

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on March 8, 2010.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pontieri with Deputy Mayor McGiff, Trustees Crean, Devlin, Hilton, Keyes and Krieger, Village Treasurer Krawczyk, Village Attorney Egan, and Village Clerk Seal present.

The flag salute was made. Mayor Pontieri read the safety message.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee by Crean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of February 22, 2010, as presented.

Village Clerk Seal stated: The bills for the period ending March 8, 2010 totaled \$736,862.92. The five highest bills were: RJ Industries \$446,189.35 for STP construction, Town of Brookhaven \$26,938.23 for monthly billing, McClave Engineering \$14,862.50 for 380 Bay engineering fees, Sidney Bowne \$10,631.51 for various roads engineering fees, and J. Peck Consulting \$6,870.19 for 380 Bay Ave.

General Fund	\$230,633.34
Trust & Agency	\$6,848.60
CAP Projects	\$472,214.11
Sewer Fund	\$17,067.55
BID Fund	\$2,593.90
Housing Fund	\$1,398.42
CDA Fund	\$6,107.00
General Bills	\$0.00
Totals	\$736,862.92

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

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved as presented several transfers to clean up accounts as we approach year end as.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Keyes, the board approved request for General Fund to loan Capital Projects Fund \$46,257.38.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Grievance Night was held on February 24<sup>th</sup>. I would like to ask for the Board approval of the Village tax grievances for residential complaints for adjustments as presented.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the board accepted residential tax grievance relief as per list presented by Carol Sweeney, Village Tax Assessor.

Village Clerk Seal stated: Out of the 16 residential grievances, 14 of them did see a slight, if not decent decrease. Carol Sweeney did a great job.

B.I.D. Report – Chamber of Commerce Report - None

Trustee Krieger stated: On May 14<sup>th</sup> at the Theatre the Patchogue Theatre will be hosting a concert by Billy Idol. At one point of time for four years, Billy Idol made Patchogue his home and worked at the Blue Point Laundry with his mother. We expect a big crowd; he won a Cameo in *Wedding Singer*. We have Any Cooney for a St. Patrick's Day Celebration. *Live in the Lobby Fatham* will be in the lobby next week. Check the website for more information.

Trustee Krieger stated: Last week the Mayor, Village Clerk Seal and Anne Marie Monte met with Level G Associates, LLC to discuss Village of Patchogue parking. We came away with a

lot of good ideas and input and are moving ahead with plans. I guess by now people have received the letter with reference to parking and complaints of those getting tickets.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Krieger, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to hire Level G Associates, LLC to provide consulting services with regard to parking at a fee not to exceed \$1,750.00.

Trustee Krieger stated: I would like to pass a Resolution to designate areas by red stalls in certain municipal parking lots as per Chapter 415-42 to restrict parking prior to 9:30 a.m. In the Terry Street lot it will be the first row of parking spaces along the row closest to the stores and the same rule would apply for Oak Street and Church Street. We did discuss Lake Street, but decided not to do anything at this point.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Krieger, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved making a Resolution to designate areas in certain municipal parking lots as per Chapter 415-42 for no parking prior to 9:30 a.m.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Krieger, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to go out to bid for muni meters for Main Street and designated municipal parking lots.

Trustee Krieger stated: Brief calculations showed that there is a very good chance that these meters will pay for us to bring another part-time person in to enforce—none of the work that we are doing here is any good unless it is enforced.

Trustee Crean stated: I am seeking board approval in the form of a resolution to designate the authority to the Mayor to negotiate a development agreement between the County and New Village. It is necessary for them to secure financing through the County for the workforce component of the residential development.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the board approved request authorizing Mayor to negotiate a development agreement between the County and New Village.

Trustee Crean stated: A week ago I had the opportunity to meet with a committee formed through the B.I.D. We made an award to three merchants and property owners with the Façade Program that the BID was successful in procuring. The Dove Plaza Building on the southeast corner of the four corners was awarded \$100,000.00 to redo their façade and are looking to start work the week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The materials they are using have a lengthy life and it is a sharp design. The other properties awarded is 41 East Main Street (Carl & Bob's) and Bridgehampton National Bank is looking to relocate there. They have scheduled close to a million dollars of improvements to the property. Our committee was generous enough to give them \$60,000.00 to redo their façade as well as interior improvements. It is a very pleasing aesthetic design as well. Remember Yesteryears was awarded almost \$4,000.00 to put up two signs to advertise their business and will be put in place in 4-6 weeks. There is still \$12,000-\$15,000 left in this program. We have advertised in a number of different ways. Dennis Smith has been diligent enough to knock on doors and meet with some property owners. Right now there have been no new applications forthcoming. If after 3-4 weeks there are no new applications, we will expand the boundaries that will be eligible. The Dove Building is close to a \$375,000.00 project and he was awarded \$100,000.00 through this program that the State of New York awarded to our B.I.D. The applicant actually needs to be a property owner, not necessarily the tenant. There are a couple of merchants and property owners in town who have expressed interest, but have not come forward with an application yet. Frankly, we are running out of time. We will give it another couple of weeks and then perhaps expand the boundaries. There are some property owners just outside the area that are willing to put together a plan and take advantage of the opportunity. The clock on the four corners is being preserved.

Trustee Hilton stated: I would like to compliment Trustee Crean on his continuance on the improvements uptown. This week we were challenged in the *Advance* that "If not the hotel, what?" I read this editorial and felt good knowing that Trustee Crean was on top of that and the problems that were thrown at us—the economic downtown or does the bankers want to go with the hotel. The *Advance* challenged us to look past that. Even on what we voted on tonight,

suggests that we are doing so. I just wanted to compliment the Board in being able to answer that challenge.

Trustee Hilton stated: (Planning & Zoning Report)-- I have been talking to Joann Brandi who is the ARB Chairperson about her concerns with the signs and my continuance of improving signs in the downtown area. The concerns have been issues--as stated in her e-mail--continuing regarding Tallway the flag advertising being installed on Main Street and elsewhere and now Blue Point Brewery Beer signs hanging off of bars and restaurants in the Village. Additionally, we are dealing with A-frame signs, lighting borders and flash-on signs that are popping up. With the revitalization of Main Street moving forward nicely, we truly need a code that is up to date which will assist us, guide applicants, and can be enforced without fear of legal repercussions. With flashing neon signs blaring out "We Buy Gold" across the street from the beautiful, new hotel, our Board needs assistance in forming a new code. This is what we are working on with Nick Fuccillo from the Zoning Board and Carol Giglio the, as far as where we should go forward with the signs. Joann Brandi has recommended to us that we establish a Theatre District which further restricts the signs. With this information we are trying to move forward. Trustee Devlin has worked on signs for a long time and we are going to continue with the notes from that and they are very informative in what we are working on.

Deputy Mayor McGiff asked: In working with this with reference to the phone company on the Furman Building, do they have permits? The one that is lit up that looks garish.

Trustee Hilton stated: No, because they are temporary. It is something that we have to work on. I presented that question and they responded that the sign was not permanent because it was not going to be up for a long time. How temporary is temporary is something we are going to have to talk about. The ARB was taking on a lot of these things on their shoulders and we don't have anything in the books and it is something we really have to work on. Lori Devlin started it and we should continue it.

Mayor Pontieri stated: The problem you have with signage is companies like Metro and PCS, they have a standard sign. Once you bring in national companies, they have their own sign and must be considered in the decision. When you look for national tenants, you have to consider this.

Trustee Hilton stated: That is what happened with NAPPA; they gave us three choices and stated they were going to paint the building blue.

Trustee Hilton stated: We are looking at engineering costs for reconfiguring the Beach Club parking lot and we are still in the development stage on that. We have been asked to come up with a plan of the parking lot so that it doesn't have to be surveyed--that is what we are working on now.

Trustee Hilton stated: I would like to recommend that Bruce Von Carter from 1 South Ocean Avenue who has had his boat on Mascot Dock last year--with a great deal of difficulty to the Parks Department as far as costs. He delayed the closing of floats at the end of the season because he was totally untouchable; his boat was left in disarray and the boaters around him felt that his boat was a liability to their boats in case of a storm. Attorney Egan was able to pursue the money that was owed to us and it was paid in full. I would like to recommend to the Board that he not be able to keep his boat in the marina next year.

Village Attorney Egan stated: The main issue is there were concerns about as to what his residential address was listed, 2 South Ocean Avenue. I think the board should leave this up to the discretion to the Superintendent of Parks.

Trustee Hilton stated: But, if the board recommends that he be considered as a non-resident because that address is considered as a business and not as a resident. This would mean that he would pay a non-resident fee in order to keep his boat at Mascot Dock.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for the Great South Bay Music Festival to hold a fireworks display on Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> with a rain date on Saturday, July 10<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Hilton stated: This was something that the Board typically would not approve because of the fireworks display. We had asked the Great South Bay Music Festival when they made this application last year to minimize the advertising and the media display that date in order to minimize the impact on the south end of Patchogue while they were impacted by the Music Festival that same day. They are going to launch from offshore. Last year we asked them to do this and they held this. As far as people were concerned, the fireworks display was included with the price of the ticket. The only people that were going to benefit from the fireworks were ones who came in to the Music Festival themselves. This was, of course, in our request to cut down on the traffic. They proved themselves the first year and the second year they have assured us that they will continue in the same fashion. The rain date is troublesome because people on Smith Street typically send out invitations and get upset over rain dates.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: A representative from Public House 49 would like to give a brief description about an event they would like to hold on March 17<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. He has already talked to Peter Sarich.

Representative from Public House 49 stated: On March 17<sup>th</sup> we propose to have a small tent in the back, outside our rear entrance, in the courtyard. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, the day of the parade, we propose to do an event similar to *Alive After Five* out front, but not in the street—just along the building—tables and chairs for people to enjoy the parade. We were told at one of our meetings that the parade would be done by 1 o'clock and the Philharmonic is at 8 p.m.

Mayor Pontieri stated: The one thing I request is that you clean the area and make it pristine—there have been complaints about cigarette butts outside the building.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: We will need a certificate of insurance adding on the Village as additional insured.

Upon a request made by Deputy Mayor McGiff and seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request for Public House 49 to hold an event on Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> and on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to cover travel expenses for Trustee Keyes to attend a conference in Hyde Park, N.Y., at a cost not to exceed \$250.00.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: I received a memo from Highway Superintendent Joseph Dean asking to set a public hearing to amend sections 372-20 and 21 of the Village Code regarding sidewalks and driveway aprons. He has been getting a lot of requests of people replacing their driveway aprons and there are no specifications within the code. He said there is as per curbing, but not aprons and he is going to create something that can be put in the code to create a standard.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board set a public hearing to be held on Monday, March 22, 2010, at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York, by the Village Board of the Incorporated Village of Patchogue, to amend Sections 372-20 and 21 of the Village Code.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: Jim Berberich of Public Safety has informed me that Al Costello of Public Safety will be promoted to Lieutenant. Thank you Al for everything that you do and I know you are going to do great in your new position which is well deserved.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: We have had a lot of problems with Civil Service requirements in determining the hours. The Public Safety officers are supposed to work a maximum of 20 hours per week. Some of the present officers, full time jobs, and because of that a certain individual is getting a lot more hours and because of that we run the risk of not complying with Civil Service. Public Safety Director Berberich has interviewed a number of individuals and has three who have passed muster and they all hold New York State security guard licenses which is a prerequisite. It will not result in any additional hours worked. Therefore, I am seeking board approval to hire Lee Depolan, Joseph O'Connell and Harold Barsky. They all come recommended by existing individuals—they are all Homeland Security trained—took all the courses, one is a retired NYC detective, one is a Coast Guard Captain.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Keyes, the board accepted request to hire Lee Depolan, Joseph O'Connell and Harold Barsky as Public Safety officers.

Trustee Devlin stated: Tonight I am going to introduce a Resolution, looking to hire AKRF as planners for a Patchogue Maritime Heritage Trail Plan. But, before I make the motion and seek the second, I would like to give you the background as to what it is. Reading from Marion Russo's memo, "The Village of Patchogue is the recipient from the grant from the Dept. of State Division of Coastal Resources in the amount of \$75,175.00 under its NYS Coastal Resources Interpreting Program. The grant funds the creation of a trail with wayside interpretive signs which will expand on the themes covered in the kiosks already erected in the park on Division Street and along the river across from Harbor Crab. The signs will be placed at street ends, near the pool, at Mascot dock, at Shorefront Park and behind the Winona. The porch at the Winona is the trailhead. What is good about this grant is that we were able to use the donation for the construction of the porch on the Winona as a match so the Dept. of State will be covering the costs under this project. Our grant also has funding for the Village to obtain the services of a consultant to help develop the Patchogue Maritime Heritage Trail. The goal is to create four or five different trails or walks so visitors can follow to learn about Patchogue's history. So far we were looking at the trail being created for the NYSCRIP grant and a trail around the Great Patchogue Lake. We may also link with the Green Leaf Trail. The firm we would like to use is AKRF who was the consultant on the LWRP which was also done with the Dept. of State Grant. Having completed work on the LWRP, AKRF is familiar with our community and understands the importance of our waterfront and maritime uses. They also understand the goal we have with linking the waterfront to Main St. This proposed network through trails is one way to achieve that. So, I am seeking board approval for the firm AKRF to be hired to serve as the Village's consultant for the Patchogue Historic Maritime project in accordance with proposal of March 8, 2010, for an amount not exceed \$12,000.00. And, that the terms and conditions be subject to approval by the Dept. of State, Division of Coastal Resources and the Village Attorney.

Trustee Crean stated: One of the most challenging things that former Trustee Dean had to address was the actual text that was put on these kiosks. Are you willing to undertake that?

Trustee Devlin stated: We have a meeting scheduled with the Dept. of State and AKRF to get started with that. AKRF will help us to get through that whole process.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Hilton, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to hire AKRF to work on the Patchogue Maritime Heritage Trail.

Trustee Devlin stated: The Patchogue Parks Department had a great trip to the Museum of Modern Art and saw the Tim Burton exhibit. We are hoping to plan two to three more Artspace trips this year.

Trustee Keyes stated: The winter weather has beaten up Village streets and the workers are trying to take care of all the potholes as best they can. The bids for 380 Bay Avenue were opened, with the lowest being \$1,053,000.00 and the highest bid was \$1,400,000.00 which were all exceeded what we planned to spend so I am seeking to reject all bids.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board rejected all bids received for the 380 Bay Avenue project.

Trustee Keyes stated: The DEC requires our stormwater report to be done once a month---right now DPW is working very hard trying to keep the catch basins from clogging up.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Hopefully, within the next few weeks we will be getting a Vac-all truck which we have a municipal agreement with Bellport for the purchase thereof.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Devlin, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to hire JR Holzmacher to do the engineering on the Brightwood bulkhead reconstruction. Their proposal comes in around \$13,000.00 to do inspections, proposal bid preparation and all that.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to hire Stephen Todd as a permanent Sanitation Laborer I at no change in salary.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, with Mayor Pontieri abstaining, the Board approved request to hire Ryan Pontieri as a temporary Sanitation Laborer I at \$12.00 per hour.

Mayor Pontieri stated: Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> is Election Day in the Village of Patchogue.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Trustee Hilton, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.