

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, October 10, 2023 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, Weeks, Village Attorney Egan, Village Treasurer Krawczyk, Village Clerk Devlin, and Deputy Village Clerk Braile present.

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

Village Clerk Devlin asked the Board to approve Board Meeting minutes from September 25, 2023.

Upon a motion by Trustee Weeks, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Board Meeting minutes from September 25, 2023.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated the total bills for the period ending October 10, 2023 were \$933,296.63. The five largest bills were as follows: \$540,445.49 for Galvin Bros; \$60,790.54 for Santander Bank; \$15,265.80 for LK McLean; \$14,665.55 for GP Jager; and \$10,988.00 for Spirit Ironworks.

General	\$ 299,908.97
Trust & Agency	\$ -18.30
Cap Projects	\$ 575,461.79
Sewer Fund	\$ 50,068.41
B.I.D. Fund	\$ 2,440.80
Housing Fund	\$ 0.00
CDA Fund	\$ 5,434.96
General Bills	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 933,296.63

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

Mayor Pontieri noted that the bill for the work being done at Shorefront Park was covered by grant funding.

Trustee Ferb indicated that the new garbage truck was impressive.

Trustee Weeks inquired if the sweeper was new. Mayor Pontieri stated that it was. He then inquired as to how many sweepers the Village had. Mayor Pontieri indicated that there was one. Trustee Weeks noted that they were very thorough with sweeping the streets.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk reviewed cash balances as of August 30, 2023.

Dennis Smith reviewed the BID and Special Projects report. Mr. Smith indicated that the BID was finishing up another successful summer season. The hanging baskets had lasted well, and they had planned to keep them up through the upcoming weekend for the Fall Festival. However, the festival might not occur due to the forecasted weather. Regardless, the baskets would come down after the weekend. Watering of the planters would continue through November 3rd, as some fall plants would be added to them, and a few new trees had been planted in various locations which would require watering as well. In addition, two thousand beach grass plugs would be planted at the 9/11 Memorial Park, weather permitting, this weekend. Mr. Smith noted that the watering truck had been requested to hose down some of the sand in that park to prepare for the planting. He indicated that this had been the best watering crew that they had with the three members doing a great job. They had been efficient as well with only half the budget being used. Money had also been saved by hanging the baskets at the end of June instead of May due to flower quality. He hoped the same crew would return next season. The Sunday Market had not been quite as dynamic as last year, but the plan was to run it through the weekend prior to Thanksgiving. The average number of vendors this year was 18 to 20, which was lower than last year. Some items would be reviewed including advertising; however, the vendors had indicated that this had not been a good year anywhere. People did not seem to have the extra cash they did last year to

spend at this type of event.

Mr. Smith continued by noting that the BID Board meeting had been held earlier where funding had been appropriated for lighting in the Roe Walkway which would be run from one side of a building to the other. Permission was being sought from the owners of surrounding buildings to allow this lighting installation. Mr. Smith noted that new Christmas decorations had been delivered last month to DPW. He had spoken with DPW staff to determine what had to be done to prepare for the installation of the decorations. The cost for these new decorations was a 40/60 split between the BID and the Village. Mr. Smith noted that the original decorations had been purchased by the BID over 20 years ago, and while some could still be used, it was time for a new look as had been discussed with the Mayor. The new snowflake theme would be brighter than the past decorations. He indicated that the total cost for the new decorations had been \$37,500 with the BID providing \$15,000 and the Village, \$22,500. Costs for the decorations would be spread over five years and had been budgeted for. A whole new look would be put in place for the downtown business district with the older, but still useful, decoration put in periphery areas including Oak Street. If that was successful this year, then this would be done in other parking areas in the future to give a festive feeling throughout the entire Village. A review would be conducted after this season to determine if anything needed to be tweaked. A total budget of \$50,000 had been put in place for new decorations, so there was still \$12,500 available if additional items needed to be purchased. Installation of the Shorefront Park cameras and signage was still a couple of weeks away. Frames for the signs had still not arrived. Mr. Smith indicated that Johnson Controls was continuing to work on a Phase II plan to offset electric use at the wastewater treatment plant and to add additional solar panels to Village Hall to offset the second meter in the building. He continued by noting that work on the Splash Pad Park was slowly proceeding. Finally, Mr. Smith stated that he was working on the fourth edition of Patchogue's promotional brochure. The Mayor had requested that it be put together in 2012, and ever since then, it had been updated every 4 years. It was a nice tool for constituents to review to see how their money was being used and see how progressive Patchogue was. The newest edition should be ready by the middle of November, be printed by December, and mailed by January. Mr. Smith indicated that he would keep the Board apprised of the progress and noted that he had reached out to various departments as well.

Village Attorney Egan noted that the hanging baskets had looked excellent this year. He expressed his appreciation for the work done by the watering staff. He also observed that there appeared to have been fewer baskets damaged this year. Mr. Smith concurred that this had been the case. Village Attorney Egan expressed that DPW had done a great job in fixing baskets which had fallen so they did not sit there for a long time. Mr. Smith also thanked DPW for their efforts and reiterated that it had been a better year for the hanging baskets. He then noted that the only difference between this year and previous years was that the plants had been fertilized a couple of times. In addition, the plants sometimes did better on the north side of the street rather than the south due to the amount of sun which was received. Half way through the summer, he had the plants which were not looking as well switched in position with ones that were.

Mayor Pontieri asked the Board to carefully review the calendar of events that was to be placed in the brochure that Mr. Smith was preparing. Mr. Smith noted that the expansion of the wastewater treatment plant would be added as this would be accomplished in 2024. A few additional parades also had to be included such as the Patchogue PRIDE Parade and the Hispanic Heritage Parade. He would be happy with all help provided to be sure that any mistakes were caught prior to printing. Mayor Pontieri noted that all the events that the Village hosted were included in the brochure. Mr. Smith concurred and indicated that these were all part of what made the Village so successful.

David Kennedy reviewed the Chamber of Commerce report. Mr. Kennedy thanked Mr. Smith for planning to keep the hanging baskets out for the Fall Festival which was scheduled for October 14th. However, the weather did not appear to be willing to cooperate as had been the case for the past few weekends. As a result, he would like to request that the rain date for the festival be changed from October 21st to October 28th. The Hispanic Heritage Parade was now scheduled for October 22nd, so he did not want to conflict with that event.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve a change of rain date for the Fall Festival.

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

granted approval to approval to change the rain date for the Fall Festival to October 28th.

Mr. Kennedy thanked the Board for the accommodation. He noted that the Fall Festival had become one of the Chamber's largest events, especially with the inclusion of the Chili and Chowder Contest that involved many of the restaurants. If the festival date had to be changed, he would like to give the restaurants notice so that they did not buy supplies that would have to sit for a couple of weeks. He encouraged everyone to attend no matter which date the festival was held. Kids should attend in costume for the costume parade at 2:00 p.m. In addition to the Chili and Chowder Contest, a petting zoo would be available and the library would be giving out pumpkins for decorating. Mr. Kennedy continued by noting that the Hispanic Heritage Parade would be held on October 21st. Other events coming up included a couple of ribbon cuttings. One would be held on Thursday, October 12th, for a new real estate company, Real, which had opened on Route 112. The owner of that company had recently become the chair of the Real Estate Committee for the Chamber. On October 16th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., an official ribbon cutting would be held for the Cook's Studio. This was a unique new business, and he was looking forward to trying it for the first time himself this Friday by learning how to make a bao bun. The Cook's Studio offered a variety of classes to learn how to make different types of dishes as well as enjoying dining there. On Wednesday, October 25th, the Chamber would be holding its annual installation event. Officers and directors would be installed for the new Chamber year. A new president would be welcomed for the first time in four years, Joan Bennett, operator of Edward Jones Located on East Main Street. This would also mark the beginning of the Chamber's 100th anniversary since it was incorporated late in 1923 with its first Board meeting held in February 1924. There would be an event scheduled for February to celebrate that anniversary. Mr. Kennedy then invited that Board to attend the installation event to be held in the Patchogue Theatre lobby. He continued by reviewing some upcoming November events including the Holiday Boat Parade hosted by the Riverfront Committee which would be held the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving, November 19th. Mayor Pontieri inquired as to who the chairman of the committee now was. Mr. Kennedy stated that it was Billy Keiser, replacing previous chairman Mike Bremmer. Mr. Keiser had kept his boat, Dead Reckoning, at the Westbank Marina for a very long time and was the vessel that brought Santa into town. The theme was planned to be a Jimmy Buffett Christmas to honor the late singer/songwriter who had a large following in the community.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve an event.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Weeks, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Christmas Holiday Boat Parade to be held on the Patchogue River on Sunday, November 19th.

Mr. Kennedy noted that the parade would be scheduled to start an hour earlier this year at 5:00 p.m. Usually, the Village had provided barricades and some extra garbage pails at Sandspit Marina and Fire Island National Seashore. He would request these in writing. Also associated with this event was the Preview Party which was held the night before to allow people to view the boats participating in the parade and vote on their favorite from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at two locations, Harbor Crab and Baha Boathouse. There would be a water taxi to take people across from one location to the other. This event had become as popular as the actual parade, so he encouraged anyone who had not attended to do so. Mr. Kennedy continued by noting that the annual Christmas Parade would be held the Saturday after Thanksgiving as it always had been. That same day would also be the tenth celebration of Small Business Saturday. The Chamber would have a booth, most likely in front of the Theatre, to distribute 300 bags full of coupons, give aways and memorabilia.

Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that he had received the Public Safety report from Jim Berberich, Chief of Public Safety. In the past two weeks, there had been 262 parking summonses issued, 13 field appearance tickets issued for open alcohol containers and public urination, and 62 calls from dispatchers in the past two weeks. Mayor Pontieri noted that approximately 68% of parking summonses were paid as soon as individuals received them. Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that the fence around the parking lot on West Avenue looked fantastic and pulled the whole project together.

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

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried,

the Board granted approval to accept the resignation, with regrets, of Public Safety Officer Dan Sanchez effective August 21, 2023.

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

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to accept the resignation, with regrets, of Public Safety Officer John Masciopinto effective October 1, 2023.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve a resolution. Village Attorney Egan indicated that this was part of the reason that the Village opted out of the original zoning option. The NYS Office of Cannabis Control had not had their regulations in place when they asked the Village to adopt zoning. Most municipalities had opted out while some larger towns had stayed in to allow time for regulations to be adopted and become consistent and understand what the approval process would be for these sites. In this case, pursuant to their authority under Section 76 of the Cannabis Law, they adopted a regulation similar to that of the State Liquor Authority that if someone wanted to be sited in a municipality for an approved location from the Cannabis Board, the individual had to give the Village or Town Clerk thirty (30) days' notice. The problem was that the Village was receiving thirty (30) day notices from locations here when the Village had opted out of the program. To avoid any confusion, misunderstanding or lack of awareness on behalf of the Cannabis Board when considering these applications, the Board believed it prudent to alert the Cannabis Board that this municipality had opted out despite these applications that were being submitted by potential vendors that were prohibited in the Village. Village Attorney Egan stated that he expected more of these types of applications to be received due to the confusion surrounding the Cannabis Board allowing applications to be submitted from municipalities that had opted out of this. Mayor Pontieri asked for confirmation that the Village was protecting itself with this action. Village Attorney Egan stated that this was correct.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval of a resolution Objecting to Cannabis Dispensary Applications and Directing the Village Attorney to reply to Notification to Municipality Forms for applications from 18 Railroad Avenue, 175 Waverly Avenue, and 376-380 East Main Street.

Trustee Keyes indicated that the plantings at the 9/11 Memorial Park would be taking place on Sunday between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. He also noted that final DEC approval had been obtained for the Splash Pad, so work was again moving forward on that project.

Trustee Keyes continued by noting that the Recreation Department's 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat would be held on October 21st between 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 380 Bay Avenue. The Hispanic Heritage Parade would be held on October 22nd, rain or shine, and the annual Walk Thru Zoo would be held on November 11th. Anyone attending that free event should bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the Bread of Life Foundation. Trustee Keyes continued by noting that the annual Zombie 5K Run would be held on October 28th at 9:00 a.m. at Shorefront Park. Chunky Blanket Workshops would be held on November 4th, November 18th, and December 2nd at a cost of \$15 per person. Spots were limited and went quickly, so reservations on one of those dates should be made.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve an event.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Temple Beth El to host their Menorah Lighting at Capital One Plaza on Saturday, December 9th at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of Shorefront Park.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Weeks, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Elly Cares Project Inc. and Elite Feats to hold the Stomp the Stigma 5K on Saturday, May 25, 2024 at Shorefront Park with a setup time of 7:00 a.m. and race start 9:00 a.m. pending the approval of the Special Events Application.

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

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Great South Bay Lions Club to use the community room at 380 Bay Ave on October 23rd from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Trustee Brinkman indicated that the next Zoning Board meeting would be held on October 17th, and the agenda was posted on the Village's web site.

Trustee Brinkman thanked the Patchogue Arts Council for an amazing weekend of MOCA Lights. It had been an outstanding display. Deputy Mayor Krieger's son, Benjamin, even had his art featured on the Theatre marquis, and it was beautiful.

Trustee Brinkman then thanked Village Clerk Devlin and the DPW crew for helping the residents of her neighborhood. There were now two beautiful trees located on the Park Avenue island. It looked so nice once again after the two previous trees that had been there had died. These two new trees would help with traffic calming as well.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to approve authorization for a grant application.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Weeks, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to authorize the Village Justice Court to apply for the 2023 -2024 grant through the Justice Court Assistance Program for the maximum amount available.

Trustee Ferb noted that the Village had been more beautiful and peaceful this summer. In the late spring and early summer, there had been a meeting with the Mayor, the inspector from the Fifth Precinct, representatives of the SLA, and representatives of many restaurants. One request had been for the Fifth Precinct to provide the Village with additional support. They had provided two officers for the "Whiskey Patrol" to walk the Village on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday which kept the Village much more peaceful over the summer. Alive After Five events had even been quieter this year. He expressed his appreciation to everyone involved. Trustee Ferb noted that he and Mr. Kennedy had been trying to get restaurants to adopt the use of Patron Scan. There were six to eight restaurants using the technology now, and he noted that the restaurant owned by Scott Campbell had sent 128 people away over Memorial Day Weekend because of this. They were either underage or flagged in Patron Scan, and a group of six potential trouble makers had been turned away from there and the Meetball Place. Mayor Pontieri observed that having the officers available to make arrests when necessary kept problems from escalating. Trustee Ferb again expressed appreciation for the Village's request for assistance being heard and responded to by the Fifth Precinct. Trustee Weeks noted that residents often expressed that quality of life was their biggest concern, and this type of action certainly made a difference.

Mayor Pontieri noted that when the Fifth Precinct had originally been formed, the Village and County had their own police departments. The County had requested that the Village join the Suffolk County Police Department. However, the mayors at that time had made the decision to join with the stipulation that the Fifth Precinct headquarters always remained in the Village. They had realized that the quality of life of Village residents would suffer if that was not the case. Trustee Brinkman noted that four sectors had combined at the Four Corners which had been a huge win for the Village as well.

Trustee Weeks reviewed the Building and Housing report for the month of September as follows: 2 summonses had been issued; 8 plumbing permits issued; 10 building permits issued; no demolition permits; 12 rental permits issued; 22 notices of violation issued; 10 complaints received; and one illegal dwelling found. This was a basement apartment on Mulford Street. There had been no reports of overcrowded properties. Three Planning Board, three Zoning Board, and 4 ARB applications had been submitted. Total revenue for the Department from September 1st through October 10th was \$105,403.50.

Trustee Weeks then noted that he had an update on 127 Rider Avenue. Caroline Gorman who resided at 115 Rider Avenue had expressed some concern about that property at the previous meeting. This property was abandoned. The Building Department had performed an inspection and submitted a report on September 28th. Several violations were cited to the owner.

Trustee Weeks asked the Board to ratify prior approval of an event date change.

Upon a motion by Trustee Weeks, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, ratified prior approval to change the date of the Patchogue Fire Department's Car Show from Saturday, September 30th to Sunday, October 1st .

Trustee Weeks indicated that this was a nice event with many interesting old vehicles on display.

Mayor Pontieri noted that the old Burlington building was becoming a surgical center. It was a complicated project that was probably several months away from work occurring there. Once that process was completed, he felt that part of Main Street would be energized. On the Rider Avenue corner, New York Blood and Cancer Center would be expanding to the top two floors of a building there. Trustee Weeks indicated that the site plan for that project had recently been approved by the Planning Board, and a Zoning Board decision should be rendered shortly. He also noted that ground appeared to have been broken on the proposed apartment complex to be located across from the train station.

Trustee Carillo invited everyone to attend the Hispanic Heritage Parade on October 22nd at noon. It was not as big as last year, but it should be a wonderful event.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve a block party.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the residents of Lee Ave to hold a block party on Saturday, October 21st from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. including a waiver for the prohibition of alcohol consumption in the street.

Trustee Carillo thanked Mr. Kennedy for all the assistance he had provided with the Hispanic Heritage Parade.

Trustee Brinkman noted that the Rider Avenue project mentioned previously was not on the current Zoning Board agenda, so they had completed that process.

Mayor Pontieri asked if anyone from the public wished to be heard. There was no response.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Signed _____
Lori Devlin, Village Clerk