Trustee Devlin stated: The CDA met with a sound engineer who is a specialist in domes. He is going to get back to us with a recommendation for a way that we can retro-fit our bandshell for next year to take care of some of the issues that we have been hearing about. He really felt he could solve some of the problems that have been going on at the bandshell.

Trustee Devlin stated: On Maiden Lane we have done all the sidewalks on the south side where the Beach Club is. We had taken out the hedges and put in a beautiful split rail fence and next spring going to plant roses.

Trustee Dean stated: The Mayor mentioned before that the sewer line heading down toward the Sandspit has started. As that is completed, Cedar, Laurel, Gilbert and Brightwood will be repaved as part of that project.

Mayor Pontieri read: “Dear Mayor Pontieri & Trustees: I hereby tender my resignation from the Board of Trustees of the Village of Patchogue effective midnight tonight. Please know how difficult this decision was to make and only an opportunity such as I have been offered would have made me consider it. Serving on this Board with the Mayor has been the highest honor of my life and I will cherish the experience always. The residents of the Village saw fit to elect me twice to the post. For their trust in me, I am very grateful and humbled. Thank you all for everything. Signed Joseph Dean”

Mayor Pontieri stated: There is another motion that is going to come up after this so we are not going to really lose him. What we are going to lose is a voice on the board that has been a very stable one for the last six years. We as a board are as much friends and colleagues as we are an administration that tries to do things. Joe has been a very integral part in getting a lot of the things done. He is a voice in the back room that must be dealt with because he is a man of opinion and great knowledge. I will miss him sitting over there. As you can see, the way the board is set up, we have Jack on this one side and Joe on the other side. It is purposely set up that way, and sometimes we start with Jack and go around and sometimes we start with Joe and go around when there are decisions to be made. It is purposely made that way because both of them have a great sense as to who they are. Joe, I accept this resignation on one side with a little regret, on the other side with some excitement.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Trustee Krieger, and passed with Joe Dean abstaining, the board accepted the resignation of Joe Dean as Trustee as presented, effective November 10, 2009.

Trustee Crean stated: I would like to share who better to shorten a lengthy phrase, but Joe Dean. There just have been so many accomplishments that Joe has really led the way--dredging of the river, the inter-municipal agreements (creating Joe Dean Park; we have to get an additional sign there), the paving of the roads, the Winona, sidewalks. It has been a lot of fun having Joe sit on this Board. He has helped shape the Village, not only past but going into the future. The decisions that he has helped us make has been a tremendous help. I have been able to seek your opinion on many things and hold you in the highest regard.

Mayor Pontieri stated: One of the things that has happened, John Lund after being with us for 39 years retired as Superintendent—a big loss. We went out looking for someone and appointed someone both as a foreman and as an assistant foreman. The situation didn't quite work the way he wanted it to. The assistant foreman decided he liked the position he had and he went back on his own volition so we still needed somebody to run the department. Joe's background is 20 years with the Great Neck School District as a Maintenance Supervisor--225 acres of parkland and 1.3 million sq. ft. of building space that he managed plus anywhere, for various times, 115 employees with crews from 15 up to 20. Sometimes when you look around for somebody you realize it is as close as your nose. So, Joe and I sat and talked about it--talked about what skills he would bring. For the past five years he has been the Commissioner for the Dept. of Public Works, working very closely with John Lund, Louie Garafola who is the foreman, and that crew. And he understands what our needs are. A lot of times people look at appointments like this as political appointments. It is only a political appointment, if the guy doesn't have the skills and the talent. Joe has the skills, talent, personality and he lives here in the Village. When you look at the body of work he did both here on the board--when you talk about the dredging and those kinds of things—but also the body of work that he had with the Great Neck School District for the last 20 years, that he will serve us well. I think the biggest piece of it is that he has proved to this community who he is as a person with the work he has done and the time he has spent.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Crean, and passed with Joe Dean abstaining, the board approved the appointment of Joseph Dean as Superintendent of Public Works effective 11.10.09 with a start date of 11.23.09.

Trustee Krieger stated: I would like to thank Joe for all his work at the Patchogue Theatre. He took care of all the maintenance problems. For many years the Theatre was very ill-maintained and Joe with the Highway Dept. and his crew through his guidance stopped the “Singing in the Rain” for every show and supervised the roof operation which was a major project. All the people at the Theatre, from Clara to John to the guys who are there, always say what a great guy you are and how lucky they are to have you involved and to help them out.

Mayor Pontieri stated: The other piece that we have to realize is when the demolition starts on the Four Corners, when Artspace starts, when the sewer plant construction begins, it can't be done without a watchful eye. From Highway guys to highway work, superintendent is an acronym for DPW—he knows them all. They are big projects that will need to be watched, managed and maintained.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: I would like to echo what everyone said. The thing I respect about you is that you are a clear thinker, a strong personality, and I think you always made the right decisions for the right reasons. I am glad will now see you every day, not just Monday night rolling in from Nassau County.

Mayor Pontieri stated: We will look to try and fill the vacated Trustee position at first meeting in December is our goal.

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Walter and Lisa Burns, 260 Waverly Avenue, stated: Through a statement after investigation as to why our maintenance was so high, they made a claim that included in our maintenance is garbage removal, snow plowing and those kinds of things. We went to a board meeting to discuss this maintenance issue and what they claimed was part of the reason why our maintenance was so high was not only are we paying a separate landscaper company to remove the snow and a carting company, but are also paying taxes to the Village. That is why I am here and would like to know the truth. They claimed that they also pay for the Village constable to come on the property and a few other things. It is right across from 7-11 on Roe Blvd.

Mayor Pontieri stated: The garbage is a separate fee, not even a tax. And we only do it for single to five-unit residential.

Village Clerk Seal stated: Come to the Clerk's office now and I will check the card.

Patty Kelly stated: Joe, I would like to say you will be truly missed as a Trustee and we know how hard you have worked over the years. I know we will be losing a Trustee, an elected official, but are gaining a super guy. Best of luck and thanks for all the hard work.

Joseph Keyes, Chairman CDA, Patchogue, stated: I would like to confirm what Lori and Jack said earlier. There was a lot of action on Main Street when we went up to the Arts Festival. I just want to publicly thank Joe Dean having had the opportunity to briefly serve on the CDA a couple of years. I know he is very productive spoke of the wheel that is steering the Village in the right direction—however, a little misguided in music and baseball. I had a conversation with someone the other day; this person made it a point to go on and told me what a wealth of knowledge Joe has, that he is going to be missed on the board, and the positive things he added and how hard it will be to replace. I trust that this Board is willing to have some great patience whoever the poor sap may be. I would think that whoever the person is, if he does the job half as well as you, Joe, we will be satisfied with the expectations.

Mayor Pontieri stated: I spoke to Lorice Fiala. I need somebody to make the Chamber meetings. Trustee Hilton hasn't been able to be there.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.