

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, February 28, 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, Assistant Village Attorney Bianco, Village Clerk Devlin, and Deputy Village Clerk Braile present. Mayor Pontieri, Village Attorney Egan, and Village Treasurer Krawczyk were absent.

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

Village Clerk Devlin asked the Board to approve Board Meeting minutes from February 14, 2022.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Board meeting minutes from February 14, 2022.

Village Clerk Devlin stated the total bills for the period ending February 28, 2022 were \$453,870.21. The five largest bills were as follows: \$33,175.00 for H2M; \$31,292.80 for Russell Reid; \$25,865.61 for Tien Ho So; \$23,221.00 for Devo, and \$20,142.80 for Ed Cork & Sons.

General	\$ 284,669.88
Trust & Agency	\$ 90,612.74
Cap Projects	\$ 7,665.60
Sewer Fund	\$ 57,862.33
B.I.D. Fund	\$ 4,079.65
Housing Fund	\$ 0.00
CDA Fund	\$ 4,885.01
General Bills	\$ 4,095.00
Totals	\$ 453,870.21

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

David Kennedy reviewed the Chamber of Commerce report. Mr. Kennedy expressed excitement to be moving forward with activities after the past couple of years. He noted that the St. Patrick's season had been kicked off with a fundraiser the previous day for the Greater Patchogue Foundation. They had another chance to celebrate Dennis Smith, the longest tenured Grand Marshal for the St. Patrick's Parade, which was scheduled to be held on Sunday, March 20th, with the parade to be preceded by the May the Road Rise to Meet Ye race. Anyone wishing to register to take part in the race could do so at Patchogue.com. Mr. Kennedy noted that the Patchogue Fire Department would also be hosting a St. Patrick's breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the parade at the Jennings Avenue firehouse. He indicated that a spirited Irish soda bread contest had taken place at the fundraiser with James Joyce being chosen as the winner this year. Mr. Kennedy noted that this past February, the retail association had run the Patchogue Bingo promotion with various prizes and promotions offered. It had gone so well, that the promotion was going to run again in March. He invited anyone who had not yet participated to do so, as well as anyone who still had their cards from February. There were some great prizes offered, and those who filled their cards would be entered in a raffle to win one of the biggest prizes the Chamber had ever offered. He encouraged everyone to get out there and do some shopping to fill up their cards. Mr. Kennedy continued by noting that summer season planning was now under way, and he was looking forward to a much busier season than had happened over the past couple of years. The largest event being planned was Alive After Five. It was one of the largest events that occurred on Long Island, and he was hopeful that it would return this year. He noted that he had submitted proposed dates and street closures for the event for the Board's review. These were only preliminary and for planning purposes. Mr. Kennedy acknowledged that there was still many discussions and permits which needed to be had and obtained. While the restaurant owners would like to stage events exactly as had been done in the past, he realized that there were problems in the past which would need to be addressed. He hoped that cooperation with all involved parties would result in an event that everyone could enjoy. Mr. Kennedy noted that he had also been meeting with Trustee Carillo to discuss ways in which Hispanic/Ecuadorian elements could be added to the event which would respect these

members of the community.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve holding dates and times for the Alive After Five Music Festival and Street Fair.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hold the following dates and times for the Alive After Five Musical Festival and Street Fair: Thursday, July 14; Thursday, July 28; Thursday, August 11; Thursday, August 25 (Rain Date: Thursday, September 1) from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. with street closures from 3:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. on Main Street from Maple Avenue to West Avenue and South/North Ocean Avenue from Church Street to Oak Street, pending approval of a Special Events Permit Application.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve expenditures with LK McLean Associates, P.C. on design for the reconstruction and expansion of an existing municipal parking lot.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to expend \$63,700 with LK McLean Associates, P.C. on design for the reconstruction and expansion of the existing municipal parking lot located behind the S.C. 6th District Court, located at 150 W. Main Street as detailed in the proposal of April 6, 2021, approved by the Board of Trustees at the meeting of August 23, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve expenditures with LK McLean Associates, P.C. for additional services related to the design for the reconstruction and expansion of an existing municipal parking lot.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to expend \$17,613.60 with LK McLean Associates, P.C. for additional services related to the design for the reconstruction and expansion of the existing municipal parking lot located behind the S.C. 6th District Court, located at 150 W. Main Street summary of tasks approved by the Board of Trustees at the meeting of February 14, 2022.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve an out-of-district sewer connection. He noted that this was an interesting request because a new sewer line had just been run up Central Avenue to provided services for the new St. Joseph's College Student Center.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for an out-of-district sewer connection for the property located at 101 Central Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to set a public hearing to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in general municipal law 3-C.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board set a public hearing to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in general municipal law 3-C for March 14, 2021.

Trustee Keyes indicated that the PEP Committee had recently met to discuss various ideas including a pollinator garden and bike fix-it stations to encourage more people to ride bicycles. He noted that Trustee McHeffey was the liaison to the CDA, and many of the projects that the PEP Committee was discussing were also ones that the CDA might like to be involved in. Trustee Keyes noted that there were several bike trails and racks throughout the Village, and there were many locations that could be considered for these fix-it stations. Trustee Ferb inquired as to the possible location of a pollinator garden. Trustee Keyes indicated that several areas were being considered. Trustee Ferb inquired if they had spoken with a liaison to the Garden Club. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that Paula Murphy was always available for any questions the committee might have. Trustee Keyes noted that consideration was being given to the community's participation in a region wide Earth Day celebration, and Trustee McHeffey would speak about that later in the evening.

Trustee Keyes stated that a meeting was scheduled for the upcoming Wednesday with the

engineers designing the splash pad for the Beach Club. He was excited that this was going to move forward. Once the conceptual design was completed, the Village could seek bids for the project. Hopefully, it would be completed for Summer 2023. Deputy Mayor Krieger asked for confirmation that the project was called a splash pad. Trustee Keyes stated that it could be called a splash pad, spray park, or anything similar. The concept was the same. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to when proposed construction would start. Trustee Keyes noted that he hoped it would be completed for the Summer 2023 season.

Trustee Keyes indicated that by the end of the week Johnson Controls would begin core drilling and construction work on the carport to be located behind the Theatre. This would be the first part of the Johnson Controls project that was completely visible to the public. It was anticipated that the solar carports would increase revenue to the Village by approximately \$32,000 per year. Trustee Keyes stated that the Johnson Controls project had been very successful so far in providing savings to the Village. In spite of recent worries about material supplies, everything that was needed had arrived based on his recent conversation with the project manager. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired if these carports would be similar to those located at the Bethpage Ballpark. Trustee Keyes indicated that they would be similar. Trustee Ferb noted that the new streetlights were fantastic. Trustee Keyes indicated that he had even received some complaints that the lights were too bright. He noted that anyone who thought a light near their home was too bright should contact the Village Clerk. The light might need to be adjusted, and Johnson Controls could do so. The buildings which were seeing the most benefit now were Village Hall and the DPW yard, but he was hopeful that something could be done to address issues at the wastewater treatment plant. That was the biggest power expense the Village had.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve a 5K run at Shorefront Park.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Economic Opportunity Council of Suffolk to hold their 5K for Fighters run at Shorefront Park on October 8th with a 6:00 a.m. setup and 9:00 a.m. race start.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to accept the resignation of Carter Biggs from the Planning Board with regrets. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that Mr. Biggs had been a neighbor and friend for a long time and had served the Village well for many years. He was sorry to see him leave the Planning Board.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Deputy Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the resignation of Carter Biggs from the Planning Board with regrets.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to approve an application for a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grant. Deputy Mayor Krieger asked for confirmation that this was a non-matching grant. Trustee Brinkman stated that this was correct and indicated that there would be no cost to the Village for the grant. It would provide funding to further the Village's record management program under the leadership of Village Clerk Devlin and provide the means to organize records to simplify access to them. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to where the records were currently stored. Trustee Brinkman indicated that they were in a variety of locations but mostly in the basement of Village Hall. She noted that the New York State Archives had adopted a system that the Village was working towards, and this grant would help to move them forward in determining which records needed to be kept, which could be destroyed, and better ways to organize those that were kept. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to approximately how many years' worth of records were stored. Trustee Brinkman stated that the Village was incorporated in 1893, so it was possible to have records dating that far into the past. Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that this was quite a big job. Trustee Brinkman agreed and noted that the Clerk's Office records would be the first to be reviewed, followed by the Building Department, and then on from there. She also noted that it was a very important task to organize these records in order to make them more easily accessible when requested and cut down on staff time needed to find them.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to apply for a Local Government Records Management Improvement Fund (LGRMIF) Grant through the New York State Archives in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that the Tree Committee had been awarded a \$1,000 Quick Start Grant from the Urban Forestry Council. He noted that Village Clerk Devlin had applied for the grant. These funds would be used for an Arbor Day celebration and to start the Village's tree planting process. As Trustee Keyes had mentioned earlier, he and Regina Bykov, representative of the PEP Committee, had been meeting to discuss 511 Rideshare's plans to run an Earth Month Planning Committee which would be a coordinated effort between municipalities, universities, and other organizations to share best practices and ideas for the month of April. One idea might be to coordinate the Village's Spring Clean Up with the Town of Brookhaven's Spring Clean Up to get more people involved.

Trustee McHeffey stated that the CDA's next meeting would be held on Thursday, March 3rd, at 6:30 p.m.

Trustee McHeffey continued by noting that the Art Council's Annual General Meeting and Virtual Press Conference would be held on March 9th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom and Facebook Live. This Wednesday, March 2nd, at 7:00 p.m., there would be an ideas sessions for Creators Rebuild New York in which artists had the opportunity to share ideas and collaborate. Interested artists and organizations could email information to patchoguearts.org. Additional information could be found on the Arts Council's Facebook page. Trustee McHeffey then noted that the Arts Council and MOCA LI were presenting a special pop up exhibition and fundraising event called Endling Passages which was an effort to highlight rare seeds that were the last of their kind and how ordinary people could reverse the extinction trend. This exhibition would take place from March 4th through March 6th.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to approve waiving a building permit fee. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that he had been dealing with the lighting situation with the Knights of Columbus Hall for quite some time, and it was nice to see them plan to move forward with improving the parking lot.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to waive the building permit fee for Monseigneur Corp., owner of the Patchogue Knights of Columbus Hall, for the installation of a parking lot lighting system.

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

Mark Siegel, Blums, inquired as to how many carports would be installed behind the Theatre. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that they would be located behind the church rather than directly behind the Theatre.

Mr. Siegel then expressed concern that he had received notification that graffiti had to be removed off the wall of his building by Wednesday. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to where the graffiti was located. Mr. Siegel stated that it was on the west side of the building in the alleyway. However, the material he had purchased to cover the graffiti could not be used in the cold, wind or rain. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to who had told him it had to be done by Wednesday. Mr. Siegel stated that it was on the notification letter. Village Clerk Devlin stated that there was a time frame that the Building Department required. However, if it was too cold to use the repair material, she suggested Mr. Siegel contact the Village Clerk's Office.

Mr. Siegel then inquired as to why the roadway that had been repaired on Waverly Avenue had not been done nicely. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that it had been too cold to do so. Once the weather improved, it would be fixed.

Michael Tesoriero, 41 Lake Shore Drive, stepped forward and expressed concern about the "No Parking" signs which were scheduled to be installed at the dead end area of the street close to his property. He noted that there were no other such signs nearby, and the roads adjacent to this street were actually narrower. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to why the notice of violation was addressed to Mr. McLean rather than to him. The gentleman stated that this impacted him as well as Mr. McLean. Assistant Village Attorney Bianco stated that the Village Code was clear in indicating that commercial vehicles could not be parked on residential roadways which also included any type of trailer. Mr. Tesoriero inquired if this included personal vehicles. Village Clerk Devlin stated that Highway Superintendent Dean was researching to determine if this area had been adopted as a "No Parking" zone by the Village Board. Mr. Tesoriero

reiterated that there were no “No Parking” signs on any other dead end area around the lake. Village Clerk Devlin repeated that this would be researched. Mr. Tesoriero indicated that he did not want to be singled out. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that should not be the case and reiterated that the matter would be researched. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that the notice of violation which had been received concerned a trailer which had nothing to do with “No Parking” signs. Deputy Mayor Krieger concurred that the trailer would need to be removed.

Richard McLean, 47 Lakeshore Drive, indicated that he had experienced problems with the previous tenants of the house now owned by Mr. Tesoriero. He had lived at this address for 22 years and had been parking in the area in question with no problem. Mr. McLean indicated that a representative of the Village had knocked on his door earlier in the day to inform him that “No Parking” signs would be installed the next day and had received a notice of violation for the trailer being parked there. He did not dispute the issue with the trailer and had found somewhere else to put it. However, he did have concerns that another neighbor had threatened to take away his parking area, and now the Village was planning on installing “No Parking” signs. Mr. McLean indicated that the last time he had appeared before the Board was to discuss an issue with this neighbor’s fence. He and his children had been verbally abused by this individual on a regular basis. There were probably at least 50 police reports that had been filed by him against this individual over the years. Mr. McLean stated that preventing him and his neighbor from parking at the end of the street would clog up space in front of their houses which would make a narrow street even more narrow. Village Clerk Devlin inquired as to where the DPW staff would be placing the “No Parking” signs the next day. Mr. McLean stated that they would be installed at the dead end of Lakeshore Drive and East 4th Street. He repeated that he had lived in his home for 22 years and the prior resident of Mr. Tesoriero’s house had called the Village numerous times, so the Village had put up “No Parking” signs for 2 years. The signs then disappeared one day. Village Clerk Devlin inquired as to where they had gone. Mr. McLean stated that he had no idea where they went, but that had happened 10 years ago. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that the Board at that time would have to have adopted a resolution designating this area as “No Parking”. This resolution would need to be rescinded to prevent the installation of these signs. Trustee Keyes inquired how often people parked in this area. Mr. McLean stated that it was a dead end street that no one used, so parking was done there every day. The only individual who had a problem was the woman who lived across the street from him and had told him that she wanted to be able to see the lake from her house. In addition, she had a storage pod on her property for several years. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that research would be done about this issue. Trustee Ferb indicated that the residence in question had received a 30 day notice, which was scheduled to expire shortly, to remove the pod from her property.

Dennis Ross, 17 Lager Lane, stated that he had received notification that a few of his signs had been improperly placed. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that he had not seen any signs nor did he believe it was proper to be discussing this issue at a Board meeting. He suggested that he address his questions to the Village Attorney. Mr. Ross apologized if his volunteers had been overzealous, and he would respect the rules. However, the appropriate permits for the signs had been filed.

John Bogack, Noxon Street, inquired as to the status of the sewer project in South Patchogue. Village Clerk Devlin stated that \$22 million in funding had been received from the state and a plan on how these funds would be expended had been agreed upon. The next step was for H2M to put a bid out. Once the average price per household was determined, the prioritized list of homes to be hooked up into the system would be reviewed and a decision made as to how many of those homes could be done based on the available funding. With inflation and a smaller sum of funding than had been anticipated, this would need to be a phased project. The homes in Phase I would be those which had been determined to have the highest water table and most likely to have the highest impacts on the nitrogen level in local water ways, as well as those homes which were easiest to be hooked into the existing infrastructure. This determination process would be taking place over the next several months. Mr. Bogack asked for confirmation that the originally proposed 500 homes would not be able to be achieved. Village Clerk Devlin stated that it would be highly unlikely. Mr. Bogack asked if there would be a Phase II for this project. Village Clerk Devlin stated that there would be once more grant funding was secured. She noted that the original funding had not disappeared at the Village level but from a higher level. The funding had been in place and then diverted to other projects. Deputy Mayor Krieger assured him that the Village was committed to the project. Mr. Bogack asked for confirmation that any work was still months away. Deputy Mayor Krieger agreed that this was correct.

Village Clerk Devlin noted that the review process would probably take some time, but bids were going to be sought soon.

Mr. Bogack inquired as to when the budget hearing would be held. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that the budget hearing was scheduled to be held shortly. Mr. Bogack inquired if a proposed budget had been put together yet. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that he had not seen it yet.

Mr. Bogack expressed hope that the archive project would involve digitizing records. He noted that he had a lot of experience contacting Code Enforcement about issues with the Off Key Tiki, and since records were not digital, it took time to research past problems with this property. Sometimes issues also involved Planning and Zoning Board records which were often hard to reference. Village Clerk Devlin stated that digitization was different from the proposed project which involved records management. She noted that the Village was working with New York State Archives to prioritize which records should be digitized first as it was an expensive project. Village Clerk Devlin noted that the historical minutes would be done first since having the ability to search the minutes would make it easier to find related documents. These included Board minutes and then Planning and Zoning minutes. Trustee Brinkman noted that they would be fully indexed as well. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that they would be placed on laser fiche which was highly searchable with key words. The next documents to be digitized would be resolutions. However, the cost to digitize all of the records in Village Hall would be hundreds of thousands of dollars. This was why they were working with New York State Archives to prioritize the most important documents. Mr. Bogack inquired as to the cost to install computers in the Code Enforcement vehicles. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that he did not know what that figure would be. Trustee Brinkman stated that it was not just the cost of the computers for the cars but also the cost of the system to support them. There would also be an annual fee for the subscription to maintain the software. Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that many municipalities were going through a similar struggle in digitizing files. The Town of Brookhaven had just started with their records. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that the Town was making it more affordable for local municipalities to purchase mini licenses for the laser fiche software since it was cost prohibitive for the Village to purchase their own license, so she was also working with the Town's staff on this project. Mr. Bogack inquired as to the cost of the license fee from the Town. Village Clerk Devlin stated that the initial cost was approximately \$25,000 with an annual fee of \$8,000.

Mr. Bogack suggested that noise license fees be raised for businesses. He noted that these licenses allowed businesses to make enormous sums of money by paying pennies. The fee structures should be reviewed. He felt that the license should be at least a thousand dollars and not hundreds. This would allow the Village to raise funds for other projects such as digitizing records. Many of these businesses generated millions of dollars, and they benefitted from the infrastructure provided by the Village.

Trustee Ferb complimented Village Clerk Devlin and Trustee McHeffey for their work with the Arts Council. The gallery was amazing in providing high quality exhibits.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Signed _____
Lori Devlin, Village Clerk