

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, September 26, 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, Village Attorney Egan, and Deputy Village Clerk Braile present. Deputy Mayor Krieger, Village Treasurer Krawczyk, and Village Clerk Devlin were absent.

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

Deputy Village Clerk Braile asked the Board to approve Board Meeting minutes from September 12, 2022.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Board Meeting minutes from September 12, 2022.

Deputy Village Clerk Braile stated the total bills for the period ending September 26, 2022 were \$454,179.40. The five largest bills were as follows: \$45,147.33 for Town of Brookhaven, \$38,162.53 for PSEGLI, \$26,529.94 for Corelogic, \$16,927.44 for Total Technology, and \$8,136.10 for Clear River.

General	\$ 331,657.66
Trust & Agency	\$ 33,545.32
Cap Projects	\$ 0.00
Sewer Fund	\$ 74,053.61
B.I.D. Fund	\$ 4,428.70
Housing Fund	\$ 0.00
CDA Fund	\$ 4,964.11
General Bills	\$ 5,530.00
Totals	\$ 454,179.40

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

Mayor Pontieri asked the Board to approve appointing Trustee Carillo to the Patchogue Chamber of Commerce’s Latino Leadership Council.

Upon a motion Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the appointment of Trustee Carillo to the Patchogue Chamber of Commerce’s Latino Leadership Council.

Dennis Smith reviewed the BID and Special Projects report. Mr. Smith noted that the BID was winding down another successful summer program. The hanging baskets and planters were being nicely maintained, and with Paula Murphy’s help, the summer plants were being changed over to fall ones. In addition, the Waverly Avenue circle plantings were being re-designed. The current plantings had become weedy, and this was a difficult and dangerous area to maintain. Once DPW staff had removed the current plants, the soil would be treated to make it as weed free as possible. Then, low maintenance and low profile plantings would be placed there to create a more shaded environment that would discourage weed growth. This process would probably take about six weeks to complete. Mr. Smith indicated that planning continued for the celebration of the BID’s 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Chamber would be honoring the BID’s anniversary at its annual Installation Dinner on October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Drift 82 with tickets costing \$125. He thanked the Chamber on behalf of the BID for the recognition at that event. Mr. Smith noted that the Sunday Market was still going strong, even though there had been a drop off in a few vendors as the season was coming to an end. There was still decent foot traffic, and the market would be running through October 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Smith indicated that there had been a meeting with carters today to discuss the Commercial Dumpster Study recommendations and formulate a plan for the application process. The legal language had to be finalized into something that both the carters and their customers could work with. It was hoped that all would be put in place so that the new process could begin by January 1<sup>st</sup>. Planning continued on the Splash Pad project. Mr. Smith noted that the camera that was scheduled to be installed on South Ocean Avenue would take a few more weeks to be put in place. Most of the larger projects had been completed by Johnson Controls.

The solar carports in the Oak Street parking lot would be dedicated the following day at 11:00 a.m., and all were invited to attend. At that time, the Village would be receiving the Blue Pioneer Award from Johnson Controls for Energy and Resource Efficiency Excellence, and a light reception would follow in the Theatre. Discussion was also ongoing with Johnson Controls for a Phase II project which would seek to reduce electric usage at the wastewater treatment plant. This would be a tremendous help as this location consumed at least 50% of the Village's entire yearly energy use.

Trustee Keyes noted that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Patchogue River Clean-Up had been a great success. Sixty volunteers had collected over 240 pounds of garbage. Immediately following the clean-up, the annual Mac and Cheese contest had occurred with entries submitted by 15 restaurants. Trustee Keyes indicated that the 240 pounds of garbage was less than had been collected in the past which was a good sign.

Trustee Keyes noted that the annual Scavenger Hunt would be held on October 1<sup>st</sup> at 380 Bay Avenue. He indicated that the soccer field project was progressing.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve a 5K event at Shorefront Park.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Hope House Ministries to hold a 5K event at Shorefront Park on Saturday, May 20, 2023 with a 5:30 a.m. setup, 8:30 a.m. Fun Run and 9:00 a.m. 5K race start.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to ratify prior approval of the use of Rider Avenue Park.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval for Island Slow Pitch to use the turf field at Rider Avenue Park on September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> and to approve the use on October 2, 8, 9 and 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to approve entering into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Brookhaven. She noted that this would help the Building Department to process Zoning and Planning Board applications by making it easier to notify the appropriate properties and save the staff a tremendous amount of time.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Brookhaven authorizing the Village to access the Town of Brookhaven's Geographical System (GIS).

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve Fiscal Year 2023 schedule of salaries for non-union full and part-time employees and rescind a previous resolution.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Fiscal Year 2023 schedule of salaries for non-union full and part-time employees and to rescind the May 23, 2022 Resolution #123 of previously approved salaries.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve appointing a Sanitation Leadman.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to appoint Eddie Bethel to the position of Sanitation Leadman.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve rescinding the hiring of a Public Safety Officer.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to rescind the hiring of Public Safety Officer Michael McCabe.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve hiring a Public Safety Officer.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire Isaias Camacho for the position of Public Safety Officer.

Trustee McHeffey reviewed the current exhibit sponsored by the Patchogue Arts Council which

was two artists of two genders who lived in two cultural worlds reflecting their heritage and contemporary American life. MOCA Lights would be coming up soon from October 13<sup>th</sup> through October 16<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. This should be an exciting event.

Trustee McHeffey noted that the Community Development Agency had a waiting list for Section 8 housing voucher applicants. The list had not been opened for several years, but it would be opened shortly. It would be published this upcoming Thursday with applications becoming available at that point. These applications would need to be mailed and postmarked between November 4<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>. He would continue to provide more information on this as it became available. Mayor Pontieri inquired as to how many people were currently on the waiting list. Trustee McHeffey indicated that he believed there were about 300 on the list.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to set a public hearing to adopt a Village of Patchogue Temporary Housing Permit Policy and to amend Chapter 238 of the Village Code. This would allow the Village to ensure that people who were having major construction done or an interruption in their utility services and staying in temporary housing that those units were being utilized properly and following all required codes. He thanked Trustee Keyes for assistance with this proposal.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to set a Public Hearing for October 11<sup>th</sup> to adopt a Village of Patchogue Temporary Housing Permit policy and to amend Chapter 238 of the Village Code.

Trustee Carillo noted that the Village would be holding a Hispanic Parade this Sunday. She invited everyone to attend to celebrate different cultures. Trustee Carillo also noted that there had been a recent beautiful event at the Theatre celebrating Hispanic culture.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve a banner hanging by Gallo Restaurant.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Gallo Restaurant to place a 3 ft. by 18 ft. banner across the second floor of their building at 3 East Main Street from September 28<sup>th</sup> to October 16<sup>th</sup> to acknowledge their twentieth anniversary.

Mayor Pontieri inquired as to when the parade would start on Sunday. Trustee Carillo stated that it would start at noon.

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

Richard Kemp, Jennings Avenue, noted that there had been two Civil War events held nearby this past weekend and the preceding weekend. Apparently, Bill Hilton did not come to either event in spite of his saying that he would attend. Mayor Pontieri noted that neither of those events had been held in the Village. Mr. Kemp indicated that Mr. Hilton had contacted him and expressed an interest in attending the event at The Grange. Trustee Keyes noted that Mr. Hilton was a very busy man as he served as the Coordinator of Special Events for the Village, and he might not have had time to attend that event. Mr. Kemp inquired as to the status of the proposed event with the Parks Department. Mayor Pontieri suggested that he submit a Special Events permit for the event he would like to hold. Mr. Kemp indicated that discussions needed to be had with the Parks Department first to find a convenient date for all. Trustee Keyes inquired if he had requested a meeting with the Parks Department. Mr. Kemp stated that he had. Trustee Keyes asked Mr. Kemp to send him an email so that he could coordinate a meeting. Mr. Kemp indicated that he had sent him an email last week, and Trustee Keyes had told him he could not attend the previously mentioned event. He questioned why Mr. Hilton or Parks Director Giustizia were not able to attend. Mayor Pontieri stated that this was up to them to decide. Mr. Kemp had invited them, and they were the ones to decide whether or not they wished to attend. Mayor Pontieri stressed that their responsibilities were to the Village of Patchogue. Mr. Kemp indicated that the Village Historian had stated that he was in favor of a Civil War re-enactment event. Trustee Brinkman stated that the individual he had referenced was not the Village Historian. Trustee Keyes indicated that Mr. Kemp was accusing the Board of refusing something that he had not even asked for yet. Mr. Kemp repeated that he had sent emails to the Parks Director. Trustee Keyes indicated that he had not seen those and noted that Village employees were not obligated to attend events outside of their responsibility. Mr. Kemp indicated that he felt that this was part of American history and

more important than drinking events.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

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Lori Devlin, Village Clerk