

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met through video conference on Monday, January 11, 2021.

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

The flag salute was made.

Mayor Pontieri welcomed everyone to the Board meeting.

Mayor Pontieri then expressed that what was seen last week in Washington rendered where people stood politically as irrelevant. This was a country of families who had come here for various reasons. He had watched with a visceral reaction at seeing such an attack from within this country by its own people. Other attacks such as 9/11 and Pearl Harbor had come from foreign countries, but this was different since it had come from within. Mayor Pontieri also noted that this was the first time that he could remember that no one had come out and spoken to the country as had been done in the past with previous incidents including President Bush on 9/11. He stressed that politically where you stood was where you stood, but everyone was in this together and would all come out together. Politics was irrelevant. What was important was who we were as a people and a country individually. It had been hoped that the new year would be better than the old one; however, it had not started out well. Hopefully, the worst was behind and the best would be in front. On a recent phone call with the Long Island Advance, he had been asked about resolutions for the upcoming year. Mayor Pontieri stated that he did not believe in resolutions, but instead he believed in goals. It was easy to forego resolutions, but goals were to be actively attained. In the paper, he had mentioned some simple goals. These included the Board continuing its work with the Chamber and small businesses to give them the opportunity to become stronger and prosper. In addition, he and Deputy Mayor Krieger had been discussing ways to strengthen and bring back the Theatre. He continued by noting the importance of working with the County to be sure that sewers were installed in south Patchogue. Trustee Keyes was working diligently on the Shorefront Park project. Of the five million dollar donation towards park projects, approximately half had been spent on several projects including the Fr. Tortora, Belzak, and Firemen's Memorial Parks. Mayor Pontieri noted that Mr. Smith and Marion Russo were working to use those funds plus money from the state to finish the Shorefront Park project. The Village was looking forward to finishing the project; however, the biggest problem in the upcoming year would be the budget. He indicated that he and Village Treasurer Krawczyk had met earlier to review where the Village was in terms of funding as well as the reserve funds created over the past 16 years in order to protect residents from difficult times such as these. Mayor Pontieri noted that kids were definitely missing activities, so this year, the Recreation Department would be working extra diligently to provide activities that were safe for the youth in the community. Many young families had moved here. He noted that this year would be more difficult than the last few years combined. However, it was the job of the Board to make these things happen. Trustee Ferb was especially helpful with anything budget related. Mayor Pontieri stressed the importance of the legislation being reviewed shortly to provide building and zoning codes that would offer opportunity to those looking to come into the community. He noted that, as the year progressed, he and the Board would make decisions based on what would be best for the families in this community. Mayor Pontieri then wished everyone a happy new year and hoped it would be happy, healthy and populous, especially since he doubted things could get any worse than how it started.

Deputy Village Clerk Braile asked the Board to approve Board Meeting minutes from December 14, 2020.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Board meeting minutes from December 14, 2020.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk wished everyone a happy new year.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated the total bills for the period ending January 11, 2021 were \$1,115,214.64. The five largest bills were as follows: \$255,000.00 for Patchogue FD Ambulance Co.; \$164,670.82 for NYS Municipal Employees; \$54,383.48 for Rosemar; \$23,888.70 for Russell Reid; and \$18,149.14 for Michael Gallo.

General	\$ 919,025.46
Trust & Agency	\$ 39,129.36
Cap Projects	\$ 59,821.40
Sewer Fund	\$ 82,583.88
B.I.D. Fund	\$ 5,568.10
Housing Fund	\$ 0.00
CDA Fund	\$ 8,936.44
General Bills	\$ 150.00
Totals	\$ 1,115,214.64

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

Village Treasurer Krawczyk asked the Board to approve budget transfers.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following budget transfers:

From:

001-1010-0465	Trustees-Conference	1,000.00
001-1110-0465	Court-Conf exp	7,000.00
001-1210-0465	Mayor-Conf exp	2,000.00
001-1410-0200	Vill Clk-Equipt	5,000.00
001-1410-0465	Vill Clk-Conf exp	2,000.00
001-1450-0416	Election-Printing	150.00
001-3620-0465	Bldg-Conference	5,000.00
001-4020-0100	Reg of Vital Stats-Salary	1,500.00
001-5110-0465	Highway-Conference	1,000.00
001-5650-0426	Off St Park-Signs	3,000.00
001-7020-0465	Recreation-Conference	1,000.00
001-7180-0100	Pool-Salaries	21,000.00
001-7180-0414	Pool-Mat&Sup	5,000.00
001-9015-0811	Voluntary Fireman Awards	4,000.00

To:

001-1450-0415	Election-Services	900.00
001-1990-0500	Contingency Acct	35,000.00
001-3622-0200	Safety-Equipment	4,500.00
001-5110-0450	Highway-Misc	1,000.00
001-7140-0200	380 Bay-Equipment	1,000.00
001-7230-0450	Dock-Misc	500.00
001-9050-0805	Unemployment Ins	15,750.00

Village Treasurer Krawczyk then asked the Board to adopt a budget adjustment policy as recommended by Chris Reino from the Village's auditing firm at the last meeting. The only change he recommended was to remove his name as the signatory and state "Village Treasurer" instead since the individual serving in that capacity would change over time.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the budget adjustment policy as follows with the noted change: After budget adjustments are approved by the Board, the appropriate budget adjustment journal entry is entered in the Edmonds accounting software. The transaction is then printed and signed by the Village Treasurer. The signed document is then filed at year end with all the other journal entry documents.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk again wished everyone a happy new year and to be safe.

Deputy Village Clerk Braile read notice of a public hearing as follows: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing will be held on Monday, January 11, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., by video conference, by the Village Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Patchogue, TO AMEND SECTIONS 435-1, 435-21(I), 435-33, and 435-34 OF CHAPTER 435 OF THE

VILLAGE CODE TO REGULATE PARKING FACILITIES IN THE D-2 BUSINESS DISTRICT AND ALL ZONING DISTRICTS, a copy of which proposed local law is on file at the Office of the Village Clerk and may be accessed at the following link: <https://patchogue.novusagenda.com/agendapublic/>. Members of the public may view the public hearing live on the Village's YouTube Channel located at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi4ied6ovclJay2uBK1a7w?view_as=subscriber. Members of the public may participate in the live meeting to ask questions by registering as an "Attendee" for the Zoom Webinar. Please visit www.patchoguevillage.org for specific directions. Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the Village website after the meeting.

Village Attorney Egan thanked Mayor Pontieri for his comments at the beginning of the meeting. He noted that the proposed changes to Section 435 would be an innovative way to regulate and change parking requirements in the D-2 Zone. These changes would not affect the D-3 zone which was the core of Main Street. D-2 properties were generally located just off of the main area. He indicated that parking calculations were the same in the D-2 and D-3 zones; however, the properties located in the D-3 Zone had the possibility of paying a fee in lieu of providing required parking on site due to the accessibility of public parking spaces. These lots were also built on corner to corner since this was a condensed commercial district. Properties located in other zones did not have accessibility to public parking, and properties location in the D-2 and other districts were required to provide for all of their parking needs on site. To a certain extent, this was unfair to D-2 properties located in the areas surrounding the D-3 Zone since they were only slightly more spread out. Those seeking to redevelop such properties often had issues with regard to parking. One proposal that was being considered was to permit these properties to develop underground parking. It would not be a carte blanche permission. Those seeking such permission would need to fulfill all parking calculations. This would address how to balance the need to allow redevelopment when there was not adequate space available for on surface parking and prevent acres of asphalt which were being used less and less with people working from home or using ride share services or public transportation. Underground parking, however, was expensive to develop, and it would be unfair to penalize a property owner for using subterranean or first floor space for parking without providing them with a credit on top of the building. As a result, the proposed legislation would allow a property owner who contained all of the required on-site parking in subterranean or first floor space to add one additional floor on top of the building. A partially submerged parking area would be awarded credit for a full story on top of the structure. The credit would also be provided if the property owner proposed rooftop parking rather than under building parking though this might be more difficult to achieve. The proposed changes also discussed green innovations to parking areas and provided additional guidance to the ZBA and Planning Boards when considering parking development on residential properties. One such proposal, which had been endorsed by the Planning Board, was that where the Code currently required all driveways and parking areas in residential or other zones to be completely paved with asphalt/concrete, the proposal was to allow encouragement of permeable materials such as crushed rock at the discretion of the Planning Board or ZBA. The aprons of such parking areas must still be concrete. Village Attorney Egan stressed that the option for subterranean or partial first floor parking would only be an option in the D-2 Zone and reiterated that all required parking must be located within the site's boundaries. Some other changes to the law provided for adjusted minimum side and front yard setbacks; required adequate planting and tree wells as provided by the Planning Board for green space; and required that ventilation openings and grills must be concealed in an architectural way and not visible from the streets. He reiterated that the changes to residential areas concerned the environmental impact of driveway and parking areas. The major change to the code was in providing a top floor credit for buildings that created parking areas under or on top of the structures which contained all required parking on site without relying on acres of asphalt.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked for confirmation that the parking did not have to be subterranean but could be located on the ground floor of the building. Village Attorney Egan stated that this was correct. The provided parking could be subterranean, partially subterranean or ground floor. Deputy Mayor Krieger asked for confirmation that the addition allowed to the building would not be based on height but on the number of floors permitted for the structure. Village Attorney Egan stated that this was correct. Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that any AC equipment located on the roof should not be considered part of the floor as stated in this proposal. For example, if a building were permitted to have four stories normally, utilizing under building parking would permit it to have five stories instead, even with the AC units on the roof. Village Attorney Egan stated that this was correct. If a structure contained all required parking underground or under the structure,

one credit for an additional story would be awarded. However, even if two stories of parking were provided, the credit would only be for one additional story.

Trustee Ferb inquired if a property could have both subterranean and first floor parking. Village Attorney Egan stated that this was permissible. Trustee Ferb then inquired if the property would receive one or two credits for an additional story. Village Attorney Egan stated that only one credit for an additional story would be provided. Mayor Pontieri and Trustee Devlin concurred that only one credit would be provided for an additional story no matter how many stories utilized parking.

Trustee Devlin indicated that any action which could be taken to prevent the development of large expanses of parking areas was a good thing.

Mayor Pontieri stated that the proposed legislation would be helpful with parking being scarce but there being a need to develop properties surrounding the downtown. Properties might now be available for development which could not accommodate traditional parking but could provide subterranean or ground floor space for parking. Allowing for the addition of an extra story in exchange for this type of parking would allow for more development of properties that could not be developed now.

Mayor Pontieri then asked if anyone wished to comment on the public hearing. Trustee Brinkman stated that she only saw the normal attendees online and asked if anyone in the audience wished to speak for or against the proposed local law. There was no response. Mayor Pontieri then asked for a motion on the proposed local law.

Upon a motion by Trustee Devlin, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to adopt the following local law:

AMENDING SECTIONS 435-1, 435-21(I), 435-33, and 435-34 OF CHAPTER 435
OF THE VILLAGE CODE TO REGULATE PARKING FACILITIES IN THE D-2
BUSINESS DISTRICT AND ALL ZONING DISTRICTS

Be it enacted by the Village Board of the Incorporated Village of Patchogue:

The Code of the Incorporated Village of Patchogue, County of Suffolk, New York, is amended by:

Amending Sections 435-1, 435-21(I), 435-33, and 435-34 of Chapter 435 of the Village Code which shall read as follows:

[New Language]

~~[Language to be Deleted]~~

§ 435-1 Definitions.

PARKING SPACE

The space required for each motor vehicle intended or required to be parked in an off-street parking area. ~~Each "parking space" shall be not less than nine feet wide and 20 feet long, and, in addition thereto, there shall be provided such space as is reasonably necessary for adequate ingress, egress and turning, including an aisle between rows of parking spaces that is no less than 24 feet in width.~~

§ 435-21 D2 Business District.

I. ~~(Reserved)~~ Parking. In the D2 Business District, parking shall be provided as follows.

- (1) Notwithstanding Section 435-32 of the Village Code, whenever any building is erected, enlarged, or the use is changed, off-street parking shall be provided as set forth in Section 435-31 of the Village Code.
- (2) When one story of a primary building is used as under-structure parking or rooftop parking, it shall not count towards the building's maximum height as set forth in this Section. Additional stories used as under-structure parking or rooftop

parking shall count toward the building's maximum height as set forth in this Section.

§ 435-33 Parking sites.

- A.** All parking spaces provided pursuant to this article may be in the open or in private garages, or both, provided that no such parking spaces shall be in the front yard in any use district.
- B.** **All parking spaces shall be a minimum of nine by twenty feet and shall have a twenty-four (24) foot back-up space.**
- C.** **Driveways and Turn-Arounds.**

Driveways and turn-arounds providing access to parking areas shall conform to the following provisions:

1. A driveway for a single-family dwelling shall have a minimum width of nine (9) feet, and a shared driveway serving two-family dwelling shall have a width of twelve (12) feet.

2. Properties with uses other than single-family and two-family dwellings shall be provided with adequate aisles or turn-around areas so that all vehicles may enter the street in a forward manner.

3. Properties with uses other than single-family and two-family dwellings shall be served by a driveway design and constructed to facilitate the flow of traffic on or off the site, with due regard to pedestrian and vehicle safety, and shall be clearly and permanently marked and defined. In no case shall two-way and one-way driveways be less than twenty (20) feet and twelve (12) feet respectively.

D. **Vision Clearance.**

No signs, structures or vegetation in excess of two and one-half (2 1/2) feet in height shall be placed in the vision clearance area. The vision clearance area consists of a triangular area. Two sides of the triangle consist of the lot lines that intersect at the street corner. Each side meets at the street intersection and each side extends to a point along the lot line lying twenty-five (25) feet from the street intersection. The triangle's third side is a line across the corner of the lot joining the other two sides. In the case of an intersection involving an alley and a street, the triangle is formed by a line connecting points ten (10) feet along the alley and twenty-five (25) feet along the street. When the angle of intersection between the street and the alley is less than thirty (30) degrees, the distance shall be twenty-five (25) feet. No signs, structures or vegetation or portion shall be erected within ten (10) feet of driveways unless the same is less than two and one-half (2 1/2) feet in height.

§ 435-34 Construction and maintenance facilities.

All off-street parking spaces, except those provided for one-and two-family dwellings and loading spaces, shall be constructed and maintained in the following manner:

- A.** All parking and loading spaces and the passageways and driveways appurtenant thereto shall be paved with an asphaltic or concrete surface. **Parking lots in residential zones that contain less than 10 spaces may, at the discretion of the Planning Board, be surfaced with a permeable material, such as crushed rock, so long as a concrete, paver, or asphalt apron is used at the point where the driveway or passageway meets the street.**
- B.** The entire parking and loading area shall have adequate and self-contained drainage.
- C.** All underground installations shall have suitable covers or bridges sufficient to support all traffic over the same.

- D. Each parking and loading space shall be clearly marked and delineated and shall have wheel or bumper guards.
- E. Access driveways and passageways shall be marked not only with entrance and exit signs but also with arrows indicating the proper flow of traffic.
- F. The entire parking area shall be fully illuminated at night during the business hours of the premises which it serves.
- G. Concrete curbs and sidewalks shall be provided along all street frontages, except that, in the event that a street is not actually improved, not maintained by any municipality or is not required for present or future use, then such requirement may be waived by the Planning Board.
- H. Paving, curbing, signs, catch basins and any other required work or installation shall fully comply with the Village of Patchogue standard street and public improvement construction specifications.
- I. **In addition the foregoing, the following shall apply to partially subterranean and subterranean parking:**

(1) **Partially subterranean parking.**

- (a) **shall be located within the site boundary and shall provide a minimum setback of five feet in the side and rear property lines, and may extend up to the front property line.**
- (b) **At the front, side, and rear yard setbacks, the parking structure may extend an additional five feet, provided it is configured so that the additional portions meet the same criteria as for fully subterranean parking.**
- (c) **Planting and tree wells shall be provided as specified by the Planning Board.**
- (d) **Ventilation openings and grilles shall be concealed and shall not be visible from the street.**

(2) **Subterranean parking.**

- (a) **Fully subterranean parking shall be located within the site boundary and may extend to all property lines.**
- (b) **A fully subterranean structure not covered by building volume shall be covered by soil with a minimum depth of two feet, recreating the natural grade before construction.**
- (c) **Planting and tree wells shall be provided as specified by the Planning Board.**
- (d) **Ventilation openings and grilles shall be concealed and shall not be visible from the street.**

This Local Law shall take effect immediately.

Dennis Smith reviewed the BID and Special Projects report. He thanked the Mayor for his constant and unwavering leadership. Mr. Smith noted that last year had been rough, and this one had started off tough, but he was hopeful that things would move forward. He indicated that the monthly BID Board meeting would be held the next day via Zoom and thanked Trustee Brinkman for setting it up again. Though they had been meeting in person, the Board felt it best to go back to the Zoom format this month. They would be looking to set up the 2021 budget. Usually, they had a couple of meetings in February to review the upcoming year and to review the proposed summer beautification programs such as flowers and the hanging basket program. Mr. Smith then noted that the First Responders Park was now complete with the final pedestals and plaques installed last week. Trustee Brinkman stated that the park looked great. Mr. Smith thanked her and agreed that it had come out beautifully. Once the final touches, such as removing the snow

fencing, was completed, it would be good to go. DEC approval had been received for the Shorefront Park project and had been forwarded to the Army Corps of Engineers for review. Hopefully, that approval would be received by April so that construction and bid documents could be processed. The boardwalk and engineering costs would need to be contained within the \$5 million budget for this project. Mr. Smith continued by noting that a Zoom meeting with Johnson Controls had been held last week to review what the Village would like to see accomplished and possible renewable energy options. He indicated that Johnson Controls was compiling the complete energy audit which would show how renewable options such as solar panels, solar powered carpools, and switching from oil to natural gas could save the Village funds now and into the future. Savings achieved could also be used to pay for infrastructure improvements such as a new roof over parts of the Theatre. Work could be accomplished in a dollar neutral or zero cost format. Mr. Smith indicated that the proposal would probably be for a 25 year program and noted that an RFP had been sent out to various banks to determine the best available rates. This was due back the next day. He stated that he would be meeting with the Johnson Control representative withing the next week to ten days to review the formal proposal prior to it being presented before the entire Board and public at the January 25th meeting.

Trustee Keyes inquired if the January 14th meeting with Johnson Controls to review some issues had been finalized yet. Mr. Smith said it had not been. He would touch base with him the next day. He noted that it was important to prepare for the January 25th meeting so that the entire Board would be able to see available options, potential for revenue to be generated, and funds that would be saved for future generations. The public would also be given the chance, at that time, to see the proposals that the Board would be considering. Trustee Keyes felt that there would be many great ideas presented for review. Mr. Smith indicated that he was sure that the Board and their constituency would be happy with the proposals. Mayor Pontieri expressed his appreciation for all of Trustee Keyes hard work on green initiatives over the last four to five years. He felt that the Village was moving in the direction to receive a lot of future benefits thanks especially to the efforts of Trustee Keyes and Mr. Smith. Many of these proposals would not have been taken as seriously without the efforts of the PEP Committee in making the community much more aware of the benefits of these initiatives. Mayor Pontieri also added that he believed these types of actions were important to many of the young families who had moved here. He looked forward to hearing the final report and noted that this was exciting news for the community.

David Kennedy reviewed the Chamber of Commerce report. He wished everyone a happy new year and thanked Mayor Pontieri for his great opening statement. In recognizing these troubled times, he indicated that he felt it was more important to focus on those things in which all were in agreement rather than focus on differences. Mr. Kennedy expressed hope that what happened in Washington would not happen again and that everyone could focus on agreements. He noted that Patchogue was a great example of how things could get done in spite of individuals' political backgrounds. Mr. Kennedy stated that he was proud to be part of a community that could work together and expressed his thanks to the Mayor and Board for all they did. He also thanked the Village for their willingness to work with the Chamber to support small businesses to ensure that they were able to keep moving forward through this difficult period as they had always done during his years with the Chamber. Mayor Pontieri stated that he believed that Mr. Kennedy had built the infrastructure within the Chamber to allow it to respond quickly to the changes that had been occurring. He felt that Mr. Kennedy had worked to position the Chamber for a strong recovery so that when the pandemic and angst were over, people would want to return to the Village's restaurants and retail establishments. Mr. Kennedy stated that he agreed and fully expected Patchogue to pick right up where it had left off. He felt that most of the Village's businesses were ahead of the curve in finding creative ways to promote themselves, had held on, and expected to continue through the new year. Mr. Kennedy also thanked the Village for supporting events sponsored by the Chamber. Even though Midnight on Main had not occurred in the usual way, a nice program had been held which shared positive messaging with the community and celebrated the new year. Mr. Kennedy continued by noting that he realized that planning events for the upcoming year was still questionable. However, the Chamber depended a lot on street events with the support of the Village. There were still many questions as to how or if any of these events could be scheduled; however, he would like to reserve the dates as normal so that planning could begin. The dates presented this evening mirrored what had been done in the past. He knew that many changes would probably occur before any of these could be held but at least having approved date would allow discussions to begin. Much had been learned from last year, and it would now be possible to create a Plan B for events based on County and State requirements when necessary. He looked forward to starting the planning process. Mr. Kennedy then noted that the Alive After

Five dates were included in this request and asked that Jacqueline Routh, chair of the event, speak to the Board.

Ms. Routh thanked everyone for the opportunity to speak and also thanked the Board for promoting the wearing of masks on Main Street. The signs put in place by the Village did work. She continued by noting that though she believed that this year would still not be normal Alive After Five would be celebrating its 20th year, and the Chamber would like to organize events that would be safe and enjoyable. Conversations had already started as to what could be done to continue the event in a workable, safe way which would bring economic stimulus to the downtown. Mr. Kennedy reviewed the various dates being presented. He noted that the St. Patrick's Day Parade had been approved at the last meeting, but he appreciated that the likelihood of that event occurring in March was slim. However, the Chamber was working on a Plan B which would include a cultural heritage weekend in September from Friday through Sunday. This would combine the Hispanic heritage event normally held at the Theatre with the St. Liberata festival along with the St. Patrick's Day celebration. This would be a cultural heritage celebration which had never been celebrated in this manner previously. Mr. Kennedy repeated that he was requesting approval for the usual dates for events with the full knowledge that changes might be needed. Trustee Ferb wished everyone a happy new year and reviewed the requested dates for events. He noted that the Board would be approving the dates but not the events. Trustee Ferb stated that he agreed with Mr. Kennedy that changes would probably need to be made moving forward due to much uncertainty. However, he felt that approving the dates made sense to allow for planning to begin. Mr. Kennedy stated that he was committed to celebrating St. Patrick's Day sometime in 2021 in order to honor Mr. Smith as grand marshal. A cultural heritage celebration might present a unique opportunity to do so.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked for confirmation that the Chamber would be coordinating with Jim Fath for the Great South Bay Music Festival. Mr. Kennedy stated that this would be done and indicated that he believed that Mr. Fath had already announced that the festival was scheduled to be held from July 13th through July 16th but would be adjusted accordingly if needed. Mayor Pontieri concurred that these were the proposed dates. However, if changes needed to be made, they might move the event to the fall. He felt that it was appropriate to approve these dates now and discuss the events as they came closer based on guidance received from the state and county.

Trustee Ferb complimented the Chamber for what it had accomplished last year. He noted that the MOCA Lights show, in particular, was sensational. It was really creative and had kept people coming into the community. Mr. Kennedy agreed and indicated that the MOCA Lights was a wonderful event to have come out of a bad year. The Chamber was working with the Patchogue Arts Council to try and make this a permanent Patchogue event, and he hoped to be able to incorporate this concept with other events. Mr. Kennedy stressed that he could not thank the Arts Council enough for coming up with something that made Patchogue stand out from other communities during this difficult time. He noted that he also felt that the Sunday in the Street dining had created a café feel in the community, and he hoped that this could be built upon for next year. Mr. Kennedy indicated that he would like to discuss this in more detail with the Board. He observed that many might not know that Lee Koppelman had made a presentation in 1979 recommending that Main Street be permanently closed and used as a pedestrian mall. While this might not be practical permanently, perhaps it could be done more regularly during warmer months. Europe used outdoor space like this. He would like to be ready and capable to do grander events this summer while still following social guideline edicts.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve various dates for Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce events.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following dates for Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce events:

Sunday, March 21st: St Patrick's Day Parade & 5K, Main Street closed from Route 112 to West Avenue, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Thursday, July 8th, July 22nd, August 5th, August 19th, August 29th (rain date): Alive After Five: Road closure include Main Street from Maple Avenue to West Avenue; Ocean Avenue from Church Street to Oak Street 3:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Wednesday, July 7th through Saturday July 12th: Carnival Days Sidewalk Sales, No Road Closures. Use of sidewalks for businesses

Thursday, August 12th through Saturday, August 14th: Sidewalk Sale Days (no road closures)

Friday, August 13th: Family Fun Night (rain date August 27th); Road Closure; East Main Street, Maple Avenue to West Avenue, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Saturday, September 12th: St. Liberata Festival (rain date September 26th) Road Closure: Main Street, Maple Avenue to West Avenue & Ocean Avenue, Church Street to Oak Street, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday, October 16th: Fall Festival (rain date October 23rd) Road Closure: Main Street, Maple Avenue to West Avenue, Ocean Avenue, Church Street to Oak Street, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Thursday, December 9th: Alive After Five Winter Wonderland (rain date December 16th) Road Closure: East Main Street, Maple Avenue to Ocean Avenue, 4 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, December 31st: Midnight on Main Street. Road Closure West Main Street, Ocean Avenue to River Avenue; West Avenue, South Street to Main Street; Waverly Avenue Spur Lake Street to 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Waverly Avenue Spur, Traffic Circle to Lake Street, 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Kennedy continued by noting that since the elves had left town with the new year, Cupid might be making some appearances around the Village for Valentine's Day. Cupid would be appearing at different locations to highlight different businesses with special deals. The "Patchogue is Open" campaign would be continuing. Mr. Kennedy indicated that the original partnership with the BID had set the Village's social media on fire tripling web site and social media traffic throughout the pandemic and established a place to go to obtain important community information. He noted that "Patchogue is.." would be used to highlight various areas throughout the year including food, retail, the waterfront, etc. There was a lot to look forward to in spite of the difficult times, and he was looking forward to continuing to work with the Board. Trustee Ferb inquired as to the number of views the web site/social media sites had received. Trustee Kennedy stated that he did not have the exact numbers available but knew that they were triple where they were a year ago. It was great to see that various areas were feeding off each other. The "Elfing Around Patchogue" had been a great success, and he fully expected that Cupid would continue to grow it. In addition, a recently published article had highlighted the use of igloos and other creative ways outdoor spaces were being used. He enjoyed seeing this type of engagement and thanked the BID for providing the initial funding for this project. It had opened many eyes as to the potential for using this platform to reach the public. Mayor Pontieri indicated that his wife told him all the time how impressed she was with the Chamber's online presence. He expressed his appreciation for Mr. Kennedy's and Ms. Routh's energy and great ideas for moving the Chamber's events forward.

Deputy Mayor Krieger wished everyone a happy new year.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to accept the resignation of a Public Safety Officer.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the resignation of Public Safety Officer Liam Moloney, with regrets.

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Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the resignation of Public Safety Officer Jon Pross, with regrets.

Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that Public Safety Officers normally resigned when they obtained a full time position somewhere else, generally in law enforcement.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to ratify prior approval to hire part-time Village Greeters. Mayor Pontieri noted that these individuals would welcome individuals as they entered Village Hall and direct them appropriately.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to ratify prior approval to hire Meghan Braile and Stephania Teran as part time Village Greeters at \$15 per hour.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to ratify prior approval to hire a Village Greeter on an as needed basis.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to ratify prior approval to hire Krista Ruggerio as a Village Greeter at \$15 per hour on an as needed basis.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to ratify prior approval to increase the salary of an Office Clerk.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to ratify prior approval to increase Hanna Auer's salary as Office Clerk to \$16 per hour.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve hiring a part-time Dispatcher.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved hiring Timothy Bigotti as a part time dispatcher at the rate of \$20 per hour.

Trustee Keyes wished everyone a happy new year.

Trustee Keyes noted that he had a couple of firsts to announce this evening. One was that he was not wearing a tie for the first time in his serving on the Board, and the second was that he had no report. Mayor Pontieri asked if he could review Trustee Felice's items.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve re-hiring Michael DeStefano as a sewer plant assistant for a maximum of 20 hours per week. Mayor Pontieri indicated that Mr. DeStefano had recently retired and would be used as a substitute whenever the sewer plant required additional staff due to vacations or sick leaves. He noted that a certain number of staff were required in the plant at all times by law.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to re-hire Michael DeStefano as a sewer plant assistant for a maximum of 20 hours a week at a rate of \$30 per hour starting January 12th.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to grant the request for conceptual approval of out-of-district sewer connection.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted Holzmacher's/G4c request for conceptual approval for an Out-of-District sewer connection at 365-369 East Main Street for the purpose of building a 42 unit apartment building. This application falls within the Brookhaven Sewer Improvement Area #1.

Mayor Pontieri indicated that this was part of the sewer district extension down Main Street to Phyllis Drive. He noted that the Village would split the key money with the Town.

Trustee Devlin indicated that the Patchogue Arts Council had requested sketches from artists who had created works representing the bay and downtown area. These would then be brought before the Board for their opinion for banners to be created for Main Street. She continued by noting that the Arts Council had been rather quiet after the excitement of the MOCA Lights events. Trustee Devlin then indicated that the next exhibit could be viewed by appointment only. This action had been taken due to the rise in cases. It was not safe to have the gallery open to the public especially for the sake of the volunteers.

Trustee Devlin noted that the Zoning and Planning Boards continued to hold meetings online through Zoom. She stated that a meeting on the Cornerstone application would be held shortly. Information concerning that meeting was scheduled to be listed online by January 14th. She noted

that people would be able to use Zoom to come in and view the hearing. No commentary would be permitted at the first meeting. Only the applicant would be making the presentation. The community would be able to submit comments at subsequent meetings. Trustee Brinkman noted that this meeting would be livestreamed on YouTube as well as Zoom. Trustee Devlin stated that the meeting would be available to view at a later time should an interested individual not be able to view it live. She felt that this would be a good way to make the application available to the public while avoiding crowds.

Trustee Brinkman wished everyone a happy new year.

Trustee Brinkman noted that all was going well with the Zoning and Planning Board meetings on Zoom. She indicated that the Village was building a great library of videos available for viewing on its YouTube channel. Trustee Brinkman indicated that information was available on the Village's web site on how meetings could be viewed. She reiterated that information on the Cornerstone application meeting would be posted there shortly.

Trustee Brinkman indicated that the recent CDA meeting had gone very well. They had received great news with their review of the audit. Things continued to move along nicely with the CDA.

Mayor Pontieri inquired if anyone else wished to speak at tonight's meeting. Trustee Brinkman stated that she did not see any other participants in the meeting wishing to speak or ask questions on Zoom or YouTube.

Mayor Pontieri then thanked all who had joined the meeting online, wished everyone a happy new year, and expressed hope in looking forward to better times.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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Signed _____
Valerie Braile, Deputy Village Clerk