

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, May 10, 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 26, 2021.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Felice, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Board meeting minutes from April 26, 2021.

Trustee Devlin stated that a letter had been received from the Patchogue Ambulance Co. and signed by Alec O’Leary, President/Chief of the Department. She then proceeded to read it into the record as follows:

On behalf of the Patchogue Ambulance Company, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you and to the Patchogue Village Public Safety for your constant support and your assistance.

I would like to specifically acknowledge the Officers that were on duty Saturday, April 10, 2021. They were able to help my members by securing the scene as well as securing a landing zone for us. One of the officers, Joe O’Connell, also assisted our crew, in their time of need, by driving our ambulance to the hospital. This made it possible for our crew members to have an extra pair of hands in the back of the ambulance assisting in the care and management of a combative patient.

If you could please thank Patchogue Village Public Safety Officers Joe O’Connell, Jim Armstead, Bill Krause, and Pedro Ramos specially for us it would be so grateful. We want to thank you again for your continued support. Your willingness to support our company in our efforts to help the community is greatly appreciated.

Mayor Pontieri commended the actions of the public, Public Safety Officers, and the Suffolk County Police Department with regard to the situation that had occurred on April 10th.

Village Clerk Krawczyk stated the total bills for the period ending May 10, 2021 were \$312,557.95. The five largest bills were as follows: \$18,450.00 for Cullen and Danowski.; \$17,554.97 for PSEGLI; \$14,765.17 for Drive Train; \$12,869.48 for A+ Technology; and \$11,680.17 for VHB Engineering.

General	\$ 251,469.09
Trust & Agency	\$ 3,701.20
Cap Projects	\$ 22,979.17
Sewer Fund	\$ 22,380.89
B.I.D. Fund	\$ 3,293.30
Housing Fund	\$ 0.00
CDA Fund	\$ 8,734.30
General Bills	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 312,557.95

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

Dennis Smith reviewed the BID and special projects report. He noted the BID Board would be holding their regular meeting the next day. One of the important items to be discussed would be finalizing the details for the June 8th annual meeting at which Board members would be re-elected and the BID’s agenda for next year would be set. The meeting would be held in the Village Board room beginning at 4 p.m. with social distancing protocols to be followed. Planning for the summer hanging basket season was coming along nicely. Mr. Smith noted that he had visited Fantastic Gardens this week to review the 170 baskets that had been ordered, and they looked great. He anticipated that the baskets would be put in place the last week in May, on or about May 27th. Mr. Smith indicated that the flowers had beautified the downtown area for the last four summers, and

he expected this year's to look just as nice. He also noted that the watering truck was ready to go. Mr. Smith continued by indicating that the BID had contracted with Tru Green for vegetation control in the downtown area, and more recently in the Terry Street and Oak Street area as well, for the past 9 years. This had been working well to control the weeds. This year's application would be occurring on Friday, May 21st and Saturday, May 22nd from approximately 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Mr. Smith indicated that the annual Sunday Market was off to a great start with its soft opening held on May 2nd. Forty vendors had attended which was more than they had on their best day last year. He was encouraged by the number of vendors willing to participate selling an eclectic collection of wares from food to artisan crafts. Even though yesterday was Mother's Day and a smaller number of vendors was anticipated, there were still 23 vendors in attendance which had been an average number for last year. Mr. Smith noted that approximately 60 plus vendors were expected on the official opening day of June 6th. A small ribbon cutting ceremony would be held at that time, and he invited all to attend. This was a far cry from the four vendors which had attended the inaugural market six years ago. He was looking forward to a great season of the market. Mr. Smith then indicated that the BID provided stipends to various groups, and this year had awarded \$7,500 to the Riverfront Committee to be used on a promotional campaign for the summer season. Mike White and Andrew Hart were working on creating a promotional video which would include using a drone to capture key spots along the river such as retail establishments, restaurants, and the ferry terminals. A June 1st release date was expected with the video to be promoted on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media platforms. There might be a couple of spots on Channel 12 as well. Mr. Smith indicated that this should be a great campaign, and he was happy that the BID could be a part of it. After the past difficult year, he was looking forward to a lot of success for the businesses on the river with this kick start and expressed hope that things could return to normal as much as possible moving forward. Mr. Smith then noted that Johnson Controls had installed weather stripping at Village Hall, 380 Bay Avenue, and DPW. Anyone entering through the doors in these buildings could definitely feel the difference. They were on schedule to begin work on the rest of the program with larger jobs commencing within the next 2 weeks. This was a great program, and the company was on target to complete the work they had promised.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve the resignation of Public Safety Officer Scott Love. He indicated that he would be missed, especially since he was one of the individuals who led the charge with parking meters and had handled them well over the last few years.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Felice, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the resignation of Public Safety Officer Scott Love, effective May 7, 2021, with regrets.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to set a public hearing to consider the abandonment of Audubon Avenue. He noted that this area was surrounded on both sides by property owned by St. Joseph's College. There was not a lot of traffic in this neighborhood, and it would be best for safety reasons to close it off.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board set a public hearing to consider the abandonment of Audubon Avenue for May 24, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that he had received a report from one of his neighbors a few weeks ago expressing concern that another neighbor was possibly constructing a basement apartment. Upon inspection by the Senior Building Inspector, it was determined that this was occurring, and he had issued a stop work order immediately. Recently, another suspected basement apartment had been reported and discovered to be in place after inspection. Deputy Mayor Krieger asked residents to report any suspected basement apartments that they might observe. These apartments were very dangerous and often did not have any egress to the outside. Should anyone have a basement apartment in their house, they should not be used. He then thanked neighbors for being observant of these situations and reporting them. Trustee Brinkman stated that basement apartments were not only dangerous but also not permitted in the Village. Deputy Mayor Krieger reminded everyone to be vigilant to these types of situations.

Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that the Theatre had been used this past Saturday as a vaccination site by Northwell Health. They had done a great job, and the Theatre staff had done a good job in notifying the public of the availability with 100 people receiving the vaccination. He then noted

that the Theatre was hiring for various positions with information available at the Theatre's web site – patchoguetheatre.org. The Theatre was planning to open on June 2nd for dance schools and shows. Planning for main stage events was continuing with the hope that permitted capacity limits would be at a good level. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that the staff on hand for the past year had done a great job. Openings were mainly for part-time staff and included the following positions: artist relations coordinator, bartender, hospitality coordinator, house manager, live stream camera operator, volunteer coordinator, and box office associate. Anyone interested in any of these positions should email a cover letter and resume to jobs@patchoguetheatre.org. Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that the Theatre had been closed for over a year, and he hoped to see it open and running again soon.

Mayor Pontieri stated that, in regards to vaccinations, the Village was fortunate to have someone serving on the ZBA, Liz Carillo, who had helped to set up vaccination sites where approximately 600 people had received the vaccine. He encouraged those who had already received the vaccine to speak about their experiences with friends and neighbors who might be fearful. Mayor Pontieri also noted that there would be another opportunity to obtain the vaccine in the Village shortly, so the public should keep their eyes open for that information.

Trustee Keyes stated that he had planned to wait until the next meeting to discuss the opening of the pool but would dive into that information this evening instead. He indicated that the Parks Department staff were constantly wading through the CDC guidelines and changes, but he was happy to announce that the pool was scheduled to reopen on June 27th. The Parks and Recreation Department staff were thrilled to be able to plan for this. For now, the pool would only be accessible to residents, but hopefully, that could change in the future should capacity restrictions be eased. Trustee Keyes noted that one of the significant aspects surrounding the reopening of pool was the anticipated first dive made into the pool by the Mayor, and he was looking forward to that as well. He noted that he expected Parks Director Giustizia to make some welcoming comments as the pool was everything to her. There would also be a blessing of the pool performed by local clergy prior to the Mayor's big plunge. The entire Parks and Recreation Department was very excited about this event, especially after last year.

Trustee Keyes noted that there had been some issues with pickleball bullies last year, many who were non-residents, with some individuals hogging the courts. As a result, a schedule for non-residents would be implemented this year, as well as a requirement for non-residents to purchase a seasonal permit. The details of this plan were still being worked on, but usage by non-residents would be restricted. Reservations would need to be made to use the courts. Mayor Pontieri inquired if Village residents would be able to play with non-residents. Trustee Keyes stated that Village residents would not have to pay but would still need to make reservations to use the courts at certain times. If the person making the reservation was a non-resident, that individual would need to pay. Trustee Keyes indicated that requiring the purchase of a permit and reservations should allow the informal leagues that used the court to do so without bullying issues arising and provide some needed revenue to the Department as well.

Trustee Keyes then noted that rain had forced the cancellation of the planned Parks and PEP joint clean-up effort scheduled for April 25th to be postponed until Saturday, May 15th beginning at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in participating needed to sign up at 380 Bay Avenue. This would be a combined clean-up of Shorefront Park and the community. He noted that the first 50 volunteers would receive a stylish sleek mask. Trustee Keyes indicated that approximately a year and half ago, PEP had started working on attaining for the Village the status of a clean energy community. Recently, Village Clerk Devlin had discovered the designation of a climate smart community which was similar to the clean energy community with regard to the requirements to obtain this designation. Some requirements for both designations had already been achieved including the adoption of a benchmark policy and a green fleet policy. Solar energy was also a requirement, so the Village's partnership with Johnson Controls would satisfy that and increasing the availability of charging stations would also be a bonus. These designations would allow better access to grant funding. Village Clerk Devlin stated that she felt that the Village could easily qualify for the climate smart designation shortly and noted that no other community on Long Island was close to doing so. Trustee Keyes expressed his appreciation for the help of the committee members as well as assistance provided by Mr. Smith and Village Treasurer Krawczyk who were official partners of PEP.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve surplus obsolete computers.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to surplus twelve obsolete computers as presented.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve a change of rate for dock staff.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Felice, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to change the dock staff rate to \$13 per hour from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and \$14 per hour from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of Shorefront Park by Benny Migs Photography.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Benny Migs Photography to use Shorefront Park for a video shoot on Thursday, May 13th, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of Shorefront Park by the Teachers Association of Patchogue-Medford High School.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted permission for the Teachers Association of Patchogue-Medford High School to use Shorefront Park for their end of year meeting on Tuesday, June 15th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Felice asked the Board to ratify prior approval to enter into an agreement with Cambrian, Inc. for maintenance services for the pre-treatment plant. Village Attorney Egan indicated that some changes to the agreement had been requested by his office and approved by Cambrian.

Upon a motion by Trustee Felice, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a resolution to ratify prior approval to enter into an agreement with Cambrian, Inc. for maintenance services for the pre-treatment plant.

Trustee Felice asked the Board to approve renewal of the Traffic Signal Maintenance contract with Johnson Electric.

Upon a motion by Trustee Felice, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried the Board granted approval to renew the Traffic Signal Maintenance contract with Johnson Electric at a cost of \$1,450 per month.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve hiring James Armstead to work the BID watering truck and supervise the Sunday Market.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire James Armstead to work the BID watering truck and supervise the Sunday Market at the rate of \$20 per hour starting May 27th through October 31st.

Trustee Brinkman indicated that the Planning Board would be meeting right after this meeting to discuss the application submitted for a Starbucks on Main Street.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to approve scheduling all future Zoning Board meetings for the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to schedule all future Zoning Board meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month.

Trustee Brinkman indicated that this change had been made so the meetings would not conflict with court hearings scheduled on Wednesday. Village Attorney Egan recommended that one general notice of this change be published in the newspaper since each applicant would be publishing a notice about their own particular meetings going forward.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that due to the huge success of MOCA LIghts last year, the Patchogue Arts Council had decided to make it an annual event. This was very exciting news. He noted that

this year's theme would focus on the history of Patchogue. The Arts Council was looking for sponsors for this event so anyone interested or needing additional information should visit the Arts Council's web site. Trustee McHeffey then noted that the Arts Council would be partnering with the organization SEA of Visibility to hold virtual classes this spring and summer. Additional information on the classes to be offered could be found on the Arts Council's web site. He also indicated that a live art history lecture would be held on May 13th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss abstract expressionism.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that he should have some Building and Housing Department numbers for the next meeting.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that CDA Board Chair, Kaitlyn Jackson had met with the Governance Committee to review the CDA's mission statement to ensure that it reflected the current goals of the CDA. He noted that the mission statement dated back to when the CDA had been founded, so it was possibly in need of updating. Work was almost completed on the handicapped ramp behind Village Hall, and improvements to the Church Street sidewalk would be done soon since this sidewalk was in bad shape and not accessible to all. That project was currently waiting on the release of funds and finalization of contracts. Trustee McHeffey indicated that the CDA's Executive Director hoped to have that completed by next month.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to approve an appointment of a CDA Board alternate.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to appoint Camilo Salazar to the CDA Board as an alternate.

Mayor Pontieri stated the Mr. Salazar worked at the County where he dealt with wet lands and water quality issues.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked for clarification as to the pool's opening date. Trustee Keyes indicated that it would be opening on June 27th according to his notes. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that this was a Sunday. Trustee Keyes stated that he would need to review this information with the Parks Director and provide the Village Clerk with the correct date if this needed to be changed.

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 Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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Lori B. Devlin, Village Clerk