

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, March 27, 2023 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 arrived late to the meeting. Village Treasurer Krawczyk was absent.

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

Village Clerk Devlin asked the Board to approve Board Meeting minutes from March 13, 2023.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Board Meeting minutes from March 13, 2023.

Village Clerk Devlin stated the total bills for the period ending March 27, 2023 were \$622,102.03. The five largest bills were as follows: \$108,246.34 for Affiliated Agency, \$94,005.00 for NYS Municipal Workers, \$35,274.45 for Town of Brookhaven, \$21,881.12 for F.J. Romaro, and \$9,653.00 for Clear River.

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|----------------|---------------|
| General        | \$ 11,266.97  |
| Trust & Agency | \$ 22,425.21  |
| Cap Projects   | \$ 7,341.08   |
| Sewer Fund     | \$ 66,098.25  |
| B.I.D. Fund    | \$ 5,482.99   |
| Housing Fund   | \$ 0.00       |
| CDA Fund       | \$ 4,887.03   |
| General Bills  | \$ 4,600.50   |
| Totals         | \$ 622,102.03 |

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 asked the Board to approve budget transfers.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the following budget transfers:

**GENERAL FUND**

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**FROM:**

| <b>ACCOUNT#</b> | <b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>      | <b>AMOUNT</b> |
|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 001-1110-0465   | VILLAGE JUSTICE-CONFERENCE EXP  | \$500.00      |
| 001-1325-0419   | TREASURER-MAIN & REPAIRS(EQUIP) | \$1,700.00    |
| 001-1410-0411   | VILLAGE CLERK-TELEPHONE         | \$5,500.00    |
| 001-1621-0420   | THEATRE-MAINT&REPAIRS(BLDG)     | \$19,450.00   |
| 001-1640-0414   | GARAGE-MATERIALS&SUPPLIES       | \$5,000.00    |
| 001-1640-0420   | GARAGE-MAINT & REPAIRS(BLDG)    | \$10,000.00   |
| 001-1990-0500   | CONTINGENT ACCOUNT              | \$10,000.00   |
| 001-3310-0200   | TRAFFIC CONTROL-EQUIPMENT       | \$35,000.00   |
| 001-3622-0100   | SECURITY PATROL-SALARY          | \$30,000.00   |
| 001-5110-0423   | HIGHWAY-PUBLIC WORK SERVICES    | \$15,000.00   |
| 001-5182-0446   | STREET LIGHTING-ELECTRICITY     | \$85,000.00   |
| 001-5650-0200   | OFF STREET PARKING-EQUIPMENT    | \$5,000.00    |
| 001-5650-0426   | OFF STREET PARKING-SIGNS        | \$5,000.00    |
| 001-7110-0101   | PARKS-SERVICES OVERTIME         | \$1,000.00    |
| 001-7140-0200   | 380/390 BAY-EQUIPMENT           | \$1,600.00    |
| 001-7180-0420   | POOL-MAIN&REPAIRS (BLDG)        | \$5,000.00    |

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| 001-7270-0100 | BANDSHELL-PERSONNEL SERVICES   | \$600.00     |
| 001-7270-0415 | BANDSHELL-FEES FOR SERVICES    | \$2,750.00   |
| 001-7310-0415 | YOUTH PROGRAMS-FEES FOR SVCS   | \$2,000.00   |
| 001-7620-0100 | ADULT REC-PERSONNEL SERVICES   | \$3,000.00   |
|               | PLANNING BOARD-PERSONNEL       |              |
| 001-8020-0100 | SERVICES                       | \$8,000.00   |
| 001-8140-0415 | STORM SEWERS-FEES FOR SERVICES | \$20,000.00  |
| 001-8170-0200 | SWEEPER-EQUIPMENT              | \$38,000.00  |
| 001-9010-0801 | STATE RETIREMENT               | \$40,000.00  |
| 001-9041-0803 | VILLAGE PAID WORKERS COMP      | \$2,000.00   |
| 001-9050-0805 | UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE         | \$1,500.00   |
|               |                                | \$352,600.00 |

**TO:**

| <b>ACCOUNT#</b> | <b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>     | <b>AMOUNT</b> |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------|
|                 | VILLAGE JUSTICE-               |               |
| 001-1110-0414   | MATERIAL&SUPPLIES              | \$500.00      |
| 001-1325-0200   | TREASURER-EQUIPMENT            | \$1,700.00    |
|                 | VILLAGE CLERK-                 |               |
| 001-1410-0414   | MATERIALS&SUPPLIES             | \$2,000.00    |
| 001-1410-0418   | VILLAGE CLERK-PUBLISHING       | \$2,000.00    |
| 001-1410-0456   | VILLAGE CLERK-POSTAGE          | \$1,500.00    |
| 001-1640-0421   | GARAGE-GAS&OIL                 | \$60,000.00   |
| 001-1640-0427   | GARAGE-REPAIRS BY OTHERS       | \$1,000.00    |
| 001-1960-0486   | REFUND OF TAXES                | \$18,000.00   |
| 001-1980-0494   | COMP ABS-RETIREMENTS           | \$127,000.00  |
| 001-3622-0200   | SECURITY PATROL-EQUIPMENT      | \$300.00      |
|                 | SECURITY PATROL-               |               |
| 001-3622-0414   | MATERIAL&SUPPLIES              | \$4,000.00    |
|                 | SECURITY PATROL-MAINT &        |               |
| 001-3622-0419   | REPAIRS(EQP)                   | \$6,000.00    |
| 001-3622-0447   | SECURITY PATROL-TRAINING       | \$350.00      |
| 001-3622-0450   | SECURITY PATROL-MISC           | \$100.00      |
| 001-3989-0483   | AMBULANCE CONTRACT             | \$35,000.00   |
| 001-5110-0415   | HIGHWAY-FEES FOR SERVICES      | \$2,600.00    |
| 001-5110-0425   | HIGHWAY-SURFACING MATERIALS    | \$100.00      |
| 001-5110-0426   | HIGHWAY-SIGNS                  | \$9,500.00    |
|                 | STREET LIGHTING-               |               |
| 001-5650-0414   | MATERIAL&SUPPLIES              | \$15,000.00   |
| 001-5650-0419   | STREET LIGHTING-MAINT&REPAIRS  | \$30,000.00   |
|                 | STREET LIGHTING-SURFACING      |               |
| 001-5650-0425   | MATERIALS                      | \$15,000.00   |
| 001-7110-0102   | PARKS-SERVICES DOUBLE TIME     | \$1,000.00    |
| 001-7140-0101   | 380/390 BAY-SERVICES OVERTIME  | \$1,000.00    |
| 001-7140-0419   | 380/390 BAY-MAIN&REPAIRS EQUIP | \$600.00      |
| 001-7180-0200   | POOL-EQUIPMENT                 | \$5,000.00    |
| 001-7270-0414   | BANDSHELL-MATERIAL&SUPPLIES    | \$3,350.00    |
| 001-7310-0100   | YOUTH PROGRAMS-PERSONNEL       | \$1,000.00    |
|                 | YOUTH PROGRAMS-                |               |
| 001-7310-0414   | MATERIAL&SUPPLIES              | \$500.00      |
| 001-7310-0417   | YOUTH PROGRAMS-UNIFORMS        | \$500.00      |
| 001-7550-0415   | CELEBRATIONS                   | \$500.00      |
| 001-7550-0450   | FARMERS MARKET                 | \$2,500.00    |
| 001-9080-0808   | DENTAL INSURANCE               | \$5,000.00    |
|                 |                                | \$352,600.00  |

Village Clerk Devlin noted that the Board was awarding some Certificates of Appreciation and

Acknowledgement this evening. First, were to representatives of Pioneer Asphalt which was the company currently handling the construction on the south Patchogue sewer project. A fire had recently occurred at 52 Brightwood Street. When the fire commenced, two employees of Pioneer Asphalt, Robert Bailey and David Accardi, observed the fire and went out of their way to bang on the door of the house which alerted four occupants to the danger. The house was a complete loss from the fast-moving fire. The Village wanted to honor these men for their exceptional heroism. Deputy Mayor Krieger read from the proclamations which had been signed by the Mayor. He then asked the gentlemen to step forward and awarded them their proclamations.

Deputy Mayor Krieger then noted that he had received a letter from Jim Berberich, Director of Public Safety, which stated that on March 12, 2023 two vehicles had struck a pedestrian in front of 120 Route 112. Public Safety Officers were immediately on scene prior to the arrival of the Suffolk County Police Department and Patchogue Ambulance Co. Public Safety Officer Matthew Brooks, who was a certified EMT and the only one on scene at the time, Public Safety Office Justin Rodriguez, and Sergeant Dominic Surinaga immediately provided aid to the victim who was in bad shape. Public Safety Officers Brooks and Rodriguez continued providing care to the victim while in the ambulance on the way to the hospital. Unfortunately, the victim passed away at the hospital, but Mr. Berberich stated that he felt the actions of the Public Safety Officers deserved recognition by the Village Board. Deputy Mayor Krieger then presented the officers with their certificates.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that the Village and other areas on Long Island were still dealing with the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. As storms continued to increase in intensity and frequency, it was of utmost importance to have coordination with all levels of government. Trustee McHeffey noted that Suffolk County had been working with the Village for a long time to transfer some of the County owned properties that had been damaged in that storm to the Village, and he was presenting a resolution this evening for this to occur. He thanked Suffolk County Legislator Dominick Thorne for attending the meeting this evening.

Trustee McHeffey then asked the Board to approve a resolution requesting to transfer Suffolk County owned real estate to the Village of Patchogue.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to request the transfer of Suffolk County owned real estate to the Village of Patchogue pursuant to section 72-H of the General Municipal Law Village of Patchogue; said property to be used as open space; Suffolk County Resolution 1954-2022; tax numbers: 0204-023.00-02.00-005.000, 0204-020.00-03.00-034.001, 0204-020.00-04.00--004.000, 0204-020.00-05.00-004.000, 0204-023.00-02.00-007.000, 0204-020, 00-05.00-003.000, 0204-019.00-09.00-001.000 and 0204-020.00-03.00-010.000.

Legislator Thorne noted that his office and the Village had an incredible relationship. As chair of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services for the County, he expressed his thanks and appreciation for the efforts of the individuals who had been honored earlier in the evening. Those who were first on the scene made a tremendous difference in the care provided to victims of tragic events. Legislator Thorne noted that the FEMA properties had been an issue for quite some time. He loved the partnership that the County shared with the Village of Patchogue. The action taken this evening would add an additional 2.71 acres of open space to the Village for the residents, of which he was one, to enjoy. He was glad to call Patchogue home and be here raising his children. The County and Village worked together for the benefit of all residents. He was glad that these properties had been transferred to the Village, and he promised that there would be more coming.

Village Clerk Devlin read notice of a public hearing to consider an application for a Special Permit to allow residential uses pursuant to Village Code Section 435-66 for property located at 238 -254 West Main Street in the E-Industrial and D-2 Zoning Districts.

Village Attorney Egan indicated that a request had been made by Nicola Capital to adjourn tonight's hearing for two (2) weeks until the next Board meeting. There were some items that they needed to address on the plan.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the public hearing until April 10, 2023 to allow residential uses, pursuant to Village Code Section 435-66, by Nicola Capital LLC for property located at 238 -254 West Main

Street, to construct 26 Multi-Family Residential Units with the property located in the E-Industrial and D-2 Zoning Districts.

Deputy Mayor Kreiger asked the Board to approve authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to authorize the Mayor to execute an agreement with L.K.McLean Associates, P.C. : Supplemental #3, S.C. 6th District Court, Revisions and Re-phasing of plans and costs due to installation of Solar Panels. LKMA #21073 pending review by the Mayor and village counsel.

David Kennedy reviewed the Chamber of Commerce report. He thanked the Village for their cooperation and support of the St. Patrick's Parade and the 5K race with special thanks to Special Events Coordinator Bill Hilton, Parks Director Giustizia, the DPW staff, and Public Safety officers. The parade had been wonderful with a huge crowd in attendance celebrating Grand Marshal Marty McIndoe. Mr. Kennedy also thanked Village Attorney Egan for serving as MC for the parade. Village Attorney Egan complimented the Chamber for doing a great job in keeping the crowd engaged and supporting local businesses in a safe manner during and after the parade. He appreciated the economic stimulus that the parade provided to local businesses. Mr. Kennedy thanked Village Attorney Egan for his kind words.

Mayor Pontieri arrived late to the meeting at 6:21 p.m.

Mr. Kennedy then announced the winners of the trophies for the St. Patrick's Parade as follows: Best Pipe Band was Northport Pipe and Drums; Most Irish was Long Island Soda Systems; Best in Parade was Rock Underground. He continued by noting that planning for Alive After Five was continuing. Presently, thirty (30) businesses throughout Patchogue were participating in the annual Jelly Bean Contest. Each business had its own jar of jelly beans for patrons to guess the number in that particular jar. Every location would be selecting its winner on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, and the winner would receive a \$25 gift certificate to the location. All the winners would then be placed into a raffle to be drawn on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, for a \$200 cash prize. This was a good incentive to shop locally for all of your Easter, Passover, or other spring holiday needs. Patchogue.com had a list of all of the businesses participating in the contest. Mayor Pontieri inquired if all of the jars were the same size. Mr. Kennedy stated that they were not. Every location picked its own jar and number of jelly beans in them. Mr. Kennedy indicated that the next grand opening would be occurring on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the AFC Urgent Care on Railroad Avenue to celebrate their renovation with the ribbon cutting occurring at 5:30 p.m. The next membership meeting of the Chamber would be occurring the next evening, March 28<sup>th</sup>, at That Meetball Place at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Kennedy noted that the Friends of Lakeview Cemetery would be holding their annual spring clean up the upcoming weekend beginning at 10:00 a.m. on both days. All help and appropriate tools were appreciated. Finally, the Patchogue Medford Youth and Community Services would be holding their annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser with the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, at the Patchogue Fire Department starting at 9:00 a.m. Mr. Kennedy also noted that he was happy to see any new business open, but he was particularly glad to see the new Pinball Arcade on Main Street. He had visited it a number of times, but it had been nice to share it with his son as well. There was a gap in businesses supporting kids between the ages of 12 to 21, so this was a great establishment to have in the Village. There were over 100 machines there. Village Clerk Devlin inquired as to how much it cost to play the machines. Mr. Kennedy indicated that it was a pay one price deal for as long as you wanted to play at a cost of \$20 per adult and \$10 per child. There was no food or drink served there as the machines were the focus of the business.

Mr. Kennedy the noted that the owners of Record Stop were in attendance seeking approval for their Annual Record Store Day event. They had been doing this for several years to encourage people to enjoy a special day and were requesting that the southern portion of Railroad Avenue be closed to support the planned activities. Mr. Kennedy described what they planned to do and indicated that the schematics would be presented to Special Events Coordinator Hilton and Mr. Sarich for their review and approval as well.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve the Annual Record Store Day event held by Record Stop.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Record Stop to hold their Annual Record Store Day on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a street closure of Railroad Avenue; pending the internal review of a Special Events Permit application by the Coordinator of Special Events and proof of NYSLA Temporary One-Day Permit.

Mr. Kennedy then asked the Board to approve the date for the annual Fall Festival. He noted that the Mayor had requested that the festival and Homecoming Parade be held at the same time, if possible, to prevent multiple street closures within this period of time. Mr. Kennedy indicated that he had spoken with the Assistant Principal at the High School and been informed that they had not yet chosen the date for homecoming. However, he had requested that this date be considered since it would be appreciated by the Village. Mr. Kennedy indicated that they would be willing to adjust the date for the Fall Festival if necessary to do what was best for the Village. Having a date on the calendar would at least allow the committee to begin planning.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve the Fall Festival held by the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce to hold their Fall Festival on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with street closures on Main Street between Maple Avenue and West Avenue and on Ocean Avenue between Oak Street and Church Street from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. pending the internal review of a Special Events Permit application by the Coordinator of Special Events.

Trustee Ferb inquired as to the PRIDE Parade event that would be held the next day. Mr. Kennedy then indicated that there would be a PRIDE Parade mixer held after the Chamber's general membership meeting the following evening. The committee organizing the parade would be having a gathering inviting the community to get to know them better and vice versa. Mr. Kennedy noted that in his ten years involved in organizing events in the Village he had never seen such a well-organized committee. He believed that they had already secured over \$20,000 in sponsorship commitments. This enthusiasm had also been shown earlier in the year with the Hispanic Parade and was just another example of what made Patchogue special in being diverse and welcoming to everyone. The event would begin at 6:00 p.m. at WhiskeyNeat. Mr. Kennedy continued by noting that on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, the Latino Leadership Council would be holding their first event of the year – a meet and greet at Tiesto from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The date for this year's Hispanic Heritage Parade would be requested later in the meeting, and they would also be discussing their annual event held in September at the Patchogue Theatre.

Village Clerk Devlin thanked Mr. Kennedy for organizing the FaceBook Live raffle. She had won a gift card to Compare Market on Route 112. This gift card had encouraged her to go somewhere she had never been, and she had found the store to be very nice. She asked Mr. Kennedy to tell the owner of the establishment that he had gained a new customer because of his donation. Mr. Kennedy stated that he would do so and thanked her for supporting the raffle. He noted that it had been a very successful raffle, and he appreciated the support from all who had participated.

Trustee Ferb inquired if the WhiskeyNeat event was part of the restaurant's non-profit support. Mr. Kennedy indicated that he believed that this was a free event the committee was scheduling to reach out to the community. Trustee Ferb noted that WhiskeyNeat encouraged non-profit organizations to come in on Tuesdays for events and donated 20% of the funds collected by the restaurant to the organization. He indicated that he had attended a couple of such events there already, and they had been very nice.

Mayor Pontieri expressed his appreciation for the cooperation the Village had with Legislator Thorne and Suffolk County since he had not had the opportunity to express this earlier. Legislator Thorne thanked him as well.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve a Traffic Impact Evaluation.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and carried by majority with Trustee Keyes abstaining and all others in favor, the Board granted approval of a Traffic Impact Evaluation for the proposed Suffolk Transit Hub at the LIRR Patchogue Station from L.K. McLean

Associates, PC (LKMA) in the amount of \$4,500.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to ratify prior approval of a promotion.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval to promote Ryan Pontieri to Leadman at a new hourly rate of \$31.69 per hour retractive to March 7, 2023.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve termination of a Public Safety Officer.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to accept the termination Public Safety Officer Pedro Santiago effective immediately.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to ratify prior approval of a Public Hearing date.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferby, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval to set the Public Hearing for April 10<sup>th</sup> to consider Parking by Permit Only on Laurel Street from South Ocean Avenue to Cedar Avenue.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve a transfer from Parks AEO to Highway AEO.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to transfer Vincent Felice from Parks AEO to Highway AEO at the same rate of pay of \$34.30 per hour, effective immediately.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve a promotion from Highway Swingman to Parks AEO.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to promote Vincent Palumbo from Highway Swingman to Parks AEO, starting at \$33.83 per hour and will be at top pay in nine months effective immediately.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve hiring a seasonal worker for DPW.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire Brandon Rodriguez as a seasonal worker for DPW at \$17 per hour effective immediately.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve hiring a seasonal worker for DPW.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire James Fava as a seasonal worker at \$17 per hour effective immediately.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to authorize the Mayor to execute a Performance Contract with Johnson Controls.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the Mayor to execute a Performance Contract with Johnson Controls (JCI) for Phase 2 in the amount of \$4.2 million subject to prior review and approval by the Village of Patchogue counsel.

Trustee Keyes thanked the Parks and Recreation staff, DPW staff, and especially, all of the volunteers, who had worked hard to make the St. Patrick's Parade a success. The volunteers rarely got to even watch the parade and were up early to get everything set up and stayed late to clean up. Mayor Pontieri noted that he had seen Mr. Kennedy putting up "No Parking" signs early in the day as well. Trustee Keyes then expressed concern about some marching units and organizations pushing the limits for submitting applications for participating. For example, if the parade was scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup>, and the deadline for submitting an application to participate was March 10<sup>th</sup>, calling on March 16<sup>th</sup> to ask to add a float was problematic. This created issues for a small staff to deal with the logistics of the parade. Though this had not been addressed until

now, people were starting to take advantage of the staff, and he felt that this would need to be taken care of eventually. Also, there had been an issue with an organization which had stated on their application that they were bringing a vehicle and instead brought horses. Applications needed to be accurate to allow for appropriate planning. Trustee Keyes then requested that more common courtesy be shown by organizations who wished to participate in these events. There were only two people in the Parks and Recreation Department to handle the paperwork and coordination of parades and other events, so he would appreciate cooperation from the public.

Trustee Keyes then commented that South Ocean Middle School had recently held their annual musical, and this year the Krieger, Keyes, and Kennedy families had been well represented there. They had all done an amazing job.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve Change Order #1 for the Shorefront Park Living Shoreline and Little Creek Restoration Construction Project – Phase 1. He observed that the wooden bollards would be a great improvement to the park.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Change Order #1 for Galvin Brothers, Inc./Madhue Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$ 88,099.01 for the purchase of lighted wooden bollards for the Shorefront Park Living Shoreline and Little Creek Restoration Construction Project – Phase 1.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve a contract for electrical plans for Shorefront Park. This would add the electric needed to light the previously approved wooden bollards.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to enter into a contract with Wesler-Cohen Associates, Electrical Engineers, to prepare electrical plans for Shorefront Park for the sum of \$27,500 and authorized the Mayor to execute the contract

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of the multi-purpose field at Four Sisters Sports Complex. This clinic would be aimed at two to five years olds to learn soccer. Mayor Pontieri inquired if this was the field near the tennis courts. Trustee Keyes stated that it was located behind the courts.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Soccer Shots to use the multi-purpose field at Four Sisters Sports Complex for a children's soccer clinic from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Sundays and Saturdays, April 1<sup>st</sup> to June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve a pay rate for the Parks Superintendent.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval that in lieu of compensated time, Parks Superintendent Maria Giustizia be paid a flat rate of \$250 for each of the three parade events (Hispanic Cultural Parade, St. Patrick's Parade, Christmas Parade) sponsored by the Village and orchestrated by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to approve setting a public hearing. She noted that there was a new pinball arcade open in the Village as Mr. Kennedy had mentioned previously, and the Code that would be changed was antiquated and needed cleaning up. Fees that had been paid by the establishment would be pro-rated and refunded should the new Code language be approved.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to set a Public Hearing for April 24<sup>th</sup> to Amend Part II, Sections 139-1 and 139-4 of the Village Code to remove the requirement that licenses be obtained and fees paid for the operation of coin-operated amusement devices.

Mayor Pontieri indicated that the business in question had 100 machines, and under the current Code, was required to pay \$10,000 in licensing fees which seemed excessive. He believed that this was a place for teenagers to enjoy a safe and fun activity. Trustee Brinkman agreed that it was a safe place that could be enjoyed by all.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to ratify prior approval of a salary increase.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval to increase the salary of Code Enforcement Officer Robert Waldbauer to \$33.50, effective March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to authorize establishing individual bank accounts for the Acting Village Justices.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to authorize the Justice Court to establish individual bank accounts for Acting Village Justice Jack Toomey and Acting Village Justice Michael Brown as required by 22 N.Y. Comp. Codes R. & Regs. § 214.9.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to set a public hearing.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to set a Public Hearing for April 10<sup>th</sup> to authorize a Property Tax Levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law 3-C for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to set a public hearing.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to set a Public Hearing for April 10<sup>th</sup> to review the tentative budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve use of Cedar Grove Cemetery for a dedication by the Cedar Grove Cemetery Association.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Cedar Grove Cemetery Association to hold a Dedication of two (2) Military Markers at Cedar Grove Cemetery on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. pending the approval of the Special Events Application.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve a change in purchasing policy.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to authorize a change in purchasing policy so that any maintenance/repairs on WWTP equipment costing under \$5,000 will not require a second estimate.

Trustee McHeffey indicated the next CDA meeting would be held on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that the next event for the Patchogue Arts Council would be the Packtography Challenge. This was a team challenge with details available on the Patchogue Arts Council's web site. It would be held on April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Teams must register by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Trustee McHeffey noted that the Board had reviewed at the last meeting the recognition of Patchogue as a Tree City thanks to the work done by Village Clerk Devlin. A plaque, flag, and signage had been received by the Village to recognize this honor. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that she had recently attended a ceremony at Vassar College and met recipients from other communities which had also received this recognition. Many representatives of the DEC had also been in attendance. She had spoken with one individual about available grants and noted that going through the process to be named a Tree City was appreciated by those reviewing grant applications. The Village had received the Fast Start grant last April and that was the path that they liked to see being followed. Village Clerk Devlin continued by noting that she would be participating in a webinar that week to learn about available grant opportunities for funds to support tree management and creation of a multi-year plan. As the Mayor had stated many times, once a plan was funded, it was easier to obtain additional funding to bring those plans to fruition. An Arbor Day celebration was planned for the last Thursday in April beginning at 10:00 a.m. at 380 Bay Avenue. Some tree planting would be done, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Tremont Elementary School would be assisting with those efforts. They would then be stopping by Village Hall for a



tour and to meet the Mayor.

Trustee Ferb noted that trees were not all about aesthetics. It was important to plant the right trees to avoid destruction of sidewalks. Replacing both the trees and the sidewalks was expensive. Trustee McHeffey noted that having tree experts available on the Tree Committee was very important as well. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that she had learned it was also not necessarily about the type of tree planted but also the size of the tree pit as well as the soil used.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve the Hispanic Heritage Parade hosted by the Cultural Heritage Committee and the Village of Patchogue.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Cultural Heritage Committee and the Village of Patchogue to host the Hispanic Heritage Parade on Main Street on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> (rain date August 27<sup>th</sup>) pending internal review of a Special Events Permit application by the coordinator of Special Events including compliance with the parade planning requirements of the Parks Department.

Trustee Carillo expressed her appreciation for the support shown for last year's event, and she hoped that this year's event would be even better.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve the Annual Memorial Day Parade held by the UVO of Patchogue.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the UVO of Patchogue to hold the Annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Trustee Ferb indicated that the Patchogue Arts Council and the MOCA LI Museum had their annual meeting the past Saturday. It had been very well attended. He noted that he was a Board member and Village Clerk Devlin was president of the organization. Trustee Ferb noted that it was amazing what the organization had accomplished over the last fifteen years. They had art, the gallery, poetry, and music. This was yet another economic driver for the Village by bringing people here from all over Long Island. Trustee Ferb then thanked Village Clerk Devlin for her efforts there as well.

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

Don Wachsmuth noted that the last couple of floats participating in the St. Patrick's Parade had been extremely loud, at least by Route 112. He expressed concern about the volume. Village Attorney Egan indicated that he did not believe that the volume was any worse than that produced by the Medford Fire Department's truck horns. Village Clerk Devlin noted that discussions had been had with the Recreation Department that leaning on fire trucks' horns and sirens was inappropriate since it interfered with enjoyment of other music being played during the parade. Trustee Ferb indicated that this had been discussed previously with Trustee Keyes. A determination had been made that units that were deemed to be excessively loud would be warned once, and if the behavior persisted at the next event, they would not be invited back.

Legislator Thorne thanked Village Clerk Devlin for her efforts with the Arts Council. He also noted that Mr. Kennedy had been recognized as Irish American of the year for the County.

Mayor Pontieri asked the Board to adjourn for a brief Executive Session dealing with a personnel matter.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned to Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 6:59 p.m.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board reconvened from Executive Session at 7:03 p.m.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Devlin, Village Clerk