

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, March 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, 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 March 14, 2022.

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

Village Clerk Devlin asked the Board to approve Special Board Meeting minutes from March 16, 2022 for the certification of the Village Election results.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Special Board Meeting minutes from March 16, 2022.

Village Clerk Devlin stated the total bills for the period ending March 28, 2022 were \$389,728.77. The five largest bills were as follows: \$32,912.60 for the Town of Brookhaven, \$21,455.96 for H2M, \$16,892.75 for Clear River, \$11,691.30 for Global Montello, and \$10,315.16 for PSEG LI.

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| General | \$301,080.08 |
| Trust & Agency | \$26,609.73 |
| Cap Projects | \$ 4,982.50 |
| Sewer Fund | \$48,047.79 |
| B.I.D. Fund | \$4,079.65 |
| Housing Fund | \$0.00 |
| CDA Fund | \$4,929.02 |
| General Bills | \$0.00 |
| Totals | \$389,728.77 |

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

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to ratify prior approval of the March 17, 2022 authorization to go out to bid for the Patchogue River Watershed Sewer Project.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval of the March 17, 2022 authorization to go out to bid for the Patchogue River Watershed Sewer Project.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve an amendment to the 8/27/2008 agreement between the Village of Patchogue and the Patchogue Village Center for the Performing Arts, Inc., Patchogue Theatre.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to amend the agreement dated 8/27/2008 between the Village of Patchogue and the Patchogue Village Center for the Performing Arts, Inc., Patchogue Theatre to provide for payment of \$7,500 monthly rent in lieu of a ticket surcharge for the period of June 2020 through August 2022.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to set a public hearing to consider the proposed renewal of the Altice franchise.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board set a public hearing for April 11, 2022 to consider the proposed renewal of the Altice franchise for a period of ten years.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board for approval 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 granted approval to accept the resignation of Public Safety Officer Lee Depoian with regrets.

Trustee Keyes congratulated the students and staff of South Ocean Middle School for a great play and noted that his granddaughter had done a wonderful job in the lead role. He noted that his son and Village Attorney Egan had performed in the school play when they were in school, and in addition, Deputy Mayor Krieger's mother had also performed on that same stage.

Trustee Keyes expressed his appreciation for all who had worked to make the St. Patrick's Parade a great success, especially the Parks and Recreation staff. The weather had been nice, and there had been a large turnout. He noted that the parade was run by mostly volunteers, and he was grateful for all of their hard work. Trustee Keyes also congratulated Mr. Smith for serving as Grand Marshal. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that there had been a race held prior to the parade as well. Trustee Keyes stated that event had also gone very well and had been handled mostly by the Chamber this year.

Trustee Keyes noted that the PEP Committee and Friends of Lakeview Cemetery would be teaming up to hold a clean-up on April 2nd. Supplies such as gloves and bags would be available to volunteers that day. He indicated that the committee was working on preparing some events for Earth Day which was April 22nd. One event was a poster contest to be co-sponsored by the library. Also, a Main Street clean-up was scheduled for April 30th. Hopefully, there would be a good turnout of volunteers in order to cover as much ground as possible. Eventually, it would be nice to be able to have clean-ups in the various neighborhoods as well.

Trustee Keyes indicated that the Parks and Recreation Department would be refurbishing the playground equipment at Shorefront Park. He noted that the equipment was used frequently and since it was near saltwater, had some rust that needed to be cleaned up. This work would start shortly. The Department was also working on the summer brochure which should be out soon. The PYAA Opening Day celebration would be held on April 16th beginning at 8:30 a.m. On that same day at noon, the 22nd Annual Bunny Run would be held at Fr. Tortora Park. There was always a big turnout for that event, so he hoped for nice weather.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve adopting a resolution in support of the New York State Legislature establishing Extended Producer Responsibility System for Packaging and Printed Paper. He noted that the governor was proposing a fee to manufacturers and producers of packaging to encourage eliminating excess plastic and paper waste since recycling costs were an issue now. The bill was designed to force major manufacturers to contribute to a fund that would be distributed to local municipalities to offset recycling and garbage fees. Recycling fees alone cost the Village \$150,000 per year. Regular trash fees were over \$400,000 per year. If items were packaged properly, there would be a lot less waste. This bill was designed to help the Village recoup some of the funds which were being laid out. It would also force these manufacturers to educate the public on what items were recyclable and what were not. Trustee Keyes stressed that the main purpose was to provide reimbursement to local municipalities for their recycling and trash disposal costs. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired if there was any information that could be put on the Village's web site for the public to review about this issue. Trustee Keyes stated that he would look into putting something together and noted that the resolution needed to be adopted by April 1st.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to adopt a resolution for the Village of Patchogue to support the New York State Legislature to establish Extended Producer Responsibility System for Packaging and Printer Paper as presented.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve excessing and putting out to public auction two (2) 2003 Swensen 5 yard hydraulic driven salt spreaders.

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

granted approval to excess and put out to public auction two (2) 2003 Swensen 5 yard hydraulic driven salt spreaders.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve adopting fees for the 2022 Summer Season Beach Club and Programs.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to adopt fees for the 2022 Summer Season Beach Club and Programs as presented.

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

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Holy Angels Regional School to hold their Walk-a-thon/Wellness Field Day at Rider Avenue and Shorefront Park on Friday, May 20th from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; rain date of June 3rd.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of the parking lot at 380 Bay Avenue.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Mobile Body Boutique to use the parking lot at 380 Bay Avenue on Sundays from April 17th to October 30th, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. for fitness classes.

Trustee Brinkman stated that the Planning and Zoning Boards were running smoothly thanks to the efforts of the Building Department staff.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to ratify prior approval of the purchase of three (3) additional licenses for Microsoft Office 365 and Barracuda Essentials.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval of the purchase of an additional three (3) licenses for Microsoft Office 365 and Barracuda Essentials as detailed in proposal AAAQ782 from Total Technology Solutions for the Village's migration from Exchange to Microsoft Office 365 for an annual cost of \$547.80.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve situation of a Luxury Restroom Trailer at the end of Dock Street for the purpose of a wedding.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Cynthia Biancarosa of 1 Dock Street to situate a Luxury Restroom Trailer measuring L 20', W 8'6", H 12" at the end of Dock Street for the purpose of a wedding on the evening of July 23rd. The unit would be dropped off Thursday, July 21st and picked up on Monday, July 25th.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve an event at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Cedar Grove Cemetery Association, Inc. to hold a gathering of veteran's organizations/World War One re-enactors/family members and interested members of the public to honor a soldier killed in action in France in 1918 with a military headstone recognizing his service and awards for bravery on May 29, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (anticipated number of attendees 100-150) pending internal review of the Special Events Permit Application received March 23, 2022.

Trustee Brinkman indicated that she had requested that the Special Events Permit fee be waived for this event in an earlier e-mail. Trustee Ferb stated that this was a non-profit organization, so there would be no fee. Village Clerk Devlin concurred with this statement.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that the Building and Housing report for March would be reported at the next meeting.

Trustee McHeffey noted that the Arts Council would be hosting an event on March 30th at 7:00

p.m. at 89 North called “An Evening of Asian Percussion”. It would be a free event, but there would be a suggested donation of \$10. More information was available on the Patchogue Arts Council web site.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that the CDA’s next meeting would be on April 7th.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to approve accepting a resignation from the board of the Community Development Agency.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to accept the resignation of Javier Kinghorn from the board of the Community Development Agency with regrets.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to approve accepting a resignation from the Building Department staff.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to accept the resignation of Building Department employee Lynn Licciardello with regrets.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to approve holding dates for events hosted by the Patchogue Arts Council.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hold the following dates for the Patchogue Arts Council pending receipt of a Special Events Permit Application for each event: June 10th and 11th Ratgrill Vendor Circus and Food Truck Fair; June 10th and 11th on Terry Street; Arts on Terry, September 25th on Terry Street with permission to begin tent installation on September 24th; and MOCA Lights, October 9th through 12th for set-up and October 13th through 16th for the event.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve additional pay for Election Inspector Chairpersons. She noted that there had been new procedures in place which had taken more time than expected.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to pay the following Election Inspector Chairpersons an additional \$45 for additional hours worked on Election Day, March 15, 2022: Camille Brideson, Donna Cochrane, and Jessica Boehm.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve additional pay for the Chief Election Inspector.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to pay Chief Election Inspector Lorraine Crowley and additional \$38 for additional hours worked on Election Day, March 15, 2022.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve creation of a 15 minute parking space.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to create a 15 minute parking space in front of 15 Carman Street, Gina’s Deli.

Trustee Keyes indicated that the previously discussed tennis court and pickleball rehab would be starting by the end of the week.

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

Abigail Dicarluccio, 36 Maple Avenue, stated that her property was located between Montauk Highway and Oak Street. She noted that she had experienced many problems one of which was visitors from out of town parking in front of her house, especially during events such as Alive After Five and the recent St. Patrick’s Parade. During the St. Patrick’s Parade, her car had been blocked in the front and the back, and she was unable to move it. She had contacted Public Safety, and they had informed her that this was not a violation and were been unable to do anything about it. The vehicle had also been approximately five inches from her apron, and she

was not sure if there was anything in the Code about that. Her biggest concern was that she had been unable to move her car, even in an emergency. The Public Safety Officer who responded was initially going to ticket the vehicle but decided against doing so when the owner returned. This did not provide any deterrent for this behavior in the future, in her opinion. Currently, permit parking was only in place from 4:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. She would recommend that this be changed to permit parking only at all times. It was unfair to the residents to have to deal with the dangerous and unsafe conditions created by this type of parking during Alive After Five and parades. The other suggestion she had was to have painted parking spaces on the street. Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that as the Commissioner of Parking, he had been on her street many times and was aware of the issues she had brought up. He noted that permit parking only was difficult as any guests they might have would need to have a permit. Ms. Dicarluccio indicated that this was not a problem as there was already permit parking in place for much of the time. Deputy Mayor Krieger then stated that lining the spaces might be the best solution as he felt that most people tended to stay within designated spots. Ms. Dicarluccio then inquired as to what could be done about those who parked too close to the ends of people's driveways and blocked the sight lines of residents trying to exit their properties. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that the spots would be lined at an appropriate distance away from the ends of driveways. Trustee Keyes agreed that parking was problematic on this street as well as others such as Oak Street and North Ocean Avenue, and he was working on having spaces marked out so that they could be lined after the weather broke. Trustee Brinkman asked that Jennings Avenue be added to the list of streets to be lined for parking as she had been contacted by several residents there who were also experiencing these kinds of problems. Ms. Dicarluccio reiterated that individuals who park right up to the end of driveways created a very dangerous situation for residents trying to back out of their properties. As this was the physical end of Alive After Five street closures, there was also a lot of traffic. She asked that the Board also consider making this area permit parking only in addition to the lined parking spots. In her opinion, it was not appropriate for her residential street to be used for events like Alive After Five or parades. Deputy Mayor Krieger asked if all of the neighbors would be in favor of requiring permit parking. Ms. Dicarluccio noted that most of the neighbors on her side of the street were in attendance, had already obtained stickers, and were in agreement. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired if a public hearing would be required to establish permit parking only in this area. Village Attorney Egan stated that a public hearing was required. He inquired if her and her neighbors' proposal was to request that the parking on their street be designated as permit parking only at all times on both sides of the street. She indicated that parking was currently only permitted on their side of the street as the other side was designated as no parking all the time. Trustee Ferb noted that he resided on a street that had seasonal permit parking due to the same problems she had described. Trustee Brinkman indicated that Jennings Avenue had these parking issues constantly on Friday and Saturday nights. Deputy Mayor Krieger also observed that there were multi-family homes located in these areas which necessitated residents to park on the street as well. Ms. Dicarluccio concurred and noted that she had to park in the street since they did not have enough parking space to accommodate her car. Trustee Keyes noted that parking in the street was not the worst thing as it could, theoretically, slow cars down due to narrowing the driving lane. Ms. Dicarluccio stated that this did not work as this was her next issue to discuss. She noted that even though the distance between Oak Street and Montauk Highway was not great, cars still managed to build up quite a bit of speed. Trustee Keyes agreed that many drivers tended to be reckless these days. Ms. Dicarluccio then indicated that there were many children living in this area and inquired if consideration could be given to installing a speed bump to slow traffic down before a tragic accident occurred. Trustee Keyes observed that he was not against the installation of speed bumps but these tended to increase traffic on nearby streets where no speed bumps were placed. Ms. Dicarluccio reiterated that her section of the street was very short and yet drivers managed to accelerate very quickly in a small period of time, so she did not believe it was unreasonable to request this before a child was injured.

Ms. Dicarluccio continued by noting that her final point was to discuss the conduct of people who visited the Village. Anyone who lived near Main Street could attest to the fact that people were often screaming and being unreasonably loud from after 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m., especially on weekends. She felt that these individuals were being over served in bars and restaurants and were grossly intoxicated. Bad behaviors included breaking into people's properties and having domestic fights on people's lawns and in the streets. The police and Public Safety had been called numerous times, and nothing had been done. She noted that there had been a recent incident with a statue in front of the Clifton following the St. Patrick's Parade which she found completely inappropriate for a family friendly event and place like Patchogue

and submitted a picture for the Board's review. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that the Board was aware of this incident. She indicated that she had not seen these types of displays in front of other establishments in the Village. Village Attorney Egan stated that the Village could take only limited action with regard to First Amendment rights. One person's art could be considered grotesque foul behavior by someone else. Ms. Dicarluccio argued that she did not consider what had occurred art, but rather, an invitation for things to become sexualized on the street. Village Attorney Egan indicated that he was speaking from a legal viewpoint and noted that the courts had found that municipalities had a very narrow window to address what were considered First Amendment rights of expression. However, displays that were located on public property could be addressed, especially if they were considered to be obstructions on a public sidewalk. Village Attorney Egan also suggested that nearby residents contact the State Liquor Authority with their concerns. Trustee McHeffey asked for the specific direction of people traveling and speeding. Ms. Dicarluccio stated that they were traveling from Oak Street to Montauk Highway, and Montauk Highway north.

Michael Ojeda, 30 Maple Avenue, noted that his major concerns were the traffic conditions and the "war zone" atmosphere created near the Clifton nearly every weekend. He was tired of having to explain to his eleven year old son why so many people were always in front of the Clifton behaving badly and why people were arguing in front of his house all the time. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired if he had contacted the police. Mr. Ojeda stated that he had done so many times. He asked for confirmation from Village Attorney Egan that he should constantly email the State Liquor Authority. Village Attorney Egan stated that this was correct. Trustee Brinkman suggested that he send them photos as well. Mr. Ojeda stated that he followed the Clifton on Instagram just so he could be prepared for the evening activities. He questioned why police officers were not posted on their street every Thursday through Saturday based on the number of intoxicated people leaving this location on a regular basis. Mr. Ojeda noted that he and his neighbor had cameras all around their properties and regularly watched the awful behavior of people leaving this bar. They cause damage to vehicles and property, urinate on their properties, and exhibit other inappropriate behaviors. Trustee Carillo noted that she felt that a meeting with the Inspector of the Fifth Precinct should be set up to be sure that the police were aware of the constancy of these types of behaviors. She also indicated that there was a community meeting held the second Tuesday of every month at the library at 7:00 p.m. Officers were required to report the following month on what actions were taken to resolve incidents that were reported at the previous month's meeting. Mr. Ojeda stated that he would plan on attending the next meeting. Trustee Keyes suggested that all in attendance at this meeting with similar concerns should attend the meeting at the library as well. Mr. Ojeda indicated that his neighborhood was tired of all these incidents and the garbage and trash left behind by visitors as well. Deputy Mayor Krieger encouraged everyone to attend the meetings with the police department as the Village had limited policing powers. Trustee Ferb also encouraged them to notify the Chamber of Commerce about these issues. Mr. Ojeda stated that they had, and the Chamber had suggested that they attend this Board meeting. He had no issues with people enjoying themselves at bars, but he felt that there were many more problematic behaviors going on at the Clifton that were spilling out into their neighborhood. Village Clerk Devlin then asked for Mr. Ojeda to provide his phone number so that Trustee Carillo could contact him about a meeting with the Fifth Precinct.

John Dalia, 33 Maple Avenue, stated that he agreed with everything his neighbors had already stated. He noted that he lived on the other side of the street where there was no parking permitted. However, all weekend long, cars were parked along his side of the street on a regular basis. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that Public Safety officers could ticket those vehicles. Mr. Dalia stated that he had called several times and was told officers would be sent to ticket the cars; however, he had rarely seen anyone respond nor noticed tickets on the vehicles. Village Attorney Egan asked for confirmation that he lived on the east side of the street. Mr. Dalia stated that this was correct. Village Attorney Egan then inquired if no parking signs were in place. Mr. Dalia stated that they were, including one right in front of his house. A woman from the audience indicated that several of the signs had been removed when scaffolding was put in place, and people had become brazen enough to park there in the meantime. Mr. Dalia reiterated that there was a sign right in front of his house. He had actually had an officer try to give him a ticket for parking in the street when he had a contractor come to his house to give him an estimate. Mr. Dalia then reiterated the concerns that he and all of his neighbors had. He suggested that having a law enforcement vehicle, either Village or County, parked near the Clifton on a regular basis might deter some of the more obnoxious behaviors. Deputy Mayor

Krieger indicated that many of the behaviors noted could only be addressed by the police since the Village did not have arresting authority. Mr. Dalia stated that he had contacted the police and Public Safety numerous times, and most times he was told by the one officer that it was the other's job. This was very frustrating.

Gail Hohwald, 25 Maple Avenue, stated that she had lived there for 35 years. As her neighbors had described, the last couple of years had been horrendous. Part of the reason was that the Clifton bar was open until 5:00 a.m. or 6:00 a.m. When all the other bars closed, everyone who wanted to stay out came to the Clifton. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to when the official closing time was. Village Attorney Egan indicated that it was 4:00 a.m. Ms. Hohwald indicated that there had been an accident in front of her house at 2:30 a.m. on a Sunday night, and one of the damaged cars had been towed. The other car, which was damaged and illegally parked, was not moved until the owners exited the bar at 6:30 a.m. Children were going to school at that hour. The music and noise all night long was unbearable as well. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that this sounded like an SLA matter. Ms. Hohwald reiterated that the noise all night was terrible. Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that the Village had a noise ordinance which could be enforced. Ms. Hohwald stated that she had contacted Public Safety in the past, been told they would try to do something, and nothing had been done due to supposed lack of staff. Village Attorney Egan indicated that the first call to be made should probably be to the police since many of these issues could only be addressed by them. The next call would be to Public Safety if the issues were parking or other Village Code violations. Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that Public Safety officers were actually code enforcement officers and could only address code violations. Ms. Hohwald inquired if something could be done to have this bar close at 4:00 a.m. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that the Village had no jurisdiction over when bars closed and reiterated that this was an issue to bring to the SLA's attention. Village Clerk Devlin concurred that this would be a reason for the SLA to pull the bar's liquor license and noted that they had taken recent action against a bar in Setauket. Trustee Ferb also agreed that the SLA would take this type of action. Deputy Mayor Krieger strongly suggested again that any concerned neighbors contact the SLA as they had taken action against problem bars in the past. He noted that the Village would work at addressing the parking issues and make sure Public Safety officers understood that anyone parked illegally should receive a ticket.

Peter Delbianco, Maple Avenue, indicated that he shared the same concerns already expressed. He also noted that at the time permit parking was discussed, the Board did offer to have full permit parking but one neighbor had been against it at that time. Now, all of the neighbors were in agreement for full time permit parking only. He was also sure everyone would be willing to contact the State Liquor Authority. Finally, he noted that his driveway was located on Oak Street next to the Chase parking lot. When people illegally parked there, it blocked his driveway. Mr. Delbianco indicated that when he contacted Public Safety officers, he was informed that there was nothing they could do since that was not Village property. Cars were only ticketed if they blocked the sidewalk. He asked who he could contact at Chase to yellow out the existing lines there to clearly state "No Parking". Village Attorney Egan asked for confirmation that these spots were angled. Mr. Delbianco stated that this was correct. Village Attorney Egan indicated that the Village could not enforce parking regulations on private property, but he was happy to hear that they were doing so if the sidewalk was blocked. He suggested speaking to someone at the bank about regulating their parking lot. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that he had heard that cars had been towed from that parking lot. Mr. Delbianco noted that he parked his car in the street in front of his house on weekends to keep others from blocking his driveway. Village Clerk Devlin asked him for his phone number, and he provided it. Mr. Delbianco indicated that he had lived in the Village for 16 years and loved it here. He appreciated all the work that the Board was doing.

Deputy Mayor Krieger suggested that any time residents contacted Public Safety for illegally parked vehicles, and the officer responding did not issue a ticket, those residents should get the officer's name and badge number and contact Village Hall with that information the next day. Trustee Brinkman indicated that there was no excuse for an officer not to follow the code. Ms. Carluccio indicated that one time she had called, the chief had also been contacted, and the officer who had responded had informed her that "parking like a dick was not a violation". Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that she should have contacted Village Hall. She noted that she had not known that there would be repercussions for this behavior. Deputy Mayor Krieger assured her that there would be.

Dawn Dicarluccio, 36 Maple Avenue, indicated that she was the mother of Abigail Dicarluccio who had spoken earlier and had some issues that had not been previously discussed. She indicated that there was a serious problem in the neighborhood with people walking and not curbing their dogs. There was also light pollution caused by Village Walk. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to where her house was located. Ms. Dicarluccio stated that she lived three houses down from Village Walk. She had also been disturbed to note on a recent walk through the Oak Street parking lot that new pilings had been put in place that looked like additional lighting. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that those were for a solar carport and not additional lighting. He noted that unfortunately, light pollution was a common problem. Ms. Dicarluccio noted that the neighbor who was located right next to Village Walk had to use room darkening shades and even sheets to cover his windows. Village Attorney Egan stated that there was a code requirement to contain lighting on property. He asked Trustee McHeffey to check with the Building Department to see what was included on the plans for the project and to send a building inspector there to be sure that all lights were compliant. Ms. Dicarluccio expressed concern that the problems that had been discussed earlier which were occurring on the street were also occurring in the Oak Street parking lot where her window faced. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired if the police had been called. Ms. Dicarluccio stated that they had. She was not looking forward to Alive After Five and all of the accompanying craziness. In fact, she had actually enjoyed the quiet which had resulted from Covid. Ms. Dicarluccio then asked for clarification as to what the permitted distance was for cars parking close to the driveway apron. Village Attorney Egan stated that he believed this was a NYS Vehicle and Traffic regulation. Ms. Dicarluccio stated that no one should be parked hanging over her driveway, and she was tired of being told to be patient. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to who had told her that. Ms. Dicarluccio stated that a Public Safety officer had done so. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that he needed to be provided with these individuals names and badge numbers. At least, get a car number if nothing else so that these kinds of issues could be addressed. Village Clerk Devlin stated that even providing Village Hall with the date and time of the call would be helpful to find the individual in question. Deputy Mayor Krieger reiterated the importance of obtaining this information and calling Village Hall the next day if an officer did not act appropriately. Ms. Dicarluccio then inquired as to why loud music was permitted to be played all night when there was a Village noise ordinance. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that this would be investigated.

Scott Miller and Lisa Pringle, 44 Terry Street, stepped forward. Mr. Miller indicated that he had been a New York City Police Officer for 34 years and noted that the city had cabaret laws that dealt specifically with bars. He suggested that the Maple Avenue neighbors ask about these types of laws at the meeting with the police. Mr. Miller continued by noting that they had a similar issue with James Joyce. They enjoyed going there for dinner, but he had to get up for work at 3:00 a.m., and he did not like to see the fights and drunken behavior going on at that time in the parking lot and down Taylor Lane. Ms. Pringle concurred that this behavior was out of control. Mr. Miller then noted that they also had a problem which had already been brought to the Board's attention by his neighbor, and this concerned the dumpsters which had been moved closer to the street. He had invested in this property several years ago and had grown up in the community. This was a two family rental in which he resided and had invested thousands of dollars into restoring. Since those dumpsters were moved, both he and his neighbor now had issues with rats coming from them. He had never had an issue with this before, and it was not fair to him or his tenant to have to deal with this now. There was also a problem with illegal dumping occurring in these three dumpsters. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that this was a problem in all of the Village dumpsters. Mr. Miller indicated that a piece of a sectional couch had been there for 3 weeks, and an entire couch had been dropped there recently but had been picked up quickly due the Village doing a clean-up in that area. He felt that this area was looked down upon because of the number of rentals there. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that this was not the case. Ms. Pringle stated that it might not be from the Board, but it was from the rest of the community. She recounted an experience that had occurred with an individual running over a cable line that was being installed on purpose. Members of the community definitely viewed this as a slummy part of Patchogue. There were also many people who lived there who did not speak English and would not attend these meetings nor did their landlords care about the rodent issue. Two families on that block were speaking on behalf of the entire block, and something needed to be done. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that this was why calls needed to be made to Village Hall. Ms. Pringle indicated that there were plenty of other places where those dumpsters could be placed. In addition, the Board was aware that this was an issue, so something needed to be done. Mr. Miller stated that these dumpsters were for the businesses, so he questioned why they could not be moved closer to the businesses. He and his neighbor had invested a lot of

money in their properties, and it was not fair to them as taxpayers that this issue not be addressed. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired of Village Attorney Egan as to the status of the carter proposal. Village Attorney Egan indicated that there was Commercial Garbage District Study that was occurring with an outside consultant to review the commercial dumpster situation. This was a problem throughout Patchogue. He noted that this study had been completed and was being finalized for presentation at a public hearing within the next month or so. Ms. Pringle reiterated that there were many people who lived on this block who did not speak English and would not come to meetings, but they deserved the same kind of attention as any Village residents. Village Attorney Egan stated that informal feedback was received from residents throughout the Village, so the Board was aware of the issue. He noted that the carting study finalized report would include recommendations on what to be done to address many of these issues including the free dumping of items. The business owners were also dealing with carter issues as they often had to pay higher rates to dispose of items that were dumped in or near their dumpsters by others. Mr. Miller indicated that oftentimes the carters did not even dispose of the large bulk items, the Village did. Village Attorney Egan indicated that the comprehensive study results would review carters, cameras, access, and several other issues. He acknowledged that the issue with their dumpster problem concerned relocation. Ms. Pringle stated that this was correct and stressed that moving the dumpster could not wait. She wanted to be able to open her windows during warmer weather, and they planned to redo their front landscaping to make their property look nice. Her guests should not have to park near overflowing garbage. Also, the fence around the dumpster provided a great place for the homeless to gather. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that these were not easy problems to address, but the Board was trying to do so. Mr. Miller then inquired if the Village had a contract with an exterminating company who could place bait stations near these dumpsters. Trustee McHeffey stated that he had spoken with another neighbor who was dealing with an exterminating company. Mr. Miller indicated that he was not asking on their behalf but rather wanted something to be done by the dumpsters. Village Clerk Devlin stated that she believed that this was the same company. Mr. Miller noted that bait stations needed to be placed in the bushes as well as near the dumpsters. Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that issues with rats were bound to happen near restaurants. Mr. Miller stated that he understood this but also asked if there was a specific employee or company that the Village dealt with to deal with these kinds of issues in the community. Trustee McHeffey inquired if the Village was permitted to send an exterminator near or to individual properties. Village Attorney Egan indicated that this would need to be discussed, but the area near and around the dumpsters could be treated. Ms. Pringle inquired if the Village owned the parking lot behind the former Burlington Coat Factory. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that they did. She then suggested that the dumpsters be moved there since there was no store currently located there. Village Attorney Egan stated that these issues were included in the study and indicated that the carters had contracts based on certain locations. Dumpsters could not be moved too far away from where the carters picked up. All of these concerns were being addressed by the consultant. Village Attorney Egan noted that the exact same problem was being experienced by the residences located near the Church Street dumpsters. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that the extermination issue could be dealt with immediately but dumpster placement needed a more comprehensive, long-term solution. Village Clerk Devlin then requested their contact numbers as well.

Tony Vasquez, 346 South Ocean Avenue, noted that his building's dumpster was used by others to dump their garbage once their dumpsters were full or if his dumpster was closer. He also suggested that consideration be given to installing a speed bump on Railroad Avenue since that road was almost two and a half blocks long and allowed for vehicles to pick up a good amount of speed. Ms. Pringle indicated that any street near Main Street should be given this kind of consideration. Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that when speed bumps were first installed, there had been many complaints and now everyone wanted them. Mr. Vasquez also indicated that people often failed to stop at the stop sign on Railroad Avenue. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that this was common everywhere. Mr. Vasquez noted that following the recent St. Patrick's Parade five cars near his property were destroyed between midnight and 3:00 a.m. by reckless driving with three being his tenants. He also expressed concern that the seven parking spots he had been allotted could often not be accessed by his tenants because others used those spots. Village Attorney Egan stated that those were permit parking only spots which was enforced. Mr. Vasquez expressed appreciation for the no parking area designated near his building and asked that this never be removed. He concurred with the earlier statements about rowdy behavior on weekend nights. Police and ambulances were constantly responding to fights in front of the 35 Railroad Avenue building. Village Clerk Devlin inquired if the problems were

coming from Main Street or Stereo Gardens. Mr. Vasquez indicated that he believed they were coming from Stereo Gardens, but they could be coming from Main Street as well. His tenants should not have to step over bodies on the sidewalk to leave their building. Trustee Carillo noted that she had received complaints from tenants of his building that their vehicles had been towed. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that the parking spaces in question were permitted parking spaces. Mr. Vasquez stated that Railroad Avenue was strictly no parking in front of his building. Trustee Carillo suggested setting up a meeting with community members that might have complaints about this parking situation. Mr. Vasquez indicated that several of his tenants did not have cars, but all those who did had parking permits. He reiterated that there was strictly no parking on Railroad Avenue in front of his building. Church Street was free parking, and the other side of Railroad Avenue was permit parking. Mr. Vasquez indicated that when he visited his building to check on them at night, he would park in the no parking area with his flashers on since he was only there for 10 minutes and code enforcement knew his car. However, he took note of the cars parked on the opposite side of Railroad Avenue, and usually half of them did not have permits. In addition, many times, those parked in the seven dedicated spots for his building often had no permits. Trustee Carillo inquired as to the addresses of his buildings. Mr. Vasquez stated that it was 35 Railroad Avenue and 44 Church Street. He then noted that the agreement he had with Stereo Gardens with regard to the decibel level for outdoor music had been working so far. The problem he had with them was the intoxicated clientele which seemed to come from there. Deputy Mayor Village indicated that he was glad to have him and all who had spoken this evening attend to bring these concerns to the Board. He stressed again that any problems should be brought to their attention as soon as possible. Mr. Vasquez thanked him and again expressed his concern about others using his dumpster. Village Attorney Egan noted that he could secure the dumpster if it was his. Mr. Vasquez stated that he did have it secured with a fence around it, but his tenants had to have access. In addition, people came late at night and dumped their items then.

Mr. Miller inquired as to how long it would be before some of the issues expressed this evening would be addressed. Village Attorney Egan stated that permitted parking areas would require a public hearing.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board set a public hearing to create permit parking only for twenty hours a day on the west side of Maple Avenue from Main Street to Oak Street for April 25, 2022.

Village Attorney Egan noted that striping the parking spots would be a DPW issue which would require discussions with them.

Trustee Carillo stated that the next community meeting with the Fifth Precinct representatives would be held at the library on April 12th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Signed _____

Lori Devlin, Village Clerk

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