

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, February 14, 2022 with public viewing through video streaming on YouTube and in person.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Deputy Mayor Krieger and Trustees Brinkman, Carillo, Ferb, Keyes, McHeffey, Village Attorney Egan, Village Treasurer Krawczyk, and Deputy Village Clerk Braile present. Mayor Pontieri and Village Clerk Devlin were absent.

The flag salute was made and the safety message was given.

Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that Mayor Pontieri was absent as he was in Albany.

Deputy Village Clerk Braile asked the Board to approve Board Meeting minutes from January 24, 2022.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Board meeting minutes from January 24, 2022.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated the total bills for the period ending January 24, 2022 were \$695,648.19. The five largest bills were as follows: \$369,000 for Patchogue Ambulance; \$173,019.42 for NYS Employees Health Insurance; \$63,605.75 for PSEGLI; \$50,946.40 for H2M; and \$39,076.62 for Town of Brookhaven.

General	\$ 1,093,588.50
Trust & Agency	\$ 17,637.94
Cap Projects	\$ 70,404.32
Sewer Fund	\$ 78,720.35
B.I.D. Fund	\$ 5,792.21
Housing Fund	\$ 0.00
CDA Fund	\$ 10,104.92
General Bills	\$ 35.00
Totals	\$ 1,276,283.21

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board approved payment of the bills as presented.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk asked the Board to approve a budget transfer.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to transfer \$65,635.16 from surplus to fund the Village's share of the 26 Baker Street property purchase.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk reviewed the cash balances as of January 31, 2022 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 9,504,806.88
Trust and Agency	\$ 219,066.23
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,056,208.21
BID Fund	\$ 90,184.43
	\$11,870,265.75

Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that since he lived on a street that was impacted by the work being done for the sewer connection to St. Joseph he wanted to mention that the contractors were doing a great job. A number of his neighbors had made similar comments.

Jon Ralph from the American Legion stepped forward to discuss the Pauline J. King Memorial Scholarship. He distributed some information to the Board and noted that this new scholarship started by the American Legion would be \$1,000. This scholarship would be awarded to a senior from either Bellport High School or Patchogue-Medford High School who was planning a career in public service. Consideration was being given whether or not to present a \$1,000 scholarship to each school. He indicated that this was a public service announcement in order to get the word out as much as possible to high school seniors planning careers in public service. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to some background information on Pauline King. The

gentleman indicated that Pauline King had served 25 years in the National Guard. She had worked for many years at the Northport VA Medical Center and had been very active in the American Legion's post. Ms. King had served as the adjutant for five years, second Vice Commander, and First Vice Commander. She had passed away in 2021. This scholarship was a way to honor her work, and he believed that this was part of what the Legion should be doing for the community. Deputy Mayor Krieger expressed his appreciation for all the work done by the American Legion for the Village of Patchogue. Trustee Brinkman suggested that he provide this information to the Patchogue-Medford Library as well. He thanked her for this suggestion and noted that he had also been in contact with representatives from each of the high schools.

Dennis Smith reviewed the BID and Special Projects report. Mr. Smith indicated that the BID Board had approved the 2022-2023 BID budget in the amount of \$164,800 at their last meeting. This would provide the funds to support all of the BID's normal activities. These activities included stipends to various organizations such as the Arts Council and hanging baskets throughout the Village. The budget would now be submitted to the Village Board for final approval. Mr. Smith continued by noting that the camera upgrade at the Theatre was mostly completed. One more camera was needed to provide a 360 degree view of the Theatre's lobby. There were now thirty-one views available for inside and outside of the Theatre. Mr. Smith noted that the regular meeting with Johnson Controls was scheduled for the following day. However, work continued on linking the new solar panels at various building including DPW with the electric company. This would reduce the Village's electric bill as well as help the environment. Work would begin shortly on installing solar panels at the Theatre and in that parking lot. The Commercial Refuse Study was continuing and Cahill and Cashin had submitted a report that included various suggestion on how to improve this problem. Mr. Smith indicated that he, Village Attorney Egan, and Senior Building Inspector Sarich would be reviewing the report, and these suggestions which included more lighting, surveillance, a system of summonses/penalties to keep participating carters on task, and a dedicated individual to follow up on the suggested penalties. Mr. Smith continued by noting that the approval from the Army Corps of Engineers for the Shorefront Park project was approximately one month away. He indicated that he would be meeting with VHB, the engineering firm for this project, within the next few weeks to determine a plan to move forward with the remaining available funds. Two new initiatives for improvements to the parks were also under consideration which would be discussed in detail by Trustee Keyes later in the meeting.

Trustee Keyes noted that some concerns had been expressed about delays in certain aspects of the Johnson Controls project, such as installation of the solar carports behind the Theatre, due to nationwide supply issues. However, it seemed like everything was on schedule based on the last meeting with Johnson Controls representatives. Mr. Smith concurred that the materials were all on hand, and work was ready to begin once the weather warmed up. He noted that consideration was being given to having a public event to mark the groundbreaking, especially since this was the first part of the project that would be fully visible to the community. Trustee Ferb indicated that bringing down electricity costs for the Village was a huge benefit. Mr. Smith noted that one of the biggest draws of electricity for the Village occurred at the waste treatment plant, and unfortunately, there was not enough building space to install solar panels that would provide for those needs. Heavy duty machinery that never shut down was in constant use at that location. Consideration was being given to alternative placement of panels around the building to address this issue.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve designating a Fire Zone for the rear of 90 West Main Street.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to designate a Fire Zone for the rear of 90 West Main Street at the recommendation of the Chief Building Inspector/Fire Marshal pursuant to Chapter 205, Article VII of the Village Code.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve waiving all permitting fees in association with the Town of Brookhaven's Living Shoreline project.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to waive all permitting fees in association with the Town of Brookhaven's Living Shoreline project including frees for the following permit applications:

Right-of-Way Opening, Public Sidewalk Encumbrance for Construction Purposes, Sidewalk or Curb and Apron Cutting, Floodplain Development and any other fees associated with the project.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve an out-of-district sewer connection.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for an out-of-district sewer connection for the property located at 33 Atlantic Avenue (The Harbour at Blue Point).

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board for a resolution to ratify prior approval to hire a snow shoveler.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to ratify prior approval to hire Richard DeAlmeida as a snow shoveler for DPW at \$15 per hour.

Trustee Keyes noted that paddleboard meditation was the newest idea that was being considered by the Parks and Recreation Department, possibly for the spring. An instructor would teach participants how to stand steadily on the board. He believed that this would be a success.

Trustee Keyes then congratulated Trustee Brinkman for her participation in the Patchogue Plunge the day before. Trustee Brinkman indicated that it had been her pleasure to represent the Board at a fabulous event in support of the Young Professionals of the Chamber of Commerce. That group did a great service to the community.

Trustee Keyes noted that he and Trustee Carillo had recently met with members of the Latino community to discuss the availability of soccer fields. He felt that the meeting had gone very well, and he believed progress would be made shortly.

Trustee Keyes indicated that the next meeting for the PEP Committee would be on February 24th. Some past ideas that had become stalled would be discussed.

Trustee Keyes noted that the 27th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade was scheduled to be held on March 20th with Dennis Smith finally being able to serve as Grand Marshal. There would also be a St. Patrick's corned beef and cabbage luncheon held at 380 Bay Avenue on that day. More details could be obtained by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at (631) 475-4302. Trustee Keyes indicated that work was progressing on the annual summer brochure, and the women's winter volleyball program had started off well.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve design services for a splash pad park at the Pool and Beach Club. He noted that this idea had been discussed for a couple of years but had been put on hold to see what developed with the Living Shoreline project. The decision had now been made to move forward with funding this project at the pool. This would be a very exciting addition to the Beach Club and had been requested by many members of the community. It would not be in operation for the 2022 season, but hopefully, be ready by 2023. Deputy Mayor Krieger asked Trustee Keyes to explain where this would be located. Trustee Keyes stated that it would be placed between the current pool location and Maiden Lane in the existing grass area and connected to the pool.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to authorize Rimkunas Engineering to perform design services for a splash pad park at the Pool and Beach Club for an amount not to exceed \$63,650.00.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to grant approval to hire Land-Tek Group to completely tear down and rebuild the Tennis and Pickleball Courts at the Four Sisters Complex. Trustee Keyes noted that this had also been discussed previously, and the courts were in definite need. Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that the courts still had the original surface which had been put down many years ago. He believed that the park had been dedicated in the 1950s. Trustee Keyes indicated that this work would benefit Village residents as well as the school district students who used the tennis courts, and all of those who used the pickleball courts as well.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the

Board granted approval to hire Land-Tek Group (government contract) to completely tear down and rebuild the Tennis and Pickleball Courts at the Four Sisters Complex for an amount not to exceed \$389,505.00.

Trustee Brinkman wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to approve the Patchogue Fire Department holding a Car and Truck Show on Main Street.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Patchogue Fire Department to secure a date of May 7, 2022 with a rain date of May 22, 2022, for a Car and Truck Show on Main Street from Maple Avenue to West Avenue, pending approval of a Special Events Permit application.

Trustee Ferb indicated that Marion Russo had asked him to let everyone know that Legislator Thorne had dropped off 400 COVID rapid home test kits to be distributed to Village residents. He expressed his appreciation to Legislator Thorne for his assistance in this area.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to resolve to ratify prior approval to hire an Election Inspector.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to ratify prior approval to hire Joanne Zambito as an Election Inspector for the March 15th election at \$200 for the day.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that the CDA had recently held their February meeting. He noted that, at that meeting, a public hearing had been held to discuss the 2022-2023 Community Development Block Grants budget. Trustee McHeffey offered his congratulations to the members of the CDA Board and the Executive Director for developing a five year plan after taking public input for over six months. He also noted that they had reviewed the federal single audit at that meeting, and there had been no findings which indicated that a great job had been done by the CDA staff, especially Theresa Reilly and Marion Russo.

Trustee McHeffey reviewed the Arts Council report and indicated that on February 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at the Patchogue-Medford Library a Zoom info session would be held called Creatives Rebuilds New York to discuss funding and jobs for New York artists. The library would be open just for this event and participants should enter through the front doors. Trustee McHeffey stated that the annual general meeting of the Arts Council would be held on March 9th at 7:00 p.m. through a Zoom and FaceBook Live. The Arts Council would also be participating in Patchogue Bingo which was a fundraiser being presented by the Patchogue Retail Association. Those interested in participating could stop by MOCA LI to pick up a card.

Trustee McHeffey reviewed the Building and Housing report from January as follows: Building and Housing summonses issued – 2; plumbing permits issued – 6; building permits issued – 14; demo permits issued – 5; rental permits issued – 5; notices of violation – 16; complaints received – 10; Planning Board applications – 3; and ARB applications – 2.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to resolve to ratify prior approval to raise the hourly rate of Amanda Carreras.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to ratify prior approval to raise the hourly rate paid to Amanda Carreras to \$27.34.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to grant approval to hire a part-time records management clerk.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire Amy Russo as a part-time records management clerk for the Community Development Agency at \$15 per hour.

Trustee Carillo indicated that it was great to see diverse attendees at the recent news conference for the Be Seen, Be Safe Program. The program had received approximately 1,300 vests, and

she was aware that Suffolk AME planned to donate approximately 200 more vests. This project had been very successful and was truly community members helping community members. Trustee Carillo expressed her appreciation for the assistance provided by Trustee Keyes with this program. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to how someone would obtain a vest. Trustee Carillo indicated that they could go to the library, a couple of outreach programs, or Village Hall. She also thanked Trustee Brinkman for attending the news conference on behalf of the Board.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve the dates for the Farmers Market for the Long Island Growers Market.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Long Island Growers Market to hold their Farmers Market at the Long Island Railroad parking lot on Sundays, June 11th through October 30th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Trustee Ferb expressed his appreciation for the demolition of four derelict buildings in the Village last week, including two on his block. It was a testament to how far the Village had come with regard to improving blighted properties. The properties were worth investing in due to the flourishing community. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to whether Trustee Ferb knew if these properties would be developed. Trustee Ferb indicated that he was aware that the plans for the property across from him had already been approved by the Building and Housing Department.

Deputy Mayor Krieger if anyone from the public wished to be heard.

Lori Belmonte, 4 Harrison Street, asked how Trustee Brinkman was feeling after the Patchogue Plunge. Trustee Brinkman stated that it had not been as bad as she thought it would be, and she would definitely do it again.

Ms. Belmonte inquired if anyone had recently taken a train out of Patchogue. Village Attorney Egan stated that he had. Ms. Belmonte noted that it used to bother her that the billboard there had K-Mart advertised on it. It was even worse now that it showed Amazon on it. She questioned why it could not say Shop Patchogue instead. Village Attorney Egan stated that the billboard was managed by a private contract and had been there for quite some time. Ms. Belmonte stated that she did not take the train often but had been at the station to pick someone up when she had been surprised to see this sign. Trustee Brinkman inquired if the Chamber of Commerce could get involved. Ms. Belmonte suggested that the Village, BID, and Chamber work together to perhaps get different businesses on there to advertise. Trustee Brinkman suggested that even Welcome to Patchogue would be appropriate. Ms. Belmonte thanked her for her suggestion and reiterated her concern for advertising for Amazon when Main Street businesses were already struggling. Village Attorney Egan stated that the Board knew who the owner was and would bring this matter to the Chamber's attention.

George Cabrana and his sister expressed concerns about the dumpster location in the parking lot near their homes. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to which parking lot. Village Attorney Egan asked for confirmation that they were located on Terry Street. Mr. Cabrana stated that this was correct. Ms. Cabrana stated that it was at the corner of Taylor Lane and Terry Street. Mr. Cabrana indicated that they were experiencing a bad problem with rats now. He had lived there since 1997 and never had this issue prior to two months ago. The dumpster was now much too close to his house. He recently had to sign a contract with a pest control company to deal with the problem. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that in a restaurant town such as Patchogue these types of problems could occur. Village Attorney Egan stated that the Village had an ongoing study occurring regarding commercial refuse collection, locations, and frequency of pickups. This study should be ready for presentation to the public by April. Village Attorney Egan suggested that Trustee McHeffey, as Commission of Building and Housing, speak with Joe Brandi to be sure that there was adequate pest control in the vicinity of the dumpster. Ms. Cabriani expressed concern that the dumpster was closer to her house than to the restaurants which were bringing their garbage there. There were many other locations in the lot where these garbage collection cans could be placed rather than so close to their properties. Village Attorney Egan inquired of Mr. Smith as to whether a change of location for this dumpster had been proposed. Mr. Smith stated that the dumpster in question had been changed to one that was more aesthetically pleasing. However, rats were unacceptable. Trustee Brinkman inquired as to why

the new dumpster had been moved from its original location. Mr. Smith stated that it was moved to free up additional parking spaces and place the dumpsters closer to Terry Street. People had also been living behind the dumpsters and that problem been alleviated by moving them as well. If this was not acceptable, another solution could be found. Village Attorney Egan again suggested that the contractor be contacted with regard to obtaining pest control. Trustee Ferb observed that several years ago there had been a rat problem in the Oak Street parking lot behind Blum's and the Theatre. They had been living in the ground there. They had been eradicated with pest control. Mr. Cabriani stated that he did not know how many restaurants were using this dumpster, but the rats had arrived approximately two months ago. This was right in front of his house, and he was concerned about the smell in the summer. Something needed to be done now. Ms. Cabriani indicated that it was not fair that her brother could not enjoy sitting outside on a summer day. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that the Village was studying the dumpster issues and recognized that this was a problem in the Main Street area. Village Attorney Egan reiterated that Trustee McHeffey would speak with Joe Brandi the next day to be sure that pest eradication would be placed around the dumpster and be sure that this issue would be addressed in the refuse study being conducted. Mr. Cabriani indicated that he had not had any problems with the previous dumpster placement. He also noted that garbage was still placed outside the dumpsters which was also a concern. Trustee Carillo asked if the dumpsters were only for the restaurants. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that they were for all of the commercial buildings. He reiterated that this was a work in progress, but attempts were being made to address the issues with the dumpsters throughout the Village. Mr. Cabriani indicated that he was satisfied that something was being done to deal with the problems.

Dennis Ross, 17 Lager Lane, indicated that they had a similar situation at Riverwalk with previous dumpsters. However, they had changed contractors and gotten a better sealed container that eliminated many of these problems.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Signed _____
Lori Devlin, Village Clerk

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