

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, September 12, 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 Deputy Mayor Krieger and Trustees Brinkman, Carillo, 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.

Village Clerk Devlin asked the Board to approve Board Meeting minutes from August 22, 2022.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and carried by majority with Trustee Brinkman abstaining and all others in favor, the Board approved the Board Meeting minutes from August 22, 2022.

Village Clerk Devlin stated the total bills for the period ending September 12, 2022 were \$1,433,845.99. The five largest bills were as follows: \$270,484.41 for Rosemar Contracting, \$174,027.10 for NYSEM, \$113,505.64 for Affiliated Agency Insurance, \$94,005.00 for NYS Municipal Workers, and \$35,000 for Germano and Cahill.

General	\$ 1,003,047.68
Trust & Agency	\$ 10,211.69
Cap Projects	\$ 295,781.83
Sewer Fund	\$ 105,505.90
B.I.D. Fund	\$ 8,585.91
Housing Fund	\$ 0.00
CDA Fund	\$ 10,712.98
General Bills	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 1,433,845.99

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

Mayor Pontieri asked the Board to approve payment for Valerie Braile for attendance at Board meetings.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pontieri, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Valerie Braile to be paid \$150 per Board meeting in place of earning compensation time.

David Kennedy reviewed the Chamber of Commerce report. Mr. Kennedy thanked the Board for their support of Alive After Five. He felt that it had been a very successful season and the new layout had worked well. There had been no major issues, as far as he was aware, and there had been great turnouts with people having a nice time. Mr. Kennedy continued by noting that a wrap up meeting was planned for September 28th, and he hoped that planning for the event would start sooner for the upcoming year. He also expressed his appreciation for the assistance provided by the Department of Public Works. The St. Liberata Festival had been held the previous weekend and been a wonderful event. This was more locally attended than Alive After Five and was like a Patchogue family reunion. Steve Fuoco had been honored as Italian American of the Year, and there had been a very spirited bocce ball tournament. Mr. Kennedy noted that there was quite a busy fall season coming up. The annual Hispanic Heritage celebration would be held the upcoming weekend at the Patchogue Theatre. All were invited to attend. Tickets were available at patchoguetheatre.com and were free, but a ticket was still required for entrance in order to control crowd size. In a couple of weeks, Patchogue's first Hispanic parade would be held and be led by Trustee Carillo. He noted that new events sometimes take some time to build a following, but he felt it was important to establish this as a new tradition in the community. There were a couple of clean up days that were coming up including the Patchogue Riverfront Clean-Up on September 24th which would be held in conjunction with a Mac and Cheese Challenge. The Friends of Lakeview Cemeteries would be sponsoring a fall clean up on October 1st. Mr. Kennedy indicated that the Breakfast Crawl was being brought back after a hiatus of a couple of years on Saturday,

October 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Tickets should be on sale at Patchogue.com by the end of the week with all funds raised given to the Greater Patchogue Foundation. The Chamber's Annual Installation Dinner would be held on Wednesday, October 12th, with Dawn Turnball continuing to serve as president for a third year. This would also be a celebration of the Business Improvement District's 30th Anniversary, and he felt that it was not a coincidence that the community had started to turn around at the same time the BID was organized. The BID had done much good in the community that deserved to be celebrated. Mr. Kennedy continued by noting that the Annual Fall Festival would be held on Saturday, October 15th, and feature the annual Chili and Chowder contest. There were also a couple of upcoming ribbon cuttings. The first was on September 15th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Steele Grace Wellness which was located above Tranquility Within. Two businesses located next to each other would be celebrated on September 22nd. These were South Shore Speech and Language Pathology and Sharon Nicole Aesthetics. These were located just outside of the Village north of Sunrise Highway, but everyone loved to see the Mayor and Board members at these events.

Trustee Ferb complimented Mr. Kennedy for navigating the changes from the old Alive After Five to the new one. He had attended every one, and they were great events. Mr. Kennedy thanked him and also expressed his appreciation for his assistance in moving the changes forward. He noted that, even though the restaurants had expressed concern with some of the changes, they had reported that most had better inside and dining business with the new layout. In his opinion, the community probably preferred them having more dining business rather than beer selling business.

Mr. Kennedy indicated that he had informed the businesses that they needed to provide a 60 day lead time when requesting approval for events. He noted that he understood the time involved in processing requests. Mayor Pontieri noted that the various departments involved in processing applications needed time to review them. Mr. Kennedy concurred and indicated that he would get that message out to everyone. Village Clerk Devlin stated that she would forward him a Special Events Permit application in a fillable PDF format. She noted that it would still need to be printed, signed, and notarized, but it was a bit easier to forward by email.

Deputy Mayor Krieger expressed his appreciation for the work of Patchogue Public Safety at all of the Alive After Five and other summer events.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve holding a date for the Patchogue-Medford High School to conduct the 2023 Senior Prom on East Main Street and the Patchogue Theatre.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to approval to hold the date for the Patchogue-Medford High School to conduct the 2023 Senior Prom on East Main Street and at the Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts on June 12th with the following held as rain dates June 13th, 14th, 20th or 21st, pending approval of a Special Events Permit Application.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve an Out-of-District Sewer Connection.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for an Out-of-District Sewer Connection for the property located at 40 Maiden Lane, Patchogue.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve LK McLean Associates, P.C. proposal for the design of pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Rider Avenue and Main Street.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval of LK McLean, Associates, P.C. proposal of \$6,700 for the design of pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Rider Avenue and Main Street. Funding to be utilized from the Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization Round 16 Grant.

Mayor Pontieri indicated that this was part of the project to upgrade traffic signals and crosswalks along Main Street. These changes would be occurring over the next few months as materials came in for the work to be done.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve hiring a Sanitation Laborer I.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire John McCadden as Sanitation Laborer 1 at \$26.45 per hour.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve DPW Promotions.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval of the following DPW promotions:

- Troy Qualtere – Heavy Equipment Operator at \$38.79 per hour
- Sergio Sanchez – Sign Shop Operator at \$38.79 per hour
- Charles Collins – Automotive Equipment Operator at \$34.30 per hour
- Michael Williams – Highway Swingman at \$33.15 per hour

Mayor Pontieri asked Highway Superintendent Dean to explain these requests. Highway Superintendent Dean stated that long time Heavy Equipment Operator, Anthony Spadaro, had suffered an injury and had to go out on disability. As a result, all of the people underneath this position then had openings to promote into. Mayor Pontieri inquired as to the Sign Shop Operator position. Highway Superintendent Dean stated that the position had a lot of responsibility and required a lot of attention to detail, and Mr. Sanchez was doing a great job there.

Trustee Ferb complimented Highway Superintendent Dean and the DPW staff for the work they did at the 9-11 Memorial Park. Ten days ago, that park had looked terrible, and thanks to his, his staff, and Paula Murphy's hard work, it had looked great for the memorial service.

Trustee Keyes noted that the annual Patchogue River Clean-Up was scheduled for Sunday, September 25th from 10:00 a.m. to noon. It would be starting at the FINS parking lot around 9:30 a.m. where gloves and cleaning supplies would be distributed. Immediately following the clean-up, the annual Mac and Cheese Challenge would take place at Drift 82. Several restaurants would be participating. It would cost \$5 to taste the samples if you participated in the clean-up versus \$10 if you did not.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve an addition to the PYAA's charity softball game request.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the addition of PYAA's charity softball game on Saturday, October 1st to include the Pump House field at Rider Avenue Park from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. Set up for entire event would begin at 8:00 a.m.

Trustee Ferb noted that this was a fundraiser, and its sponsor was the Greater Patchogue Foundation's Beautification Committee. The money that was raised would go to this organization, which was run by Paula Murphy, to be used towards the 9-11 Memorial Park.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of 380 Bay Avenue by Paws of War.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Paws of War to hold a Mobile Veterinarian Clinic/Dog Chipping event at 380 Bay Avenue on Saturday, September 17, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a 9:00 a.m. setup.

Trustee Keyes indicated that this was a free service being offered. Trustee Carillo indicated that the sheriffs were collaborating with Paws of War on this event.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of Shorefront Park by the Euclid Hose Co.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Euclid Hose Co. Annual "Running Dead" 5K event to be held at Shorefront Park on Saturday, October 29, 2022 with a 7:00 a.m. setup and a 9:00 a.m. race start.

Trustee Brinkman noted that all was running smoothly with Planning and Zoning.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to hold the date for Burgerology's Patchogue Fall Fest.

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

Board granted approval to hold the date of October 23, 2022 for Burgerology's Patchogue Fall Fest pending the approval of their Special Events Permit Application.

Trustee McHeffey noted that the Patchogue Arts Council would be hosting an event called Mayan Magic at the Patchogue Theatre this Sunday, September 18th at 7:00 p.m. This would feature multiple dance forms and aerial arts celebrating various indigenous, Spanish, and Latin American cultures and create bridges between contemporary art and historical heritage. MOCA Lights would also be coming up from October 13th through the 16th from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. There was still availability for artists who were interested in participating, and more information could be found at the Patchogue Arts Council's web site. This was always a great event.

Trustee McHeffey indicated that the payment standard for Section 8 housing had been increased at the most recent Community Development Agency meeting. This was an effort to keep housing affordable with rents increasing astronomically nation-wide. The waiting list for Section 8 housing would also be re-opened shortly. This did not happen often, but more news on this action would be shared shortly on the Village's web site. Village Clerk Devlin noted that the Patchogue-Medford Library would also post this information. Trustee McHeffey noted that there were approximately 150 vouchers in the Village now, and the waiting list was approximately 300 people.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to approve attendance at the Suffolk County Village Officials Fall Municipal Training.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the following Zoning and Planning Board Members to attend the Suffolk County Village Officials Fall Municipal Training on October 12, 2022 at Atlantis Banquets and Events, Riverhead at a cost of \$65 each. Nick Fuccillo, John Rocco, Carol Giglio, Michael Stein, Kevin Weeks, Amanda Carreras, Brian Kearns, Dennis Logan, Joanne Gallo, Nicole La Montagne, Karen Zorzenon, Paul Feuer, Ryan McGarry, Kristen Macauley.

Trustee Carillo indicated that she was excited to share that there would be a parade celebrating Hispanic culture on October 2nd. Thanks to the assistance of many including the *Long Island Advance*, there had been interest shown in the parade. There was a lot of positive energy surrounding the event.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve a Veterans Day Ceremony.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the United Veterans Organization of Patchogue to hold a Veterans Day Ceremony on Friday, November 11, 2022 from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Four Corners of Main Street and Ocean Avenue.

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

Richard Kemp, Jennings Avenue, stated that he had a question about the Special Event permit that had been granted to his organization. He indicated that it had been brought to his attention last week that someone had shot and killed a bird that was an endangered species in Port Jefferson Village and had been charged with discharging a firearm within 500 feet of a dwelling. Mr. Kemp noted that he had submitted a question to the Village Clerk and Village Attorney and had not yet received a response. Mayor Pontieri inquired as to what this had to do with the Village of Patchogue. Mr. Kemp indicated that he wanted clarification on the discharging a weapon law. Mayor Pontieri stated that this was a loaded weapon. Trustee Brinkman concurred and noted that re-enactors did not use loaded weapons. Mayor Pontieri noted that the previous day's 9-11 Memorial had a 21 gun salute within 50 feet of a house. Mr. Kemp indicated that he wanted assurance that there would be no problem with his event. Mayor Pontieri indicated that there would be no issues.

Mr. Kemp inquired if anyone had the serial numbers on the cannons in front of the American Legion located next to Village Hall. Mayor Pontieri stated that the Village had the serial numbers and knew where they were made and used. They had been used as training cannons. Mr. Kemp inquired as to why there were only two cannons there. Mayor Pontieri stated that there had only been two cannons there for as long as he could remember.

Mr. Kemp then noted that he had been contacted by Bill Hilton with regard to a Civil War weekend. This weekend, the groups would be getting together in Islip Town at The Grange, and he believed that Mr. Hilton would be attending to observe the event.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board entered into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board returned to their regular session at 6:53 p.m.

Assistant Village Attorney Bianco indicated that there was litigation in which the Village was involved in, Patchogue Village vs. Gremelli, which they were in the process of handling. A settlement agreement had been presented to the Board.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Deputy Mayor Krieger, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the settlement agreement for Patchogue Village vs. Gremelli as presented.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

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Valerie L. Braile, Deputy Village Clerk