

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, March 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 Clerk Devlin, and Deputy Village Clerk Braile present. Mayor Pontieri 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 28, 2022.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Board meeting minutes from February 28, 2022.

Village Clerk Devlin stated the total bills for the period ending March 14, 2022 were \$ 753,513.57 The five largest bills were as follows: NYS Health Insurance \$178,052.12, Pilger Skidmore \$107,237.64, NYS Workers Compensation Insurance \$94,005.00. PSEGLI \$36896.27, GP Jager \$34,268.25 for a total of \$450,459.28. Cash balances as of February 28, 2022:

General	\$8,453,090.80
Trust & Agency	\$137,636.64
Cap Projects	\$
Sewer Fund	\$194,0372.94
B.I.D. Fund	\$83,592.52
Housing Fund	\$
CDA Fund	\$
General Bills	\$
Totals	\$10,614,693.90

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

Village Clerk Devlin read notice of a public hearing to authorize a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C.

Village Attorney Egan stated that the Village had done this for many years, and this would provide the authorization for the Village Treasurer to exceed the described tax limit, if necessary. It would provide the Village with greater flexibility with regard to the budget process.

Trustee Ferb asked Village Attorney Egan for a description of what would occur if the tax cap were exceeded without this authorization. Village Attorney Egan indicated that if this authorization was not passed and the tax cap was exceeded, either by a slight miscalculation by the Treasurer's Office or the tax cap rate as calculated by the New York State Comptroller's Office, the Village budget could revert to a contingency budget which would be last year's budget less 10% of a penalty. Adopting this resolution provides protection to the Village should any miscalculations occur, especially at the state level. Deputy Mayor Krieger asked for confirmation that this would protect the Village should a simple math error occur. Village Attorney Egan stated that this was correct.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked if anyone from the public wished to comment on the public hearing. There was no response.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the following resolution:

Dennis Smith reviewed the BID and special projects report. Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that Mr. Smith would soon, finally, be serving as Grand Marshal for the St. Patrick's Parade. He had held that title for the longest period over any other individual who had served in that position. Mr. Smith indicated that the BID was working on summer preparation plans including growing

the hanging baskets and garden maintenance. He noted that the plantings in the Waverly Avenue circle would be phased out in anticipation of a new look that was planned for fall. The new plantings put there would be year-round shrubs and plants which would require less maintenance and have a lower profile which would make a dangerous location easier and safer to maintain. As for the Sunday Market, he noted that an email including applications for all of the vendors had been sent out earlier in the day. A start day in May was anticipated but planning had started earlier since this was the first year that a \$200 participation fee would be charged. This fee would cover expenses incurred for running the market including supervision and ads and was not meant to raise a profit for the Village. It could cost the market a few vendors, but he did not anticipate losing many. He looked forward to another successful Sunday Market with good foot traffic. Mr. Smith noted that for special projects, Johnson Controls continue to be on point. He indicated that the foundations had been placed for the solar carports in the Oak Street parking lot. The steel installation was scheduled to start in approximately two weeks with the solar panels to be installed shortly afterwards. Start up for income to be obtained from those was anticipated to be in June. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to when construction was expected to be completed. Mr. Smith stated that he had an anticipated completion date of June 28<sup>th</sup>, but there were many steps that had to occur. The foundation was the first step to be followed by the steel, the array, and the eventual electrical hook up to the Theatre. The new HVAC units for the Theatre were in, but they would not be replaced until this year's heating season was over which would be late April or May, while the solar panels for the Theatre would probably not be placed until late April in order to ensure the integrity of the roof. Deputy Mayor Krieger asked for confirmation that the company which had installed the roof had been consulted about this process. Mr. Smith stated that they had, and the process they recommended would be used. The warranty on the roof would remain intact. Trustee Keyes also confirmed that this had been a major discussion that was had with Johnson Controls early in the planning process. Mr. Smith also noted that since the roof was metal, it was safer for the workers to wait until the weather was a bit warmer. He indicated that a ten-foot safety barrier would be installed around the building when the work was being done. This would not shut down the walkway next to the Theatre, but it would impede it. Johnson Controls intended to visit all of the businesses in this area to be sure that their deliveries would not be impacted during this work. The monthly meeting with Johnson Controls would be occurring the following afternoon. Mr. Smith continued by noting that he, Village Attorney Egan, and Senior Building Inspector Sarich had reviewed the preliminary recommendations from the Commercial Refuse Study that had been received from Cahill and Cashin. After proposed revisions were received from them, they would then formulate a plan. The current carting agreement would be extended through June 30, 2022 with the new plan, hopefully, ready to be put in place by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Smith indicated that there were no updates for the Shorefront Park project. Finally, he was happy to say that the upcoming Sunday, he would have the honor of serving as the Grand Marshal for the Village's St. Patrick's Parade. He thanked everyone who had participated in the planning for this event including Mr. Kennedy, the Chamber of Commerce, and all of the individuals and organizations who had supported him with good wishes in the *Wit and Wisdom*.

Trustee Ferb expressed his appreciation for all of the electricity in Village Hall being provided by solar power. Mr. Smith indicated that this was true, especially during the day, and indicated that the goal was to lower the Village's electric bill as much as possible. Village Hall would eventually be close to net zero with the Theatre and DPW building being at net zero. It was hoped that something could be done to lower the costs for the wastewater treatment plant as that was the location with the biggest electric use. Even cutting that usage in half, would result in substantial savings for the Village.

David Kennedy reviewed the Chamber of Commerce report. He noted that the highlight of his report was that the St. Patrick's Parade would finally be held on Sunday after a two year wait. The parade was scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. and run from Route 112 to West Avenue. If anyone deserved to be the longest tenured Grand Marshal in the community, it was Dennis Smith. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to how the weather looked for the event. Mr. Kennedy stated that it looked okay as of today. He also noted that parade day always started with the May the Road Rise to Meet Ye race, and there was still time to enter as a runner in the race at Patchogue.com. Another part of the week's festivities would be a showing of the movie *Belfast* at the Patchogue Plaza Cinema on Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Patchogue Fire Department would also be hosting a Kegs and Eggs breakfast the morning of the parade at the firehouse from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Mr. Kennedy then noted that the Chamber's Restaurant Committee had joined with Bluepoint Brewery to host a fundraiser for Ukraine called A Taste of

Patchogue for Ukraine on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets would be available through the Bluepoint Brewery or the Chamber beginning the next day at a cost of \$45 per person with food to be provided from at least 15 different restaurants. Bluepoint Brewery would have some beer and drink specials, and there would also be some raffles offered. Mr. Kennedy also thanked Ms. Connor who had been instrumental in arranging for a supply drive last week. The local churches had been so overwhelmed with receiving supplies that there had to be a pause put on accepting them so that packaging everything that had already been received could be done so they could be shipped to Ukraine. Mr. Kennedy noted that he anticipated that this would be a long-term crisis which would necessitate additional drives in the future, but he had also learned that funds were what were most needed. Attending the fundraiser on March 23<sup>rd</sup> would be greatly beneficial to help those in need. Mr. Kennedy indicated that the Retail Association would be continuing its bingo promotion through the end of March. He encouraged everyone to do some shopping with a chance to win some great prizes from local businesses and help support the community's retail establishments. The April promotion would be an Easter egg hunt. Many retail locations would be featuring Easter eggs in their stores which would contain special deals and promotions which could be found following a purchase. Mr. Kennedy then thanked Trustee Brinkman and Trustee Keyes for attending the recent ribbon cutting for a local business. The next ribbon cutting was scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> for Freshly Cut Film from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Mr. Kennedy noted that the Cemetery Committee of the Greater Patchogue Foundation continued to work to restore and preserve the historic cemeteries in the Village with the next clean up scheduled for the first weekend in April. Later in April or the beginning of May, Trustee Ferb would be organizing a fundraiser for the Cemetery Committee. Mr. Kennedy indicated that later in the meeting Trustee Ferb would be requesting to reserve September 10<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of September 17<sup>th</sup> for the annual St. Liberata Feast to honor Italian Americans in the community. He noted that he was working with Trustee Carillo for a celebration of Hispanic heritage in the community, perhaps at one of the Alive After Five events, and he looked forward to continuing that effort.

Trustee Keyes indicated that the PEP Committee was always willing to partner with the Chamber when needed on clean-up events. Mr. Kennedy thanked him and noted that he believed that there had been communication between the Chamber and the PEP Committee, but he would confirm that.

Deputy Mayor Krieger thanked Senator Schumer and Congressman Zeldin for their assistance in obtaining \$3.3 million in federal appropriations which would go along with the \$7.7 million in funding received from the state for upgrades to the wastewater treatment plant. The Village was very appreciative of these funds. Village Attorney Egan noted that it had been a bipartisan effort to obtain this funding, and it was nice to see such cooperative efforts to help their constituents. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that CDA Director Marion Russo had also assisted with this effort and done an amazing job.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve setting the annual Reorganization Meeting.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to set the Reorganization Meeting for Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve the 2021 LOSAP Program for the Patchogue Ambulance Co.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the 2021 LOSAP Program for the Patchogue Ambulance Co.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve a point correction of the 2019 LOSAP Program for a Patchogue Ambulance Co. volunteer.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for a point correction of the 2019 LOSAP Program for Patchogue Ambulance Volunteer, Katherine Zarizaga.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to hire a part-time dispatcher for the Fire Department.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire Kayla Lanzotti as a new part-time dispatcher at the Fire Department at \$20 per hour and \$23 per hour on holidays.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to enter into a Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding Program with Eastern Suffolk BOCES.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to enter into the Eastern Suffolk BOCES Joint Municipal Cooperative Bidding program for the 2022-2023 school year.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board for approval to amend the schedule of fees.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to amend the schedule of fees to add the following: Construction Container Permit Fee \$50.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve a Certified Instructor for Safety Training.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Certified Instructor, Steve Hampson, to provide two (2) three (3) hour sessions of Safety Training on March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and April 1<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve creating a 15-minute parking space in front of 90 West Main Street in the space currently marked as #30.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to create a 15-minute parking space in front of 90 West Main Street in the space currently marked as #30.

Trustee Keyes indicated that he had met with members of the PEP Committee recently. As a result of that meeting, he hoped to have a resolution prepared for the Board to consider at its next meeting to send a letter in support of a bill that would reimburse communities for the cost of recycling excessive waste generated by packaging.

Trustee Keyes indicated that a meeting had been held to finalize bid package information for the proposed splash pad at the Beach Club. He thanked former Trustee Hilton for all of his work on the pool and Beach Club in the past and for his assistance with this project as well. The Parks and Recreation Department were continuing to work on summer program planning.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve hiring an administrator for the Village's Stormwater Management Program.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire Brian McCaffrey for the administration of the Village's Stormwater Management Program in an amount not to exceed \$5,500 for the period of March 1, 2022 through February 28, 2023.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve the Bunny Run Easter Egg Hunt at Father Tortora Park.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Patchogue Parks and Recreation Department to hold the Bunny Run Easter Egg Hunt at Father Tortora Park, Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of Shorefront Park for a Dog Walk Fundraiser.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Long Island Cares Harry Chapin Food Bank to use Shorefront Park for a Dog Walk Fundraiser on Saturday, October 1, 2022 with a 7:45 a.m. setup and 8:45 a.m.

start time.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of the garden space behind 380 Bay Avenue.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Patchogue Community Garden to use the garden space behind 380 Bay Avenue from March 15<sup>th</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>, dawn to dusk, 7 days a week.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of Shorefront Park Ballfield.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Island Slow Pitch Softball to use Shorefront Park Ballfield from March 26<sup>th</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of Waldbauer Turf Field at Rider Avenue Park.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Island Slow Pitch Softball to use Waldbauer Turf Field at Rider Avenue Park on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sundays, April 3<sup>rd</sup> through May 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of Waldbauer Turf Field at Rider Avenue Park.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Island Slow Pitch Softball to use Waldbauer Turf Field on June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of the Rider Avenue Park Complex.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for PYAA to use the Rider Avenue Complex (Waldbauer, Clemente and Pumphouse Fields) from March 20<sup>th</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Island Slow Pitch Softball to use Waldbauer Turf Field on June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 23<sup>rd</sup> and June 26<sup>th</sup> through August 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of the Pumphouse Field at Rider Avenue.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Nighthawks Elite Softball to use the Pumphouse Field at Rider Avenue on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Saturdays, April 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 21<sup>st</sup>, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of 380 Bay Avenue's recreation room.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Patchogue-Medford Youth and Community Services to use 380 Bay Avenue's recreation room for their board meetings, every third Monday each month from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., starting Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve Village of Patchogue staff to assist in the annual Patchogue River clean-up.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Village of Patchogue staff to assist in the annual Patchogue River clean-up scheduled for Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to approve Sidewalk Sales Days.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the

Board granted approval for Blum's and The Colony Shop to hold their annual Sidewalk Sales Days on July 7<sup>th</sup> through July 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to ratify prior approval to hire Regina Luna as a Spanish Speaking Election Inspector.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval to hire Regina Luna as a Spanish Speaking Election Inspector for the March 15<sup>th</sup> Election at \$200 for the day.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve the date for the Greater Patchogue Foundation Cultural Heritage Committee's Patchogue Italian Feast of St. Liberata.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hold the date, pending receipt of a Special Events Permit Application for the Greater Patchogue Foundation Cultural Heritage Committee's Patchogue Italian Feast of St. Liberata: Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> (Rain date: Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>) from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with street closures as follows: Main Street closed 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from Maple Avenue to West Avenue to West Avenue and Ocean Avenue closed from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. between Oak Street and Church Street.

Trustee McHeffey congratulated Mr. Smith on his serving as Grand Marshal of the upcoming St. Patrick's Parade.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to approve Blue Point Brewery's Special Event Application for their Shakedown on Main Fest.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval of Blue Point Brewery's Special Event Application to hold their Shakedown on Main Fest on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Carillo noted that, as Mr. Kennedy had mentioned earlier, she and he had been meeting to discuss encouraging additional Hispanic participation, especially with vendors, at one of the Alive After Five events. She was looking forward to making progress with these plans.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve the annual Memorial Day Parade.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the UVO of Patchogue to hold their annual Memorial Day Parade on May 30<sup>th</sup> with a start time of 11:00 a.m.

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

Mark Siegel, Blum's, indicated that the graffiti which he had mentioned at the previous Board meeting had been covered by his landlord. Unfortunately, this did not match the rest of the wall, and he did not want to be fined for this by not having the paint match by Wednesday. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that it should not be a problem to use a roller to go over this area with appropriate paint. Mr. Siegel stated that he would try to do so as soon as possible.

Mr. Siegel then noted that his father planned to watch the St. Patrick's Parade.

Trustee Keyes reminded everyone to vote in the Village election the next day.

Trustee Keyes then invited everyone to attend the upcoming play at South Ocean Middle School starring his granddaughter on March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_