

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, July 12, 2021 with the public viewing through video streaming and in person.

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, Assistant Village Attorney Bianco, Village Clerk Devlin, and Deputy Village Clerk Braile present. Village Attorney Egan and Village Treasurer Krawczyk were absent.

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

Mayor Pontieri indicated that the Village had recently lost a member of a long time Patchogue family, Al Benincase, The Benincase family had been involved in the community for a long time, and he wished his best to Mr. Benincase’s family and friends.

Village Clerk Devlin asked the Board to approve Board Meeting minutes from June 28, 2021.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Board meeting minutes from June 28, 2021.

Village Clerk Devlin stated the total bills for the period ending July 12, 2021 were \$625,678.42. The five largest bills were as follows: \$165,530.79 for NYS Health Insurance; \$108,180.80 for Pilger Skidmore; \$38,380.39 for PSEGLI; \$9,322.08 for Egan and Golden; and \$7,679.63 for Sprague.

General	\$ 525,171.65
Trust & Agency	\$ 0,431.11
Cap Projects	\$ 0.00
Sewer Fund	\$ 51,042.73
B.I.D. Fund	\$ 2,708.40
Housing Fund	\$ 0.00
CDA Fund	\$ 4,708.87
General Bills	\$ 31,615.66
Totals	\$ 625,678.42

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

Village Clerk Devlin asked the Board to approve budget transfers.

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

GENERAL FUND

FROM:

ACCOUNT#	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
001-1110-0465	COURT-CONFERENCE	\$900.00
001-1130-0101	TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS-OVERTIME	\$300.00
001-1325-0416	TREASURER-PRINTING	\$500.00
001-1355-0456	ASSESSOR-POSTAGE	\$500.00
001-1410-0100	VILLAGE CLERK-SALARIES	\$35,000.00
001-1410-0465	VILLAGE CLERK-CONFERENCE	\$1,900.00
001-1410-0200	VILLAGE CLERK EQUIPMENT	\$2,000.00
001-1410-0411	VILLAGE CLERK-TELEPHONE	\$3,500.00
001-1410-0416	VILLAGE CLERK-PRINTING	\$1,100.00
001-1410-0419	VILLAGE CLERK-MAINT & REPAIRS	\$1,000.00
001-1440-0415	ENGINEER-FEES FOR SVCS	\$95,700.00
001-1620-0101	VILLAGE HALL-OVERTIME	\$6,400.00
001-1621-0420	THEATRE-MAINT & REPAIRS BLDG	\$14,000.00
001-1640-0101	GARAGE-OVERTIME	\$1,000.00
001-1640-0414	GARAGE- MAT & SUPP	\$1,000.00
001-1990-0500	CONTINGENT ACCOUNT	\$52,500.00

001-3620-0465	SAFETY-CONFERENCE	\$200.00
001-3622-0100	SECURITY-SALARIES	\$17,000.00
001-5110-0200	STREET-EQUIPMENT	\$14,500.00
001-5142-0100	SNOW-SALARIES	\$1,000.00
001-5182-0414	STREET LIGHTING-MAT & SUPP	\$15,000.00
001-7020-0415	RECREATION-FEES FOR SERVICE	\$300.00
001-7110-0200	PARKS-EQUIPMENT	\$20,000.00
001-7110-0420	PARKS-MAINT & REPAIRS BLDG	\$5,000.00
001-7110-0470	PARKS-MAT & SUPP ATHLETIC EQUIP	\$500.00
001-7180-0414	POOL-MAT & SUPP	\$3,500.00
001-7230-0450	DOCK-MISC	\$200.00
001-7270-0100	BANKSHELL-SALARIES	\$200.00
001-7510-0450	HISTORIAN-MISC	\$100.00
001-8015-0100	ARB-SALARIES	\$500.00
001-8015-0415	ARB-FEES FOR SERVICES	\$2,000.00
001-8015-0450	ARB-MISC	\$500.00
001-8020-0100	PLANNING BOARD-SALARIES	\$200.00
001-8160-0101	REFUSE-OVERTIME	\$6,200.00
001-8170-0101	SWEEPER-OVERTIME	<u>\$300.00</u>

\$304,500.00

TO:

ACCOUNT#	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
001-1110-0200	COURT-EQUIPMENT	\$200.00
001-1110-0414	COURT-MAT & SUPP	\$300.00
001-1110-0456	COURT-POSTAGE	\$400.00
001-1130-0100	TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS-SALARIES	\$300.00
001-1325-0100	TREASURER-SALARIES	\$13,000.00
001-1325-0414	TREASURER-MAT & SUPP	\$100.00
001-1355-0100	ASSESSOR-SALARIES	\$300.00
001-1355-0200	ASSESSOR-EQUIPMENT	\$200.00
001-1410-0415	VILLAGE CLERK-FEES & SERVICES	\$2,500.00
001-1410-0432	VILLAGE CLERK- COMPUTER SVCS	\$40,000.00
001-1410-0456	VILLAGE CLERK-POSTAGE	\$2,000.00
001-1620-0412	BUILDING-UTILITIES	\$5,500.00
001-1620-0414	BUILDING-MAT & SUPP	\$200.00
001-1620-0420	BUILDING-MAIN & REPAIRS-BLDG	\$700.00
001-1621-0412	THEATRE-UTILITIES	\$6,100.00
001-1621-0415	THEATRE-FEES & SERVICES	\$18,000.00
001-1640-0100	GARAGE-SALARIES	\$1,500.00
001-1640-0450	GARAGE-MISC	\$500.00
001-3620-0450	SAFETY-MISC	\$200.00
001-3622-0200	SECURITY-EQUIPMENT	\$14,000.00
001-3622-0416	SECURITY-PRINTING	\$1,000.00
001-3622-0419	SECURITY-MAIN & REPAIRS(EQUIP)	\$2,000.00
001-5110-0426	STREET-SIGNS	\$1,000.00
001-5110-0427	STREET-REPAIRS BY OTHERS	\$6,000.00
001-5110-0428	STREET-EQUIPMENT RENTAL	\$7,500.00
001-5142-0101	SNOW-OVERTIME	\$1,000.00
001-5182-0446	LIGHTING-ELECTRICITY	\$15,000.00
001-7020-0100	RECREATION-SALARIES	\$300.00
001-7110-0100	PARKS-SALARIES	\$5,500.00
001-7110-0412	PARKS-UTILITIES	\$2,500.00
001-7110-0419	PARKS-MAIN & REPAIRS EQUIPMENT	\$1,000.00
001-7110-0441	PARKS-MAIN & REPAIRS PARKS	\$16,000.00
001-7180-0420	POOL-MAIN & REPAIRS BLDG	\$3,500.00
001-7230-0200	MASCOT DOCK-EQUIPMENT	\$100.00
001-7230-0411	MASCOT-TELEPHONE	\$100.00
001-7270-0450	BANDSHELL-MISC	\$200.00
001-7550-450	CELEBRATIONS	\$100.00
001-8010-0100	ZONING-SALARIES	\$200.00
001-8010-0415	ZONING-FEES FOR SERVICE	\$2,500.00

001-8010-0418	ZONING-PUBLISHING	\$200.00
001-8015-0456	ARB-POSTAGE	\$100.00
001-8020-0450	PLANNING-MISC	\$200.00
001-8160-0100	REFUSE-SALARIES	\$6,000.00
001-8160-0412	REFUSE-UTILITIES	\$200.00
001-8170-0100	SWEEPER-SALARIES	\$300.00
001-9010-0801	STATE RETIREMENT	\$5,500.00
001-9060-0807	HOSPITAL & MEDICAL	\$115,000.00
001-9710-0454	SERIAL BONDS-NOTE ISSUANCE	<u>\$5,500.00</u>
		\$304,500.00

SEWER

FROM:

ACCOUNT#	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
005-1440-0415	ENGINEERING-FEES FOR SERVICES	\$70,000.00
005-8130-0419	SEWER TREATMENT-MAIN & REPAIR	<u>\$40,800.00</u>
		\$110,800.00

TO:

ACCOUNT#	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
005-1325-0100	TREASURER-SALARIES	\$2,000.00
005-1355-0100	ASSESSOR-SALARIES	\$100.00
005-8110-0100	SANITATION-SALARIES	\$200.00
005-8120-0100	SANITARY SEWERS-SALARIES	\$200.00
005-8120-0412	SANITARY SEWERS-UTILITIES	\$500.00
005-8130-0412	SEWAGE TREATMENT-UTILITIES	\$20,000.00
005-8130-0415	SEWAGE TREATMENT-FEES FOR SVC	\$300.00
005-8130-0461	SEWAGE TREATMENT-SLUDGE REM	\$85,000.00
005-9030-0802	SEWER-SOCIAL SECURITY	<u>\$2,500.00</u>
		\$110,800.00

BID

FROM:

ACCOUNT#	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
006-3195-0429	ADMIN-EXPENSE ACCOUNT	\$800.00
006-3195-0450	ADMIN-MISC	\$1,000.00
006-3195-0491-0433	ADMIN-BEAUTIFICATION-PLANTING	\$1,100.00
006-3195-0492-0423	ADMIN-PROMOTION THEATRE	\$3,400.00
006-3195-0492-0424	ADMIN-PROMOTION CHAMBER	<u>\$1,075.00</u>
		\$7,375.00

TO:

ACCOUNT#	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
006-3195-0414	ADMIN-MAT & SUPP	\$800.00
006-3195-0491-0434	ADMIN-BEAUTIFICATION-LANDSCA	\$6,500.00
006-3195-0493-0435	ADMIN-STREETSCAPES-OUTDOOR	<u>\$75.00</u>
		\$7,375.00

Village Clerk Devlin reviewed the cash balances as of May 31, 2021 as follows:

General Fund	\$7,135,549.46
Trust & Agency	\$ 205,557.58
Sewer Fund	\$1,671,390.71
BID Fund	<u>\$ 77,759.81</u>
	\$9,090,257.56

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked Jeanette and Josh Monte of 430 South Ocean Avenue to step forward to receive a Patchogue Pride Award. He noted that this was a beautiful home which he had lived next door to 25 years ago. Mayor Pontieri complimented them on the work they had done to keep the historical elements of their beautiful home. Deputy Mayor Krieger concurred that he was impressed by how nice their property looked. Mayor Pontieri inquired if this was the first house they had purchased. Ms. Monte stated that it was. Trustee Felice congratulated them on receiving the award and for investing in Patchogue. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that Salvatore and Elaine Ferrante as well as Erin O'Brien of North Summit Avenue would also be receiving Patchogue Pride awards but had been unable to attend the meeting this evening. He thanked all

the residents who kept their homes in great condition and showed their pride in living in Patchogue. Village Clerk Devlin also presented the Montes with a Patchogue Pride lawn sign.

Dennis Smith reviewed the BID and special projects report. Mr. Smith indicated that the BID was in full summer mode with hanging baskets in place and the watering underway. He noted that all of the plantings looked very nice. Mr. Smith noted that the 911 Memorial Park had recently been relandscaped so that it could be in nice shape for the upcoming 20th anniversary of the event. He thanked Paula Murphy, the Garden Club, and DPW staff for their assistance in redesigning the park as well as removing the old plants. This was a difficult area to plant due to exposure to the saltwater climate and marshy land; however, everything new that had been planted seemed to be growing. There had been some problems with the replanted trees from the recent rain and winds; however, a tree service would be coming in shortly to stake the trees in the hopes of saving them. Even though it took a lot of work to maintain landscaping in this environment, he was pretty sure that what was needed there was now in place. Mr. Smith indicated that the Sunday Market was in full swing with 40 to 45 vendors attending each week and steady foot traffic. It was off to a great start. He continued by noting that a four foot extension ring would be delivered shortly to DPW to grow the Village's Christmas tree from 24 ft. to 28 ft. Mr. Smith thanked the Economic Development Agency of Suffolk County for this donation and noted that they had also donated the original tree. He indicated that Shorefront Park was still a work in progress as the project was still under review by the Army Corps and DEC. Once they agree on the plans, a 120 day public comment period would begin. Hopefully, this would start within the next couple of months. Unfortunately, the project was out of the Village's hands for now, but the Village would work as quickly as possible once it was able to do so. Mr. Smith indicated that an additional Mommy and Me swing had been added at Fr. Totoro Park. This had been requested for some time and had been added with the assistance of the Recreation Department. It was a great park, and he was sure the swing would get a lot of use

Mr. Smith then provided an overview of the Johnson Controls project. He noted that Johnson Controls had completed the Village's energy audit and was now in the process of completing the associated work. Lighting all over the Village was being retrofit for cost savings, and he indicated that most of the lights at Village Hall were new. Equipment needed for Shorefront Park would hopefully be here by August. Some concern had been expressed about the light pole where the osprey nest was located, but a determination had been made that leaving that pole as it was would not impact the lighting plans moving forward. Mr. Smith noted that a new roof had been installed in the back of the Theatre, and bulbs had been changed in the streetlights in the south part of the Village. Equipment for upgrades had been ordered. He also noted that the installation of dehumidifier equipment to protect documents stored at Village Hall had been started and should be completed within a couple of weeks. Installation of water conservation equipment at the Theatre such as faucets and toilets was continuing. These would save water and be more sanitary. Mr. Smith noted that all of the engineering site surveys had been completed for the solar parking arrays to be located behind the Theatre. This part of the project was now in the design stage with the steel expected to be erected in late September through the fall and into the winter, weather permitting, with production of electricity scheduled to begin in early spring. So far, Johnson Controls had been on point with everything they had said they were going to do. It was a pleasure working with them as they were very responsive to any requests or needs the Village had. This was a good program and a good choice the Village had made, and he was looking forward to bringing all of this work to fruition. Deputy Mayor Krieger concurred that there had been no disruptions at the Theatre while Johnson Controls was doing their work, and they had been very communicative. Mr. Smith indicated that they had been informed that they would need to work closely with the Theatre's staff to prevent any interruptions.

Deputy Mayor Krieger commended the Public Safety Officers for doing a great job, especially since Patchogue had been very busy for the past few weeks at night and on the weekends. The officers were out there doing their jobs, and he hoped that the public respected what they did as it was not an easy position. He suggested the public thank the officers for the job they were doing whenever possible.

Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that the Theatre was getting ready to open soon, and staff were working with Johnson Controls to get everything ready for it to open to the public. He indicated that a Gateway production would be opening in a few weeks. Deputy Mayor Krieger encouraged everyone to check out the upcoming shows and purchase their tickets at patchoguetheatre.org.

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

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Felice, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the termination of Public Safety Officer Devin Brodbeck effective June 25, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to accept the resignation of a Public Safety Officer.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the resignation of Public Safety Officer Max Murphy, with regrets, effective June 30, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that these positions were often used as starting points for other law enforcement positions, so it was normal for officers to move on to other jobs on a regular basis.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to ratify prior approval to hire Public Safety Officers.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to ratify prior approval to hire Daniel Sanchez and Justin Rodriguez as Public Safety Officers at \$17.60 per hour effective July 21, 2021.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve and endorse the Patchogue Theatre of Performing Arts' application to NYS Home and Community Renewal for funding under the NY Main Street grant.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to approve and endorse the Patchogue Theatre of Performing Arts' (PTPA) application to NYS Home and Community Renewal for funding under the NY Main Street grant.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to set a public hearing to amend Section 302-1.B Public Nuisance of Chapter 302 of the Village Code.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board set a public hearing to amend Section 302-1.B Public Nuisance of Chapter 302 of the Village Code for July 26, 2021.

Mayor Pontieri asked Trustee Keyes for an update on how the presentation which was provided by the PEP Committee and St. Joseph's College at the last meeting was moving forward. Trustee Keyes stated that the South Shore Estuary group had requested to have this presentation provided to them at their meeting on Friday. He noted that one of the goals of the project was to educate the public and encourage others to build on it moving forward, so this request was very encouraging. Trustee Keyes noted that the meeting would be on Zoom. If anyone was interested in watching it, please email him so that he could send them the link for the meeting.

Trustee Keyes then congratulated Mayor Pontieri and his wife Mary for celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Trustee Keyes indicated that he and Trustee Felice had been researching digital speed signs as a result of the maniac motorists speeding through every single street throughout the Village. They had found one solar style type, but it was not as portable as they wanted. Discussions were also occurring with Marion Russo of the CDA to determine if this could possibly be a CDA project. Other types of speed control measures such as speed humps and traffic control systems were also being investigated. Right now, stop signs were often more of a suggestion, and people were traveling at high rates of speed on residential roads. This was creating very dangerous conditions, and unfortunately, a bicyclist had been hit the other day on Bay Avenue and Carman Street. Trustee Brinkman concurred that the situation was bad and inquired if the signs installed by the Town of Brookhaven on Blue Point Avenue had been investigated. Trustee Keyes stated that they had reviewed those signs but found them to be not quite as portable as they wanted. Trustee Brinkman suggested that funding may be available from various sources to support this initiative. Trustee Keyes expressed his appreciation for the conversations being held on this topic. Mayor

Pontieri noted that the sidewalks and curbing on Bay Avenue were also being reviewed. Trustee Keyes stated that steps needed to be taken to get motorists' attention as this was a serious problem.

Trustee Keyes indicated that he had some exciting news from the Parks Department in that it had accumulated a record \$70,000 in revenue for the month of June. This was due to people returning to the programs, and the high level of interest in new programs such as goat yoga and the mobile exercise van. Interest in older programs such as pickleball was also strong. He was very proud of the hard working staff for not being afraid to try something new as change could be good.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve hiring summer staff.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Felice, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire seven summer staff members for 2021 as presented.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of two parking spaces at the LIRR train station.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Blue Point Bible Church to hold their Pop-Up Donation event in two parking spaces at the LIRR train station on Saturday, July 24th, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve a pay increase for the Head Cashier.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Felice, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to increase the rate of pay for the Head Cashier from \$13 per hour to \$14 per hour.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of the Four Sisters Tennis Courts by the Patchogue-Medford School District.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Patchogue-Medford School District to use the Four Sisters Tennis Courts for the South Ocean Middle School's Tennis Program from September 1st through November 5th, Monday through Friday, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (6:00 p.m. on match days).

Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that many of the summer Parks Department programs had opened today. Trustee Keyes agreed and noted that a nice day had been had by all. He thanked the Parks Department staff for doing a great job as always.

Trustee Felice thanked Trustee Keyes and the Parks Department staff for their hard work. He loved all of the new ideas and programs they had.

Trustee Felice asked the Board to ratify prior approval to hire seasonal DPW employees.

Upon a motion by Trustee Felice, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to ratify prior approval to hire John James and Joseph Sinclair as seasonal employees for DPW at \$15 per hour.

Trustee Felice asked the Board to approve hiring Vollmuth and Brush for surveying services. Mayor Pontieri indicated that these services would survey the west side of Bay Avenue for a proposal to install sidewalks and curbing.

Upon a motion by Trustee Felice, seconded by Deputy Mayor Krieger, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire Vollmuth and Brush for surveying services of the western side of Bay Avenue at a cost of \$16,580.

Trustee Felice asked the Board to authorize payment to H2M Architects Engineers for preparation of a Short Environmental Assessment Form. Mayor Pontieri indicated that this work had been done for the grant application to expand the sewer plant to 1.2 million gallons which would be an additional 400,000 gallons over the current capacity. He noted that 200,000 gallons would be able to address houses at the south end of Patchogue while the remaining 200,000 gallons could be used to help neighboring communities on the south shore. Mayor Pontieri indicated that the goal would be to protect the environment as much as possible since there were very few sewer plants along

the south shore. He noted that he had spoken with Senator Schumer about this project as well. This grant application was the first step in acquiring the necessary funding the move forward.

Upon a motion by Trustee Felice, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to authorize the payment of \$8,500 to H2M Architects Engineers for the preparation of a Short Environmental Assessment Form for the environmental review relating to the NYS Water Quality Improvement Project (WQIP).

Trustee Felice asked the Board for approval to enter into a 5 year lease agreement for a new street sweeper which would replace the current 15 year old sweeper. The new sweeper had many more functions than the old one including the ability to vacuum some salt water drains, and it could be used on the permeable surfaces at the end of River Avenue. Trustee Felice indicated that the demonstration provided had been quite effective, and this was a nice piece of equipment.

Upon a motion by Trustee Felice, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to enter into a 5 year lease agreement with Lease Hampton and Trius to purchase a new Tymco 600 sweeper to replace the 15 year old Elgin sweeper.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve an event hosted by Village Cigar Headquarters utilizing six public parking spaces in front of the store.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Village Cigar Headquarters of 90 East Main Street, Suite A, to hold an event on Saturday, July 24th from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. including placement of a tent on six (6) public parking spaces in front of the store. Timing of the closure of the parking spaces to be determined by the schedule of Camelot Tent.

Trustee Brinkman indicated that the Planning and Zoning Board meetings were going well and were continuing to be livestreamed on Zoom and YouTube. She thanked the Building Department for doing a great job.

Trustee Brinkman then provided an update on the new Village web site by noting that she and Village Clerk Devlin had been working diligently on design elements and photos for the new site. They were pulling pieces of information off of Novus agenda, so that everything was ready to go live in September.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to waive Zoning Board special permit fees.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Felice, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to waive Zoning Board special permit fees for the Restoration and Revival Center.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to set a public hearing to consider a Special Use Permit for a non-owner occupied two family dwelling.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board set a public hearing to consider a Special Use Permit for a non-owner occupied two family dwelling located at 103 Railroad Avenue for July 26, 2021. Subject premises is located in the E Industrial Zone.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to set a public hearing to consider the abandonment/discontinuance of the westerly portion of Cedar Grove Court. Mayor Pontieri indicated that this was a portion of road that was not used by the public and would be split between the adjoining properties.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board set a public hearing to consider the abandonment/discontinuance of the westerly portion of Cedar Grove Court, which action is pursuant to sections 6-612 of the Village Law of the State of New York for July 26, 2021. At the conclusion and close of the public hearing, a resolution will be considered authorizing the abandonment/discontinuance for that portion of Cedar Grove Court.

Trustee McHeffey noted that the Arts Council’s annual juried member exhibit would be running from July 17th through August 22nd with a reception held on July 17th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that work had begun on the CDA’s Church Street sidewalk and curbing project. Saw cutting had been started today, and weather permitting, the work should be completed over the next couple of weeks. Mayor Pontieri indicated that the entrance out of the parking lot would be changed as well. Trustee McHeffey concurred and noted that this would make the street safer. He then noted that they were working on finding a contractor to install the handrail on the public access ramp behind Village Hall.

Trustee McHeffey then reviewed fees that had to be updated with regard to property maintenance the Village sometimes needed to perform on neglected properties such as lawn cutting, dumping, and boarding up windows. Costs for these services were added to the effected properties’ tax bills. Mayor Pontieri indicated that most of these problems were brought to the Village’s attention by neighbors who were being disturbed by these nuisance issues. Trustee Brinkman inquired if these fees would include cleaning up large debris that was on a property such as abandoned boats. Mayor Pontieri stated that a dumping fee was included and would be used to remove this type of debris. Trustee McHeffey reviewed the proposed fees and stressed that they would be charged to the owner of the property. No one would be receiving free lawn service. Mayor Pontieri reiterated that any such charges assessed would be added to the property owner’s tax bill at the end of the year. He noted that these were rarely needed since the Village tried to work with property owners to resolve these problems without Village involvement.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the offer from Leo’s Landscaping to charge the following fees for the noted services as well as the noted administrative fees:

Lawn Cutting	\$100
Clean-up(up to 3 hours)	\$450
Dumping	\$150
Board ups	\$80/unit

Administrative fees:

Lawn Cutting	\$100
Clean up	\$150
Board ups	\$150

Trustee Felice expressed concern that large items such as abandoned boats would cost more than the noted fee to dump. Mayor Pontieri stated that whatever the cost was to the Village would be assessed to the property owner. Trustee Felice asked for confirmation that there would be no set fee for large debris removal and that the property owner would be assessed the full cost of the Village’s expenses. Trustee Brinkman remarked that a property on Highland Avenue was full of debris and had two abandoned boats on the property. Assistant Village Attorney Bianco indicated that the Village Code provided flexibility on how property owners could be charged for having these issues addressed. Trustee Keyes inquired as to whether this could also be applied to sidewalks in front of homes as there were several that were in disrepair and needed to be addressed. Mayor Pontieri indicated that this had been done with sidewalks on Cedar Avenue and would be addressed elsewhere if necessary. Any costs incurred by the Village performing work that was the responsibility of the property owner would be added to those properties’ tax bills at the end of the year.

Trustee Ferb noted that posting the streetsweeper schedule online would be a good idea. Trustee Felice indicated that a lot of emails had been received about areas not being cleaned. Unfortunately, the current streetsweeper was in disrepair and only being used on an emergency basis. Hopefully, the new one would be available for use as quickly as possible. Trustee Brinkman indicated that posting this schedule on the new web site would be totally feasible. Village Clerk Devlin concurred that the calendar on the new web site would be able to be changed and updated easily.

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

Mary Kassner, 193 North Ocean Avenue, stated that the speeding issue on North Ocean Avenue was much worse than on Bay Avenue. There had been a near tragedy last Saturday when a young woman's car left the road and hit a house that was full of children at the time. Ms. Kassner indicated that she and her neighbors had been working with the Suffolk County Police Department and had attended their public meetings. The speeding problem seemed to be worse two times of day – early in the morning when people were going to work, between 5:00 a.m. and 6:30 a.m., and in the evenings, especially on the weekends after 11:00 p.m. Stop signs appeared to be optional, and the speeding occurred in both north and south directions. In addition, since North Ocean Avenue was straight, cars could very quickly build up speed, especially if they hit every light traveling south from the Long Island Expressway. Ms. Kassner reiterated that stop signs were not working anymore, and something needed to be done before a tragedy occurred. The police were trying their best, but their duties generally took them elsewhere in the evenings as speeding on North Ocean Avenue was not their top priority. She noted that the commander at the Fifth Precinct had suggested that she take her concerns to the Village Board instead. Ms. Kassner also noted that she anticipated the problems to worsen once the new Starbucks on West Avenue opened. As the west end of town would be more crowded and not a viable way to enter and exit the Village, more people would be using North Ocean Avenue. She doubted that rumble strips or signs showing how fast people were traveling would help, but something needed to be done before someone was killed. Maybe, speed humps could help. Mayor Pontieri indicated that sometimes speed humps could create problems by causing drivers to lose control if they hit them too fast. Village Clerk Devlin agreed and noted that recently someone had hit a speed hump near her house traveling too fast and hit her neighbor's car and another car resulting in one of the cars being totaled. Ms. Kassner noted that a real estate agent had informed her that rumble strips in front of a property would reduce the value of that property. She reiterated, though, that something had to be done as this was beyond problematic.

Dennis Ross, 17 Lager Lane, suggested that the Village consider obtaining speed cameras to address the problems on North Ocean Avenue, especially since they would be free for them as it was a revenue sharing device. The Village would not pay a dime for them. Mayor Pontieri indicated that the Village would need to go through the state for approval to install them. Assistant Village Attorney Bianco stated that these cameras were regulated by the state DOT, and the Village had limited powers in this area. Mayor Pontieri indicated that research would need to be done to determine whether a municipality could install these cameras. Mr. Ross indicated that they did work and noted that the five boroughs had them and moved them around all the time. He stated that he felt that speed signs would not help at all.

Mr. Ross indicated that he did not think that an Elgin streetsweeper would work here and noted that the city had sweepers that lasted forever. He suggested that the Village look into one of those. Trustee Felice stated that the new streetsweeper was a Tymco 600. A lot of research had been done, and they had looked at four or five different ones before deciding on that one. Mayor Pontieri indicated that trials had been conducted to determine the best one for the Village. Village Clerk Devlin observed that the Village was getting rid of the Elgin streetsweeper. Trustee Felice reiterated that they had looked at four or five machines and were most impressed with the Tymco 600 since it could also be used on River Avenue and Sunset Lane where there were permeable paved surfaces.

Mr. Ross indicated that he would be willing to have rumble strips put in place on West Avenue.

Mr. Ross inquired as to the status of the Blue Point Brewery's proposed restaurant and occupancy expansion. Mayor Pontieri indicated that their application was before the Planning Board right now. Mr. Ross noted that when they had originally appeared before the Village Board for their special permit, they had stated that this would never be part of their plans, yet the proposal had now been submitted. He hoped that part of the permits they were seeking would include increased fees to the Village for increasing the use of the sewer plant. Mr. Ross also expressed surprise that the BID would be in favor of this.

Mr. Ross indicated that Riverview had transferred all of their lighting to LED. He noted that the property maintained the lights, but the Village paid the bill for them.

Mr. Ross then inquired if Deputy Mayor Krieger had received an invitation to attend the Oakdale Civics Meeting on September 13th. Deputy Mayor Kriger stated that he had not. Mr. Ross indicated that he should be receiving an email invitation shortly.

Mr. Ross inquired as to the nature of the public hearing to be held on July 26th with regard to the Railroad Avenue property. Trustee Brinkman indicated that it was for a renewal of the non-owner occupied use for the property located at 103 Railroad Avenue. Village Clerk Devlin concurred that this was for a renewal for an existing special permit.

Mr. Ross noted that there did not appear to be drain covers in place for the Church Street project. Trustee McHeffey indicated that this was the first time this had been brought to his attention, and he would pass this information along.

Mr. Ross expressed hope that emails would work with the new Village web site.

Mr. Ross then wished the Board luck with finding out information about the cameras. Trustee Brinkman indicated that Mr. Ross could see documents on the Blue Point Brewery application online through Novus Agenda. It was application #21-14.

Mary Senatore, 199 North Ocean Avenue, stated that she lived next door to Ms. Kassner. She noted that she had moved here in 2017, and shortly afterwards, a car had crashed into the lamppost in front of her house. Ms. Senatore indicated that the recent incident last week was extremely upsetting. She stated that people speed along North Ocean Avenue all night long. Ms. Senatore indicated that she had recently visited Eaton's Neck and was informed beforehand to not speed because she would receive a ticket if she did. This was the type of presence that was needed here. The 30 mile per hour speed limit had to be honored. Whatever tools were used such as speed humps or cameras, individuals needed to know that if that speed limit was violated then they would receive a ticket. Mayor Pontieri stated that the Village had to find out if cameras could be used. Ms. Senatore stressed that people and property needed to be protected. She loved this community and loved living here. Mayor Pontieri inquired as to where she had lived before. Ms. Senatore stated that she had lived in Holbrook and taught in Bayshore. She indicated that she loved her neighbors and the community, but it would be nice to feel safe.

Richard Kemp, Jennings Avenue, stated that no one had addressed the problem of illegal fireworks in the Village. Mayor Pontieri inquired as to where these were. Mr. Kemp indicated that people located around the corner from him had been setting them off, and Public Safety officers and the Suffolk County Police Department were nowhere to be found. Fireworks had been rampant all over the neighborhood. Mayor Pontieri stated that this was a problem all over the Village and County. Mr. Kemp indicated that no one was even patrolling the streets as had been done in the past. He was very concerned that everyone seemed to have fireworks at their homes now where, in the past, people had gone to places like Bald Hill to watch them. When people had old houses with wood shingles, this was a very concerning and dangerous situation. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that he had attended a party on the Fourth of July, and it had sounded like a war zone around them. Trustee Brinkman noted that she had seen an aerial photo from a plane showing all the fireworks going off over Long Island that night. Village Clerk Devlin observed that this issue needed to be handled on a much higher level. Her neighbor had been setting off mortars all night long. Even though Public Safety officers and the Suffolk County Police had come down, it was hard to address. Mr. Kemp stated that after the fact was too late to do something about the problem. Mayor Pontieri indicated that during the fact was too late as Public Safety officers did not have the authority to arrest or even give violations to the offenders. While the Suffolk County Police had that authority, the problem was so widespread all over Long Island that it could not be addressed. Mayor Pontieri indicated that he agreed with his concerns. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that he had issues with fireworks going off in his neighborhood even before the Fourth of July. Trustee Brinkman noted that this was a real issue for veterans as well. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that these were not just firecrackers either. These were much bigger items. Mr. Kemp asked why code enforcement officers could not do anything. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that they did not have the authority to deal with this issue. The Suffolk County Police did. Mr. Kemp indicated that he had to sit on his front porch on July 3rd and July 4th due to fearing that his neighbors would damage his house with fireworks. Deputy Mayor Krieger stated that this was a bigger problem than code enforcement officers could solve.

Mr. Kemp expressed concern about the purpose of the cameras that were mentioned earlier especially if they were under state control. Mayor Pontieri indicated that the information on these cameras needed to be reviewed. Mr. Kemp stated that if cameras would be taking photos of vehicles he had a big problem with that.

Mr. Kemp then inquired if large commercial trucks were supposed to be on residential streets. Mayor Pontieri stated that it depended on the street and the type of delivery being made. For example, appliance stores such as PC Richards were allowed to make deliveries. Village Clerk Devlin stated that there were weight limits on certain streets. Mr. Kemp indicated that Cisco, which was a large food delivery company and had all different sized trucks, had a 48 foot tractor trailer come down his street. Trucks often came down Havens Avenue, made deliveries, headed through New Village and then went north on Jennings Avenue in order to get back to North Ocean Avenue rather than turning onto Lake Street. Mayor Pontieri indicated that it was tough for larger trucks to turn onto Lake Street.

Mr. Kemp stated that he had been in touch with Village Attorney Egan regarding the public hearing concerning Section 302. He indicated that Dan Parente, president of Cedar Grove Cemetery, would like to speak with Village Attorney Egan to discuss his concerns and questions prior to that hearing. Mayor Pontieri noted that he would pass this information onto Village Attorney Egan.

Mr. Kemp expressed concern that the crosswalk on the southeast corner of the Four Corners was missing a button. There should be eight buttons on the corner, and there were not. Mayor Pontieri indicated that this would be reviewed and addressed. Funds were available to review the mechanicals on all of the Main Street crosswalks.

John Bogack, 9 Noxon Street, stated that when he was here at the last Board meeting the Cornerstone application was still before the Suffolk County Planning Commission, and Village Attorney Egan had provided a good outline of what would occur. His understanding was that there were now different circumstances and inquired as to whether the Cornerstone application would be before this Board again. Mayor Pontieri stated that he was aware of the Suffolk County Planning Commission's decision but had not received it in its entirety from the County. Once it was received it would be reviewed over the next two weeks and discussed at the next meeting. Mr. Bogack inquired if the Board could override the Commission's decision. Mayor Pontieri stated that it would take a supermajority of the Board or five votes to do so. Mr. Bogack inquired if the Mayor would vote. Mayor Pontieri stated that he would not need to do so if it was a six to zero vote, but he would do so if necessary.

Mr. Bogack then inquired as to what the Village intended to do with regard to the legalization of pot. Mayor Pontieri stated that the Board would need to make a decision in either August or September whether to move forward or opt out. Mr. Bogack asked what would happen if the decision was made to opt out. Mayor Pontieri stated that a public hearing would need to be held, and if the decision was made to opt out, no sale of the product would be permitted within the Village. A determination still needed to be made whether or not it would be legal to smoke it on the street or not since the state did not come down with a clear definition of what was and was not allowed. Mr. Bogack inquired if there would be a referendum period if the Board opted out. Assistant Village Attorney Bianco stated that before a permissive referendum was held a sufficient number of signatures would need to be collected in favor of holding such a referendum. He believed that number was from 10% to 20% of registered voters. A notice would need to be published and a certain amount of time given to gather the required signatures. Mayor Pontieri indicated that he believed that the number of signatures required would be approximately 1,200 to 1,300.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Signed _____
Lori Devlin, Village Clerk

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