

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, July 11, 2022 with public viewing through video streaming on YouTube and in person.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Pontieri with Trustees Brinkman, Carillo, Ferb, Keyes, McHeffey, Assistant Village Attorney Bianco, Village Clerk Devlin, and Deputy Village Clerk Braile present. Deputy Mayor Krieger 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 June 27, 2022.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and carried by majority with Trustee Carillo abstaining and all others in favor, the Board approved the Board Meeting minutes from June 27, 2022.

Village Clerk Devlin stated the total bills for the period ending July 11, 2022 were \$755,040.76. The five largest bills were as follows: \$177,334.54 for NYS Health Insurance, \$112,853.20 for Pilger Skidmore, \$35,038.44 for Total Technology, \$28,985.82 for H2M, and \$21,509.00 for Glen Falls.

General	\$ 623,255.36
Trust & Agency	\$ 21,431.84
Cap Projects	\$ 15,672.00
Sewer Fund	\$ 50,433.80
B.I.D. Fund	\$ 3,151.94
Housing Fund	\$ 0.00
CDA Fund	\$ 4,710.00
General Bills	\$ 36,385.82
Totals	\$ 755,040.76

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

Mayor Pontieri noted that the bill from H2M in the amount of \$28,985.82 was for costs associated with the sewer extension that was being paid for by the County. Village Clerk Devlin noted that the Total Technology bill for \$35,038.44 was for Office 365 which was necessary to keep the Village’s computer system’s up to date.

Village Clerk Devlin asked the Board to approve budget transfers.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the following budget transfers:

**GENERAL FUND**

<b>TO:</b>		
<b>ACCOUNT#</b>	<b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
001-8160-0101	REFUSE-OVERTIME	4,400.00
TOTAL		4,400.00
<b>FROM:</b>		
<b>ACCOUNT#</b>	<b>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
001-8160-0102	REFUSE-DOUBLE TIME	4,400.00
TOTAL		4,400.00
<b>SEWER FUND</b>		
<b>TO:</b>		

ACCOUNT#	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
005-1320-0415	AUDITOR-FEES FOR SVCS	450.00
005-1355-0100	ASSESSOR-SALARY	70.00
005-8130-0100	SEWER-SALARY	3,900.00
005-8130-0412	SEWER-UTILITIES	35,100.00
005-8130-0461	SEWER-SLUDGE REMOVAL	135,200.00
005-9060-0807	SEWER-HOSPITAL&MEDICAL	4,300.00
TOTAL		179,020.00
<b>FROM:</b>		
ACCOUNT#	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
005-1420-0415	VILLAGE ATTY-FEES FOR SVCS	1,200.00
005-1440-0415	ENGINEER-FEES FOR SVCS	1,050.00
005-8130-0101	SEWER SALARY-OT	6,600.00
005-8130-0102	SEWER SALARY-DT	8,000.00
005-8130-0200	SEWER-EQUIPMENT	7,900.00
005-8130-0410	UTILITIES-WATER	1,800.00
005-8130-0414	SEWER-MATERIALS&SUPPLIES	11,900.00
005-8130-0419	SEWER-MAINT&REPAIRS(EQUIP)	136,500.00
005-8130-0445	SEWER-LAB TESTING	970.00
005-9030-0802	SOCIAL SECURITY	3,100.00
TOTAL		179,020.00

Village Clerk Devlin reviewed the cash balances as of May 31, 2022 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 8,257,320.36
Trust and Agency	\$ 75,863.98
Capital Projects	\$ 125,295.11
Sewer Fund	\$ 2,238,449.15
BID Fund	\$ <u>68,419.26</u>
	\$10,777,608.49

Mayor Pontieri noted that the Great South Bay Music Festival had taken place from last Thursday through Sunday. This had been the 14<sup>th</sup> year of the event. There had been some issues on Thursday night, and recommendations had been made by the Suffolk County Police Department with several concerns being expressed. He asked Jim Faith, organizer of the event, to step forward to explain what had occurred.

Jim Faith, organizer for the Great South Bay Music Festival, stated that there had been technical problems on Thursday afternoon with regard to equipment that they had rented which kept pushing the start of the event later than anticipated. He expressed appreciation to the Patchogue Theatre for loaning them the equipment that they had needed. Mr. Faith indicated that the bands had not been able to start playing until 10:00 p.m., at which point he had contacted the Mayor who had told him to proceed with the show. However, at 11:00 p.m., the last band had still not taken the stage. The fans of that band, which amounted to almost 3,000 people, were still there and behaving well. However, the question was whether to end the concert without them performing and possibly causing problems with the crowd. Mayor Pontieri stated that the Inspector of the Fifth Precinct had contacted him at that point and told him that there were 3,000 people there waiting for the band with only 10 officers present as well as a handful of Public Safety officers. At that point, it became a safety decision to allow the concert to continue past the 11:00 p.m. cut off time. Mr. Faith agreed with this assessment and noted that the concert had continued. He indicated that he was personally horrified that this had occurred as this had not happened to him in his 35 years of concert promotion. He had a three year old granddaughter and was well aware of the problems that could be caused by having loud music play late into the night. The Village and its residents had been good to him over the years, and he did not want to have caused any problems for anyone. Mayor Pontieri reiterated that, in speaking with the Inspector and Mr. Sarich at 11:00 p.m., the determination to not shut down the music because of the safety factors involved was made. It had

been a difficult decision to make because he sympathized with those residents who were nearby and had to get up for work the next day as well as having young children. The lesser of two bad choices had to be made.

Trustee Brinkman stated she understood why the concert had to continue for safety reasons but questioned why the volume had to be so loud. She indicated that she had heard the music at her house, and she lived in the most western part of the Village. Trustee Brinkman questioned why that volume was necessary. It was fine to keep the show going but in her opinion, the volume should have been modified and less far reaching.

Trustee Ferb congratulated Mr. Faith on another successful event noting that he had attended the previous day, and the quality of sound and performances had been great. He believed the right decision had been made to keep the concert going on Thursday night. Even though he appreciated that residents had been disturbed, he felt that there would have been greater problems if the show had been cancelled.

Trustee Carillo concurred that the right decision had been made, but the volume was too loud. Mr. Faith indicated that the way the stages were positioned could have added to the distance over which the music could be heard. Trustee Carillo expressed concern about what would occur should this same situation happen again in the future. She wanted to know if there would be a backup plan for this type of issue. Mr. Faith expressed hope that the band would be willing to work with them in that situation. In the case on Thursday evening, the band had refused to work with them, and they were at a level of artist where the band had that kind of control over the venue. Several of these artists played at Jones Beach, and at that venue, they would continue to play as late as they needed to. He also noted that discussions were taking place to lower the curfew time on Thursday and Sunday to 9:30 p.m. Mayor Pontieri stated that this would need to be stated in the contracts signed by the artists.

Trustee Keyes and the remainder of the Board thanked Mr. Faith for attending the meeting and explaining what had occurred. Mr. Faith thanked the Board for all the support provided for the event. Mayor Pontieri inquired as to the approximate number of people who had attended the event. Mr. Faith indicated that he thought it was approximately 15,000 in total.

Mayor Pontieri asked the Board to authorize the mayor to execute the Jumpstart Infrastructure Program Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Suffolk. He noted that the next request was related to this one. This agreement would allow the Village to redesign and rebuild the parking lot located behind the Sixth District Court. Taking such action would provide an additional 65 to 70 parking spaces in that location. The Jumpstart Program would provide approximately \$1,000,000 to be used towards this project. Mayor Pontieri indicated that the County would utilize the parking lot during the day until 6:00 p.m. After 6:00 p.m., the Village would be able to utilize the lot.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pontieri, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the mayor to execute the Jumpstart Infrastructure Program Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Suffolk.

Mayor Pontieri asked the Board to authorize the mayor to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with Suffolk County.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pontieri, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board authorized the mayor to execute an Intermunicipal Agreement with the County of Suffolk for the maintenance of the Sixth District Court parking lot.

Mayor Pontieri asked the Board to approve awarding a bid for the Patchogue River Watershed Sewer Project. Awarding this bid, should hopefully, move the project along as much of the engineering and planning work had already been done. It was anticipated that the work would begin in November.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pontieri, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to award the base contract for the Patchogue River Watershed Sewer Project to Pioneer Landscaping and Asphalt Paving, Inc. for twenty million one hundred thirty-two thousand two hundred sixty-four dollars and thirty-six cents (\$20,132,264.36).

Mayor Pontieri asked the Board to approve professional engineering services associated with the Patchogue River Watershed Project.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pontieri, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to Tasks 2, 3, and 4 of H2M Proposal No. LP211353 to provide professional engineering services associated with the Patchogue River Watershed Sewer Project in the amount of: Task 2, Construction Administration - \$320,000, Task 3, Construction Observation - \$900,000, and Task 4, Preparation of Record Drawings - \$30,000 for a total of \$1,250,000.

Mayor Pontieri noted that this project had been proposed in 2015 where it had started out at a cost of \$15,000,000. It had proceeded to increase to approximately \$44,000,000. The project had then been reduced in size and could take advantage of the sewer lines that had already been run by the Village down West Avenue, Laurel Street, Gilbert Street, Cedar Avenue, and South Ocean Avenue. This project would cover the homes already in those areas which had sewer lines in place. It was hoped that future funding could be obtained to add additional homes outside this initial area.

Dennis Smith reviewed the BID and Special Projects report. He noted that the Sunday Market had been averaging about 30 vendors per week, but foot traffic needed to be improved. The number of people attending each week was down from the previous two years. Mr. Smith indicated that ads had been placed in the *Advance*, social media was being utilized, and he hoped to put up some signs around the Village advertising the market. Hopefully, foot traffic would grow throughout the season. Garden maintenance was continuing throughout the Village with all assets being watered on a regular basis and the Waverly Avenue circle being cleaned up and replanted. Mr. Smith continued by noting that the Theatre's 336 solar panels had been connected to the grid, so this was a tremendous amount of energy that could be created for the Village's use which would help the environment as well. PSEG still needed to hook up transformers for the solar carports in the Oak Street parking lot. It was hoped that this would be completed by the last week in July. The four rooftop HVAC units would be installed at the Theatre this week. These units were more energy efficient and would provide better air filtering than the previous ones. Mr. Smith indicated that the Four Sisters Park project had been completed on June 30<sup>th</sup> which was right on schedule. Constituents had started using the park over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend and continued doing so. He noted that there would be a presentation for the Commercial Dumpster Study in two weeks at the next Board meeting. The permits for carters had been extended until December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to provide ample time to review the findings from this presentation and enact any needed legislation. He expected the meeting to be well attended by restaurant owners and carters as well. Mr. Smith then indicated that consideration was being given to installing another camera on South Ocean Avenue to provide better coverage of the area between the Four Corners and Church Street. This had become a very highly populated area from Thursday through Saturday nights.

Mr. Smith then inquired if the Board had any idea as to when the Sixth District Court parking lot project would begin. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that her contact with engineering firm for this project would be away until the end of July. She would be in contact with him at that time to discuss the timeline for the project. Village Clerk Devlin noted that the plans were substantially completed with just a few questions about the landscaping plan to be addressed. Mr. Smith indicated that a lot of parties, especially the restaurant community, were anxiously awaiting additional parking availability. Village Clerk Devlin stated that she could provide him with a link to the most up to date plans. Mr. Smith indicated that he was most interested in a start date for the project. Trustee Keyes noted that he believed there were plans to install two electric vehicle charging stations in the lot.

David Kennedy reviewed the Chamber of Commerce report. He noted that Alive After Five was scheduled to start this week, and he felt that families would be able to enjoy the new layout for the event. Family centered activities would be set in the middle of the event with live bands and those who wanted to enjoy a beverage while watching those bands placed in the peripheral areas. He indicated that the weather should be nice for the event, and they had met with public safety officials, and all seemed in order. Mr. Kennedy thanked the Village for assisting with setting up the meetings with the Public Safety officials. He continued by noting that the Chamber had a booth at the Great South Bay Music Festival, and he indicated that his neighbors had called him to express their displeasure about what had happened on Thursday night. However, he also noted that he had met many people from out of state attending the festival, including people from Connecticut, California, and Florida. It did bring a lot of people into the Village and was a very

large regional music festival. Hopefully, this exposure for the Village balanced the inconvenience that residents experienced from the event. Mayor Pontieri inquired if any of the crowds from the music festival wind up on Main Street. Mr. Kennedy stated that he did not believe so, especially for those who stayed until the end of the concerts. He believed most people went home at that time, and it did not really draw people to the Main Street venues. However, it did showcase another part of the community. Trustee Carillo expressed that it was nice that people from other states wanted to visit Patchogue. Mr. Kennedy concurred but also acknowledged that it was challenging for residents to deal with the volume of the music, even coming from waterfront restaurants at times. He then noted that a follow up meeting after Alive After Five was scheduled to be held to review what occurred with the event and determine if any changes needed to be made prior to the next event. Planning continued for fall events including the St. Liberata Festival on September 10<sup>th</sup> with Steve Fuoco being named the Italian American of the Year. He noted that Mr. Fuoco was a former Village trustee and was very active in the Rotary Club and the community. A reception would be held in his honor on Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Harbor Crab at a cost of \$25 per person. Plans were also progressing on the Family Fun Night that the Chamber was working on in conjunction with the Patchogue-Medford Library, Arts Council, and Youth Services for Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. This event would be different than previous ones in that it would not be vendor centered, but rather, each organization would have activity centers and games for children with more of a carnival feel to it. Also in August, an annual meeting with representatives from Port Jefferson's Chamber of Commerce would be held at Birdie's on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> with the Board invited to attend as well.

Trustee Keyes expressed his appreciation for Mr. Fuoco's service to the community and congratulated him on being named Italian American of the Year.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to ratify prior approval to hire parking attendants for the Great South Bay Music Festival.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval to hire Kevin Schmutz, Nicholas Cristoforo, and Andrew King as parking attendants for the Great South Bay Music Festival from July 7<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve hiring summer staff.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire the following summer staff:

- Caitlin Nash – Camp Counselor at \$16 per hour
- Sean Nash – Camp Counselor at \$16 per hour
- Evan Riley – Lifeguard at \$17 per hour
- Liam Haran – Lifeguard at \$17 per hour and Camp Counselor at \$16 per hour
- Angelina Demonte – Tennis Instructor at \$16 per hour
- Cory Stengle – Tennis Instructor at \$16 per hour
- Angela AVECILLAS – Back-up Assistant Pool Manager at \$18 per hour
- Jean Barracca – Back-up Pickleball Attendant at \$12 per hour
- Alfred Sachse – Back-up Pickleball Attendant at \$12 per hour
- Carol Sachse – Back-up Pickleball Attendant at \$12 per hour

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve summer staff salary increases.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the following summer staff salary increases:

- Philip Gatti – Title change to Head Pool Attendant, increase from \$13 per hour to \$15 per hour (retroactive to June 29, 2022)
- Joe Abate – Dock Master, increase from \$16 per hour to \$16.50 per hour (effective July 11, 22)
- Angela AVECILLAS – Title change to Assistant Basketball Director, increase from \$16 per hour to \$18 per hour (retroactive to July 6, 2022)

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve a free library station outside of 380 Bay Avenue.

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

granted approval for Boy Scout Troop 40 to construct and place a free library station outside of 380 Bay Avenue.

Trustee Brinkman thanked Village Clerk Devlin and CDA Director Russo for their hard work in assisting with submitting an application to the NYS Archives which resulted in the Village being awarded two grants to allow continuation of the work to inventory all Village records, put appropriate policies and procedures in place, and maintain the records moving forward. These grants, in conjunction with the agreement with the Town, would allow the Village to eventually digitize these records. The CDA will receive \$12,325 and the Village Clerk's Office will receive \$16,788 from the grants. This would allow the Village to hire inventory clerks who were properly trained in how to look at records and follow the NYS guidelines for how long records needed to be maintained, as well as how to store those records appropriately so they could be discarded at the right time. This was an exciting step to be taken to modernize the Village's record system.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to approve a proposal for Professional Engineering Services.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval of H2M Proposal No.: LP220599 Proposal for Professional Engineering Services Preparation of Map and Plan for out-of-district sewer connection of Harbour of Blue Point to the Village of Patchogue Sewer District.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to declare a Fire Zone on the south side of Baker Place.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to declare the south side of Baker Place a Fire Zone starting at the corner of River Avenue and continuing therefrom to a point 300 feet from River Avenue and ending at the entrance of the Off Key Tiki property.

Trustee Ferb offered his congratulations to the Mayor and the Village for action to finally be taken on the sewer extension.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to amend Resolution #128-2022.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to amend Resolution #128-2022 to reflect that Hinck Electrical Contractor was hired under Suffolk County Contract TSIM03522.

Mayor Pontieri noted that Hinck Electric had been doing a lot of work on Main Street on the traffic lights and crosswalks.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve a Special Events Permit Application submitted by the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry Company C-Historical Reenactment Unit Army of Northern Virginia.

Trustee McHeffey stated that he had a letter from St. Paul's Episcopal Church with regard to this request and proceeded to read parts of the letter as follows: "This letter is to advise that the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island – St. Paul's Episcopal Church, as owners of that portion of the Lakeview Cemetery located to the east of the Waverly Avenue section, grant Mr. Kemp and his associates permission to use the Main Street entrance of the cemetery, to park their cars along the gravel driveway therein, and to transit across the church owned portion of the cemetery to reach the location of their ceremony in that area of the cemetery located alongside Waverly Avenue. This permission is granted on the condition that there be no discharge of any firearms on church owned property nor the display of any flags other than that of the United States of America while transiting across church owned property either before or after the ceremony. In particular, it is the stated intention of St. Paul's that any flag representing the Confederate States of America, either the CSA National Flag, the CSA Battle Flag aka "the Stars and Bars", or any unit flags of reenactors groups be kept furled and under wraps at all times while transiting across church owned property. Permission is being granted for no other purpose than to allow access to and from the location of the ceremony."

Trustee Keyes inquired as to what would happen with regard to any Confederate flags once the group reached the location of the ceremony. Mayor Pontieri stated that he did not know the answer to that question. Trustee Keyes expressed concern if this would be permitted.

Richard Kemp, Jennings Avenue, stepped forward. Trustee Keyes expressed concern about the display of Confederate flags during the proposed ceremony. Mr. Kemp indicated that the intention was to display the Confederate flag during the ceremony in order to honor his ancestor who was a Confederate soldier. In addition, the New York State laws were specific to state that the Confederate flag could not be displayed on public property. Nothing was stated about displays on private property. Also, Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone had come out in support of his group. Trustee Ferb stated that the property in question was not private but was public property. Lakeview Cemetery was private property, but the other portion was public property which was owned by the Town of Brookhaven. It had been bequeathed by state law to the Town since it had been abandoned. Trustee Ferb noted that the Confederate flag could not be displayed there based on Mr. Kemp's own statements. Trustee Brinkman indicated that the church had been very clear that they would not allow this display on their private property. Mr. Kemp stated that he understood and respected the church's position; however, his ancestor was a Confederate soldier.

Trustee Keyes questioned why this request was even before this Board since this was Town of Brookhaven property. Village Clerk Devlin stated that Village Attorney Egan had directed this discussion to the Village Board. Mayor Pontieri indicated that the Board could approve an event on the property; however, if there were legal constraints on what could be displayed there, that would be up to the property owner, which was the Town, to determine. Mr. Kemp indicated that he had complied with every request that the Village had made, even submitting documents multiple times, and he questioned why this concern had not been raised previously. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that there had been no mention of the display of a Confederate flag in his application. Trustee Ferb noted that if he intended to display a Confederate flag then he would probably need security since it was an inflammatory symbol in today's society. Mr. Kemp inquired if there was any Patchogue Village law against its display. Mayor Pontieri stated that it was state law which Mr. Kemp himself had stated earlier. Mr. Kemp expressed that ownership of the cemetery was in question noting that Village Attorney Egan had shown him documents which were incorrect with regard to the ownership of Gerard Cemetery. Trustee Brinkman indicated that Gerard Cemetery was only a small portion of the property. Mr. Kemp stated that he was pointing out the many mistakes that had occurred with this property. Trustee Brinkman stated that it was very clear that Lakeview Cemetery was owned by the Episcopal Church and the other portion which had been abandoned was under the jurisdiction of the Town of Brookhaven. Mr. Kemp indicated that this was not clear. The County of Suffolk maintained that all five cemeteries were either owned by St. Paul's Church or the Episcopal Diocese. However, when Village Attorney Egan had done a title search, it came back that Gerard Cemetery was separate; and the County had not even looked at its own records until he brought it to their attention, at which time, the correction was made. Trustee Keyes inquired as to what the correct ownership information was. Mr. Kemp indicated that there were various owners. Trustee Keyes then inquired if he would need to get permission from the various owners then. Mr. Kemp indicated that he had gotten permission to enter and pass through Lakeview Cemetery as he had been directed. Trustee Keyes stated that this was fine and had been explained clearly in the letter read by Trustee McHeffey, but his question concerned the area where the ceremony would be held.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that Mr. Kemp had lectured the Board on many occasions about decorum and following proper procedure, yet he kept interrupting Board members when they were asking questions, and his application was not completely filled out in many areas. He then proceeded to review some of the discrepancies and incompletions on the application which gave him reason to reject it. Mr. Kemp indicated that he did not understand what Trustee McHeffey was questioning. Trustee McHeffey noted that a basic question that had not been answered was the expected number of participants. He indicated that he cared deeply about ancestry too, but it was the Board's responsibility to review these applications. Mr. Kemp stated that he had been working closely with Village Clerk Devlin and supplied her with every document she requested, including a site plan map.

Mayor Pontieri indicated that if the owner of the property was unknown then the Village was going to assume that it was under the jurisdiction of the Town of Brookhaven especially since they had taken over the maintenance of that property. As such, if he wished to fly the Confederate flag at his event, he would need to get a letter from the Town that gave him permission to do so on their property.

Mr. Kemp questioned what the elevated platform question concerned that had not been answered

according to Trustee McHeffey's statements. Trustee Ferb indicated that this would be a platform or stage. Mr. Kemp stated that they did not plan to have any such item at the event. He also noted that the Mayor had attended many events at the cemetery and should be familiar with the location. Mayor Pontieri stated that he did not know where the boundaries of ownership ended on the property. However, Mr. Kemp had already been told that he could not fly this flag on St. Paul's property, and he reiterated that the property in question was being maintained by the Town so that was the assumed owner of the property at this time. Mayor Pontieri continued by repeating that Mr. Kemp had informed the Board that there was a New York State law against flying the Confederate flag on public property. He felt that Mr. Kemp was making this a more complicated situation than it was. Mr. Kemp indicated that he had spoken with NYS Senator Alexis Weik on West Main Street and been told that there would be no problem with the flag being flown. Mayor Pontieri asked that this be provided to the Board in writing.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that he had mentioned County Executive Bellone as well. Mr. Kemp stated that this had been submitted to the Village Clerk in his packet of documents.

Mayor Pontieri indicated that there had been an incident with the Confederate flag being displayed on a fire truck which had been shown in *Newsday* and made the Village look terrible. If what Mr. Kemp planned might embarrass the Village, he would not allow the event to proceed. Additional documentation needed to be provided to the Village before a decision could be made on this application.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned action on the Special Events Permit Application submitted by the 9<sup>th</sup> Virginia Infantry Company C-Historical Reenactment Unit Army of Northern Virginia to conduct a Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Waverly Cemetery on November 6, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to noon until further documentation was submitted.

Trustee McHeffey offered his congratulations on the Village obtaining the record keeping grants. He was also glad to hear that the sewer project was finally moving forward as he felt this was a great environmental initiative, not just for Patchogue, but for Long Island. Mayor Pontieri noted that \$7.7 million had been received from the state and \$3.5 million from the federal government to expand the capacity of the plant which would allow even more expansion into neighboring communities such as Blue Point. Trustee McHeffey indicated that this would keep nitrogen out of the groundwater and the bay.

Trustee McHeffey noted that the Building and Housing Department was busy with normal summer time activities including the usual number of applications in addition to maintenance of properties.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that the CDA had met last week and discussed various activities that were being coordinated with the Village including traffic signals and crosswalks on Main Street. The next CDA meeting would be held on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee McHeffey noted that the current showing by the Arts Council was *Patchworks* at MOCA LI.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to set a public hearing.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board set a public hearing for July 25, 2022 for consideration of a request for a license agreement for encroachments on Village property at 44 West Main Street under NY Village Law 6-632.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve staff attendance at the NYCOM Training School.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Village Clerk, Lori Devlin and Deputy Clerk, Valerie Braile, to attend the NYCOM Training School in Saratoga Springs, NY, from September 13<sup>th</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$2,300.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve staff attendance at the Annual Conference for Court Clerks.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Senior Court Clerk, Debbie Newham and Court Clerks, Nancy Auer and Denise Burke, to attend the Annual Conference for Court Clerks in Albany, NY, from October 16<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at a cost not to exceed \$1,100.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve the purchase of a 2022 Hyundai HL940A series loader for DPW.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the purchase of a 2022 Hyundai HL940A series loader for DPW at a cost of \$171,984.30.

Trustee Ferb inquired as to how close the Village was to any action being taken on the Shorefront Park Project. Mayor Pontieri indicated that action would hopefully be moving forward by the fall.

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

Brady Wilkins inquired as to the best way to keep track of the scheduling for the sewer project. He indicated that he wanted to do some landscaping improvements in his yard but did not want to do so if the yard would need to be dug up first. Mayor Pontieri stated that a community meeting was planned for the beginning of September at the Theatre. All of the homeowners to be impacted would be invited to hear a presentation by H2M and the contractors. Packets of information would be distributed at that time, and homeowners could sign off on the work to be done. Mr. Wilkins indicated that he was excited to see this moving forward. Mayor Pontieri concurred and indicated that he was glad to finally have the funding in place to move forward. Trustee Ferb noted that the original plan was for 500 houses but that number had been reduced due to the funding issues. This was Phase I of the project which would include 250 houses, and hopefully there would be a Phase II. Mayor Pontieri indicated that this would greatly improve the water quality in the Bay.

Mr. Kemp expressed concern about noise issues. He noted that the Board had recently considered some amendments to the noise regulations, but they had been ineffective so far in addressing the problem. The night after these amendments had been passed, the Blue Point Brewery was again producing excessive noise. Trustee Ferb stated that the changes could not be finally put in place until 30 days after the Board adopted them. He felt that the changes would be quite effective and have an immediate impact once those 30 days were reached,

Upon a motion made by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

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