

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, April 26, 2021 with the public viewing through video streaming.

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

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

Village Clerk Devlin asked the Board to approve Board Meeting minutes from April 12, 2021.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Felice, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Board meeting minutes from April 12, 2021.

Village Clerk Krawczyk stated the total bills for the period ending April 26, 2021 were \$391,530.33. The five largest bills were as follows: \$34,849.42 for Town of Brookhaven.; \$33,108.90 for Russell Reid; \$16,370.60 for Cornell Cooperative; \$9,870.60 for All Island Equipment; and \$8,105.60 for Holzmacher (H2M).

General	\$ 305,881.62
Trust & Agency	\$ 7,428.08
Cap Projects	\$ 1,013.46
Sewer Fund	\$ 67,801.59
B.I.D. Fund	\$ 5,038.39
Housing Fund	\$ 0.00
CDA Fund	\$ 4,367.19
General Bills	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 391,530.33

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

Mayor Pontieri noted that the Russell Reid and H2M expenditures came out of the sewer budget and did not impact other resident taxpayers.

Mayor Pontieri then asked for a resolution to approve an appropriation request to Congressman Lee Zeldin for the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant. He indicated that the approximate cost of this expansion of the plant from 800,000 gallons to 1.2 million gallons would be approximately \$11 million. Taking this action would allow the continued expansion of sewers in the Village and also allow an upgrade in technology at the plant. This expansion would also allow other bay front properties located in neighboring areas like Blue Point and Bellport to hook up to sewers and help clean up the bay even further.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to approve an appropriation request to Congressman Lee Zeldin for the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant.

Dennis Smith reviewed the BID and special projects report. He noted that the annual Sunday Market was scheduled to open on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with 15 to 20 vendors in attendance. Some of these were farmers who had utilized greenhouses to get a bit ahead of schedule. The market would feature microgreens, specialty foods, and crafts. Mr. Smith indicated that the full market would be comprised of close to 50 vendors and start on June 6<sup>th</sup>. When it started, it would feature an arts component courtesy of the Patchogue Arts Council. Artists would be selling their creations, and some would be creating on site. Mr. Smith indicated that he anticipated that this would be a great year and probably one of the most successful ever for the market. He continued by noting that Tru-Green would be performing their annual weed control application in the downtown area by mid-May. This had been done for the past 10 years and had been successful in keeping weeds under control in problem areas. Mr. Smith indicated that a couple of additional cameras would be installed in Fr. Tortora Park shortly in order to enhance the views at the eastern most end of the park. These additions would improve the overall safety of the park and hopefully thwart any vandalism moving forward. Mr. Smith indicated that Johnson Controls was preparing for the start

of activity in the first week in May, which was right on schedule. Work which would begin at the time would include weatherproofing Village Hall, DPW, and 380 Bay Avenue. The Theatre would also be receiving lighting upgrades, roof replacement and HVAC replacement. Air filtration improvements would be done which would meet the standards in place for COVID. The Theatre project should be finished by mid to late June and should not interfere with its' hoped for opening in mid to late summer. Mr. Smith noted that many projects had been completed in the Village over the years utilizing Suffolk County Round Grants including the Theatre marquee and walkways. This year would be a bit different with matching funds to be in the \$25,000 range, and projects permitted to take two years to complete. He was looking forward to working with the County on a new project. The CDA Director was considering the possibility of expanding decorative archways on Main Street entrances to walkways. Mr. Smith indicated that the Staudinger Walkway had been completed several years ago. There were other arches leading onto Main Street as well, and if this project moved forward, any new arches would resemble those already in place. The number of arches proposed would depend upon the funding which was available. Mr. Smith noted that the application for the grant funds was due to be submitted to the County by June 18<sup>th</sup>. He indicated that these funds were available to all downtown municipalities, and Patchogue had enjoyed good success with them in the past.

Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that he had heard that the officer who was seriously injured in the recent incident which occurred on South Ocean Avenue and Brook Street had been released from the hospital. Thanks to the quick actions of Village resident Guillermo Sandoval, retired New York City Police Detective Frank Recuperero, and others, this officer was coming home. When good people got involved and were in the right place at the right time, good things happened. This was great news.

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

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to allow certified fitness instructors to hold a class at Shorefront Park at the rate of \$25 per class.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve an Office Assistant appointment.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Felice, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire Kim Miolla as an Office Assistant in Recreation at \$15 per hour starting May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Felice reminded everyone that this would be the last weekend for free dumping at DPW. He encouraged residents to take advantage of this opportunity to clean up their yards and properties.

Trustee Felice asked the Board to approve hiring seasonal DPW employees.

Upon a motion by Trustee Felice, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire Tyler Goralski (starting May 3<sup>rd</sup>) and Paul Hoernel (starting June 1<sup>st</sup>) as DPW seasonal employees at \$15 per hour.

Trustee Felice asked the Board to approve a promotion to AEO Lead Man for DPW.

Upon a motion by Trustee Felice, seconded by Deputy Mayor Krieger, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to promote Ivan Sanchez to AEO Lead Man for DPW.

Trustee Felice asked the Board to approve a sewer connection agreement.

Upon a motion by Trustee Felice, seconded by Deputy Mayor Krieger, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to approve a sewer connection agreement with St. Joseph's College.

Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that this project would be paid for by the college and indicated that the sewer line would be run right down his street.

Trustee Ferb complimented the Parks and Recreation Department's brochure which had arrived in the mail. It looked great. Mayor Pontieri asked about the goat yoga. Trustee Keyes stated that he

had been informed that this was one of the newest trends. Trustee Ferb indicated that he felt that the brochure was a sign to him of things coming back to life. Mayor Pontieri noted that many events were still pending. Trustee Keyes stated that most of the items in the brochure were pending State and County guidelines, but he felt that the residents and community should be kept informed as what was planned. He hoped to be able to move forward with all of the activities included in the brochure. Trustee Ferb reiterated that the brochure looked great.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve use of Shorefront Park.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Suffolk County Lions Diabetes Foundation to hold a STRIDES walk at Shorefront Park on Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> (rain date October 24<sup>th</sup>) from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve a declaration that the Village of Patchogue was an International City of Peace. The Greater Patchogue Foundation was trying to obtain this designation and had requested that the Village resolve to endorse this activity. There would be no commitments or maintenance responsibilities tied to this endorsement. It would simply be a declaration of support.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Deputy Mayor Krieger, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to approve the declaration of the Village of Patchogue as an International City of Peace.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to approve receipt of a Planning Board referral opinion.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Felice, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to acknowledge receipt of the Planning Board's referral opinion regarding the Cornerstone project.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to set a public hearing.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board set a public hearing under Sections 435-25 (A) and 435-82 (H) of the Village Code and Section 7-725-B of the New York State Village Law for Terwilliger Bartone Properties LLC's requests for a Special Use Permit for the Cornerstone project to permit residential uses in the Industrial Zone for May 24, 2021.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that he had met with the Building and Housing staff, as well as the Senior Building Inspector, and been informed that requests for permits were increasing as people planned to work on their homes and commercial properties. This was definitely good news.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that the Patchogue Arts Council would be hosting the exhibit *It Begins with a B(ee)* from April 30<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Coffee with a Curator event for that exhibit would be held on Zoom and Facebook Live on May 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 11:00 a.m. Another exhibit, *Flower of Honor*, would be on display in the Claire Davidson Siegel Gallery at the Patchogue-Medford Library from May 3<sup>rd</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> with the Coffee with a Curator discussion to be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Trustee McHeffey also noted that the Arts Council would be participating in a fundraiser which would be a live stream event produced by The Rock Project with several Broadway stars performing songs from The Who at the Tillis Center for the Performing Arts on April 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:00 p.m. He indicated that \$6 from every ticket sold would go directly to the Arts Council. Anyone interested in this event should visit the Arts Council's Facebook page or their web site to get the promo code.

Trustee McHeffey stated that the next CDA meeting would be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. with the Audit Committee and Governance Committee meeting as well.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that in the wake of COVID-19, many food services had changed the way they needed to conduct business due to increased safety precautions. The following rules were developed to permit food truck operations on private property:

- 1) Food trucks are permitted as an auxiliary kitchen/food prep area for existing restaurants only.
- 2) They must be wholly contained on private property.
- 3) They must be located at least ten feet from any building or designated parking area.
- 4) Outdoor seating occupancy cannot be increased beyond available on site parking or county health department restrictions.
- 5) Hours of operation same as outdoor noise permit restrictions.
- 6) No sale of alcohol from food trucks.
- 7) All litter must be properly contained.
- 8) Use of generators is prohibited.
- 9) Truck must be licensed, insured and registered with NYDMV with current NYS inspection.
- 10) Lighting dark sky compliant (down cast only).
- 11) One truck per food establishment permitted.
- 12) Truck must pass inspection from the Village Fire Inspector prior to use.
- 13) All operating permits from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services must be obtained.
- 14) All custom painting, signage, lettering or after-market appurtenances or displays must be approved by the Sr. Building Inspector.

Mayor Pontieri asked for confirmation that these vehicles would need to be certified by the Board of Health. Trustee McHeffey stated that this was correct and noted that the operators must follow all regulations required for a restaurant.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the operation of permitted Food Trucks on certain commercial properties and the proposed permitting rules as presented.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to accept the resignation of an alternate to the CDA Board.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the resignation of Jonathan Keyes as an alternate on the CDA Board.

Mayor Pontieri indicated that Mr. Keyes had made this decision based on a potential for conflict with his position with the County.

Mayor Pontieri inquired if anyone wished to speak at tonight's meeting. He was informed that there were no participants in the meeting wishing to speak or ask questions on Zoom or YouTube.

Mayor Pontieri then thanked all who had viewed the meeting online.

Upon a motion made by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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