

Inc. Village of Patchogue  
Board of Trustees Meeting

January 25, 2010

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on January 25, 2010.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pontieri with Deputy Mayor McGiff, Trustees Crean, Devlin, Hilton, Keyes, 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 Cream, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of November 2, 2009.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the minutes of January 11, 2010, with changes.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to accept the 2009-2010 report of the Receiver of Taxes as presented.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to set Tax Grievance Day for Tuesday, February 16, 2010 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the Board approved request to set Tax Sale Day for Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 10 a.m.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated: The bills for the period ending January 25, 2010 totaled \$525,223.05. The five highest bills were: NYS Employee Health \$166,550.13 for two months billing, Town of Brookhaven \$39,092.90 for landfill charges, H2M \$30,740.95 for engineering fees, Elite Electric \$21,940.25 for Village Hall Alarm Systems, LIPA \$17,647.43 for monthly billing.

Mayor Pontieri stated: The Brookhaven Town Board dropped our tonnage landfill fees from \$95.00/ton to \$82.00/ton.

General Fund	\$419,405.17
Trust & Agency Fund	29,669.04
Capital Projects	30,657.48
Sewer Fund	31,312.26
BID Fund	2,864.78
Housing/Code Fund	1,398.42
Community Development Fund	6,162.90
General Bills	3,753.00
Total	\$525,223.05

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

Treasurer Krawczyk stated: You have before you the cash balances as of December 31, 2009. We got the same AA Standard & Poor's ratings as we did before and they are satisfied with us as a Village.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the Public Hearing to amend Chapter 415-40 of Village Code with regard to parking at the Patchogue Railroad Station was postponed until February 5, 2010.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for Barbara Stark to attend a web page design training course through BOCES at a cost of \$340.00 for 10 sessions.

Trustee Krieger stated: We have organized a Haiti Earthquake Relief benefit for Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7 o'clock at the Theatre which was covered by News 12. We received a lot of donations from artists and there will be a silent auction. All proceeds will go to the Haitian Relief Fund. The Colony Shop donated \$100, Blue Point Brewery donated a barrel of beer, Patchogue First donated \$1,000. That will cover all the costs of the event and whatever is taken in that night, \$10 admission charge, and whatever we take in from raffles—100% is going to the Red Cross. Radio stations are involved. There will be a number of artists performing—it is going to be Alive in the Lobby. Thanks to the local stores and artists who have donated to the cause.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Krieger, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for the River Avenue PTA to hold their annual 5K run on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Krieger, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for the Patchogue Lioness Lions Club to hold their 7<sup>th</sup> Annual "Walk for a Guide Dog" on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Trustee Crean stated: One item has been suggested through the Village Attorney's office to set a public hearing to create a new Village Code with regard to wind energy systems. There have been some inquiries about the possibility of setting up windmills on property. It would be to the Village's best interest to formalize a code with regard to that so as to protect the surrounding property of residential and commercial businesses.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, a Public Hearing was set for February 8, 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 create a Village Code with regard to wind energy systems.

Trustee Crean stated: I would like to congratulate the Mayor on an impressive event held on Friday morning, the groundbreaking for Artspace. Representatives from nearly every level of government were in attendance, as well as representatives from Artspace and their funding sources, particularly Capital One. The speed in which the work has started is amazing. We are looking for the completion by the end of 2010. Perhaps at the next meeting we will present at the next meeting what the steps will be for the lottery—notifying the public how it will take place and publicize to the local community. I would like to thank Village Treasurer Ronald Krawczyk for the refinancing of some of the Village's debt. Hopefully we will have that closing this week where we will be able to save about \$150,000 in debt service. A lot of it has to do with the credit worthiness of this Village. I would like to thank the Treasurer and the Mayor for saving those dollars on the service for debt.

Trustee Crean stated: Passing 31 West Main Street is looking fantastic.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for Thomas & Brenda Biederkaapp to place a temporary 8x8x20 storage unit on their property located at 55 Taber Street for a period of 6 months.

Trustee Hilton has stated: We have a request for the Blue Point Brewing Company to hold their annual Cask Ale Festival.

Nick Burford, 161 River Avenue, stated: This year Blue Point Brewing Co. moved the cast festival from the winter to the spring. One of the reasons was in the past we needed an enclosed tent with heat. It now being held in the spring; it will be just a canopy with no sides or heating. I spoke with Peter Sarich about safety. It will be 2-6 pm, rain or shine, held outdoors in the parking lot behind the brewery. It will be set up 24 hours ahead of time and can be inspected the day before in terms of porta potties. We will have a porta potties at the rate of one for every 30 tickets—if we are fortunate to sell 900 tickets we will have the 30 the appropriate handicap facilities. We will have a couple of local bands and have the Commercial Noise Permit from the Village. The parking, at this level of attendance, we are comfortable with the parking. We have had bigger events in the past and it worked out okay. We encourage our attendees to take the train if possible. The handicap parking in front of our area works out well. We are using the private security firm that the Village uses for Alive After Five. We will have an appropriate caterer with all appropriate Suffolk County permits—there will be no open flame. There are two

ways for emergency vehicles-- access on Underwood and access through the parking lot behind the tire store will be maintained for safety regulations. It will be from 2 to 6 p.m.

Upon a request made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for the Blue Point Brewing Company to hold their annual Cask Ale Festival on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 6 p.m., rain or shine.

Trustee Hilton stated: We have a request for the Great South Bay Music Festival to hold their 4<sup>th</sup> annual event at Shorefront Park. We have turned this into a profit for the Village residents, collecting \$8,500 last year for the Parks Department, Highway and Constables. Last year there were no incidents.

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 the 4<sup>th</sup> annual event on July 9, 10 and 11 at Shorefront Park.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for up to two employees of the Village to attend a Certified Pool Operator course at a cost not to exceed \$610.00.

Trustee Hilton stated: After careful consideration, I would like the Board's approval to make a resolution to at the time of the tree dedication to re-name Sephton Street to Unity Place. For the following reason, back in 2009 and after the murder we had in the Village, we as a Board voted 100% for the unity statement that was presented by all of us. It read: "That the Board of Trustees of the Village of Patchogue do hereby resolve that we as Patchogue Village officials recognize the varying views on the current immigration debate declare our commitment to the following principles." Number 4, being we know we cannot change what has happened in the past, but we commit to working together so we can create a positive climate for the future. This resolution has always been in my mind especially this is the second year that we are working together with the Hispanic community and the County government to have a Play for Peace Soccer Tournament which is presented as bringing together teams from all diversities. Through discussion, most of the teams come from a lot of the backyard teams that we have in the Village. There wish is that we do not dwell what happened in the past, but to look forward based on the success of last year's games. They no longer hold us accountable for what happened, but hold us accountable on how we build the future. By us renaming the street will forever put a positive note on that area of which so many others have preferred to hang crape and have vigils. Mr. Mayor, I present that to the board.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Hilton, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to re-name Sephton Street to Unity Place.

Mayor Pontieri stated: I will as the Village Attorney to prepare that resolution.

Deputy Mayor McGiff stated: The Village peddler license will have a per parade fee of \$100 and a package fee of \$300 for four parades and there will be rules for vendors. There will be 10 total issued per parade, including the package permits. If they have no permit, it will be a violation.

Trustee Hilton stated: One of the importances of increasing the fees is that we can dedicate a constable to enforce them. The minimum amount of money brought in for this is \$3,600.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor McGiff, seconded by Trustee Hilton, and unanimously carried, the board set annual

Parade Peddler fee to be \$100 per parade or \$300 for a package of 4 parades.

Trustee Devlin stated: Saturday night at the Theatre was awesome. The Forensics had a huge following. They all appreciated being on the big stage. Trustee Krieger had asked the Arts Council to reach out to their mailing list who donated artwork to be auctioned off for the Alive in the Lobby Haiti Fund Raiser. The artwork of painter John Day is now being displayed. He has traveled all over the United States, he was in the Peace Corps and his artwork is influenced by wilderness. We had a nice reception Wednesday night and had a few new people. Things are going very well for the Arts Council.

Trustee Devlin stated: As far as the CDA, the Shorefront bathroom project is coming along very well. We hope this spring to start the Roe Project in our downtown.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for ABA Sports to use Rider Avenue Complex on Sundays from March 28<sup>th</sup> to December, 13<sup>th</sup>.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved request to hire Tom Murray as Assistant Basketball Instructor.

Upon a request made by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Crean, and unanimously carried, the board approved request for PMSD to use Rider Avenue Complex, Monday-Friday from April to June from 3 to 6 p.m.

Trustee Hilton stated: The ADA Sports usage of Rider Avenue is very profitable.

Trustee Keyes stated: The boiler construction company has filed a 10 notification of asbestos removal at 380 Bay Avenue and should begin the work on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. We had a work-through at 380 Bay on the January 19<sup>th</sup> and there were probably better than 30 contractors there. A lot of them had some questions. The bid opening should be Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and with that many contractors we are hoping to get some good bids as they are bidding against each other. With the warm weather, DPW has had a chance to do some pothole repairs. The street sweeper has been running catching all the salt and sand so as not to get caught up in the catch basins. Lastly, site preparation work has begun on the wastewater treatment plant expansion. The groundbreaking will be on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the board approved request authorizing the Mayor to enter into an easement agreement with the Town of Brookhaven for the installation of a sewer line and related appurtenances along East Main Street.

Mayor Pontieri stated: The Artspace groundbreaking went very well today and it looks like Newsday will be doing something editorials.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Crean, seconded by Deputy Mayor McGiff, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Patricia M. Seal, Village Clerk

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