

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, October 25, 2021 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, Ferb, Keyes, McHeffey, Village Attorney Egan, Village Treasurer Krawczyk, Village Clerk Devlin, and Deputy Village Clerk Braile present. Trustee Felice was absent.

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

Village Clerk Devlin asked the Board to approve Board Meeting minutes from October 12, 2021.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and carried, by majority with Trustee Keyes abstaining and all others in favor, the Board approved the Board meeting minutes from October 12, 2021.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated the total bills for the period ending October 25, 2021 were \$442,67.36. The five largest bills were as follows: \$87,210.26 for Deal Concrete; \$29,337.00 for Russel Reid; \$27,396.87 for PSEGLI; \$10,633.00 for Fleet Pump Service Group; and \$7,895.15 for Gabrielli Truck.

General	\$ 244,217.00
Trust & Agency	\$ 2,816.20
Cap Projects	\$ 93,750.06
Sewer Fund	\$ 89,363.49
B.I.D. Fund	\$ 8,005.40
Housing Fund	\$ 0.00
CDA Fund	\$ 4,715.21
General Bills	\$ 0.00
Totals	\$ 442,867.36

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

Mayor Pontieri noted that most of the funds for curb and sidewalk work came from CHIPs funding provided through the State and did not impact Village taxes.

Mayor Pontieri requested a resolution to accept from the State of New York up to \$21 Million in capital funding to be appropriated by the State from clean water infrastructure appropriations funded within the Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) FY 2021-22 Capital Projects Budget, or from other budgetary resources at the State's discretion for Village sewer expansion. He noted that this process had been ongoing for five to six years and was funding for Phase I of a project he hoped to see expanded. Mayor Pontieri then asked Legislator Rob Calarco to step forward to review the project.

Legislator Calarco indicated that this funding from the State had been secured through the efforts of Governor Hochul and her local representative, Theresa Santoro. This funding had originally been part of the South Shore Coastal Resiliency Project covering several south shore communities. However, quotes for required work for the project had come in very high resulting in a re-evaluation of how to move forward. The State had identified \$21 million that had originally been part of the whole project which would now be transferred directly to the Village in order to commence with connecting homes in the southern portion of Patchogue to the Village's sewer district. Legislator Calarco noted that hopefully, these funds would be leveraged to obtain additional funds available through Federal, State, or County sources in fiscal year 2022 to move forward with other south shore projects. He noted that the Village had done a fantastic job in the past with completing the expansion of the sewer plant at a cost effective price point, and he had full confidence that this would be an effective partnership ensuring the protection of south end residents' properties and improvement of the environment in the river and bay. Legislator Calarco stated that he was proud to work on this effort in conjunction with the Board. Mayor Pontieri expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Legislator Calarco in obtaining this funding. He noted that the Village had lost funding for this project and then had it returned. Mayor Pontieri stated that 90% of the engineering and surveying for the project had been completed. This would be

Phase I of a, hopefully, two phase project with the identified homes able to be connected to areas with existing sewer lines. Legislator Calarco stated that approximately 250 homes were within the initial project area with the ability to incorporate additional homes should the Village be able to get a better bid price for the work. Mayor Pontieri also noted that the Village had submitted grant funds to expand the sewer plant capacity in order to add additional Village properties as well as to eventually reach into Bayport, Blue Point, and East Patchogue.

Mayor Pontieri then asked if any of the Board had questions for Legislator Calarco.

Deputy Mayor Krieger thanked Legislator Calarco for his efforts. He then inquired as to where the initial approximately 200 or so homes to be impacted were located. Legislator Calarco stated that the initial Phase I coverage area would be those homes which already had piping in the street to connect to which included Cedar Avenue, West Avenue, Laurel Street, Gilbert Street, Maiden Lane, Brightwood Street, Roosevelt Street, Patchogue Street, and Furman Lane. If extra funds were available, based on bid prices, additional homes located a bit to the north such as Leo Street and Harrison Street might also be able to be included in the initial phase.

Richard Kemp of Jennings Avenue inquired if a union contractor would be used to perform the work since this was State funding. Mayor Pontieri stated that all of these types of projects required prevailing wage rate to be paid by contractors. Legislator Calarco agreed that contractors would need to pay prevailing wage rates.

Dennis Ross, Lager Lane, inquired if prevailing wage rates were actually included in contractors' fees. Village Attorney Egan indicated that requirements were included in all State bidding contracts provided to potential contractors.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION
TO ACCEPT FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK UP TO \$21 MILLION IN CAPITAL
FUNDING TO BE APPROPRIATED BY THE STATE FROM CLEAN WATER
INFRASTRUCTURE APPROPRIATIONS FUNDED WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION'S (DEC) FY 2021-22 CAPITAL PROJECTS
BUDGET, OR FROM OTHER BUDGETARY RESOURCES AT THE STATE'S
DISCRETION FOR VILLAGE SEWER EXPANSION**

The Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Patchogue, duly convened, does hereby declare as follows:

WHEREAS, the Village was working with the County of Suffolk to bring sewers to residential properties in the South part of the Village as part of a broader County wide initiative, and,

WHEREAS, following the bidding process and its budget impact on the project, the County rescaled the parameters of that project to remove the Village; and

WHEREAS, by the efforts of the Governor Kathy Hochul, Mayor Pontieri, and Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer Robert Calarco, a recent further rescoping of the County project budget has provided an opportunity to shift \$21 million in State budgetary resources, originally committed to the County project, to the Village of Patchogue; and

WHEREAS, the State funds were originally included as part of a larger State funding commitment to support the more expansive Suffolk County sewer initiative, and now will directly support the Village of Patchogue's revised plans to connect 248 homes to sewer systems to reduce the flow of harmful nitrogen and other contaminants originating from cesspools and septic tanks into vital water resources such as aquifers, coastal bays, lakes and other waterways, and

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees:

THAT the Village accept from the State of New York up to \$21 million in capital funding to be appropriated by the State from Clean Water Infrastructure appropriations funded within the Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) FY 2021-22 Capital Projects Budget, or from

other budgetary resources at the State's discretion; and

THAT, this resolution and action be deemed a Type II action under SEQRA, and

THAT, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mayor Pontieri indicated that bid packets for the work to be done should be ready by January.

Mayor Pontieri asked the Board to approve authorizing the Village to enter into an IMA with the Town of Brookhaven for the Bay Stormwater Remediation Project. He noted that this would allow the Town to work on a stormwater remediation project in Village areas that bordered the town.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING AN IMA FOR THE PATCHOGUE BAY STORMWATER
REMEDIATION PROJECT

The Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Patchogue, duly convened, does hereby declare as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of Brookhaven has received a grant from Suffolk County to improve the overall health of Patchogue Bay through a stormwater remediation project along Grove Avenue, South Breeze Drive and Bay Avenue in Patchogue (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, a portion of the Project lies within the boundaries of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the Project's goal of minimizing stormwater impacts to the bay by modifying the existing drainage infrastructure, disconnecting direct discharges at two locations, and re-routing stormwater discharge through green infrastructure that will encompass a living shoreline, is necessary and in the best interests of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that coordination with the Town through an intermunicipal agreement ("IMA") would ensure the timely and cost-effective completion of the Project.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees:

THAT, the Mayor is authorized to enter into an IMA with the Town of Brookhaven for the purpose of completing the Project; and

THAT, the Mayor is authorized to enter into any cost share agreements with the Town relating to the Project, with the formula of said cost share arrangements to be identified in the Project IMA; and

THAT, under any such IMA, the Town shall be the Project administrator; and

THAT, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Mr. Smith reviewed the BID and special projects report. He expressed his appreciation to Legislator Calarco for the assistance he had provided in obtaining the previously approved funding for the Village sewer project. Mr. Smith noted that this was an important and positive project that would have a great impact on the quality of drinking water and the bay and river. He indicated that the summer work had concluded and noted that it had been an excellent season with regard to hanging baskets and garden maintenance. The hanging baskets would be removed by the end of the week. Mr. Smith continued by noting that the Summer Market would be winding down this week as well. It had been a great season for them with 30 vendors in attendance yesterday and good customer traffic. This upcoming Sunday would be the last market of the season and have a Halloween theme with trick or treating available, and a raffle held for a basket prepared by all of the vendors. Mr. Smith noted that a meeting had been held with the Restaurant Committee of the Chamber a couple of weeks ago to discuss the Commercial Refuse Study. It had been a productive discussion, and a questionnaire had been distributed to obtain feedback from those who use the

dumpsters. The questionnaires should be returned this week, and a preliminary plan would be developed from there with future meetings scheduled as needed. Mr. Smith indicated that Johnson Controls was progressing well and was on schedule with their project. Reroofing work was being done while solar panel installation would occur over the winter, weather permitting.

Mr. Kennedy reviewed the Chamber of Commerce report. He indicated that the meeting with the Restaurant Committee had gone very well and noted that he believed that the biggest concerns expressed were that people outside of the businesses were dropping items such as mattresses in the dumpsters and enforcement would be required for any new regulations that were put in place. Mr. Kennedy then thanked the Village for supporting the recently held Fall Festival and expressed his appreciation for the partnership with the Patchogue Arts Council for holding MOCA L.I.ghts that same weekend. It had been a very successful event. He also expressed his appreciation for Legislator Calarco's efforts in supporting grant funding which helped to fund these kinds of cultural arts events. Mr. Kennedy indicated that the Chamber also held their Annual Chowder and Chili Contest during the Fall Festival, and the winner of the chowder contest had been a tie between That Meetball Place and Catch Oyster Bar with both serving a lobster shrimp chowder and honorable mention given to The Cheese Patch for providing a pumpkin spice chowder. The Brickhouse Brewery had won the chili contest for the third or fourth year in a row. Mr. Kennedy indicated that the retail membership of the Chamber were gearing up for the holiday season. They planned to emphasize small businesses during the month of November and hold weekly raffles to encourage local shopping with a grand prize awarded on small business Saturday which coincided with the Village's annual Christmas Parade. That Saturday morning, 200 shopping bags full of giveaways would be distributed in front of the Patchogue Theatre. Free Santa photos would be available in the lobby of the Theatre as well. Mr. Kennedy noted that the annual Christmas Boat Parade would be taking place on Sunday, November 21st, with people able to view many of the boats the day before at the Off Key Tiki where they could vote on their favorite. Several ribbon cuttings had occurred and would be occurring with Burrito Mariachi opening earlier in the day with Mayor Pontieri and Trustee Brinkman attending. Another ribbon cutting would be held the next night from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the ribbon cutting at 7:00 p.m. for AR Workshop which was a unique business encouraging DIY projects. Sunday, November 7th, a ribbon cutting would be held for All the Way Events which was a party hosting venue that incorporated many types of fun technology. Epic Painting Solutions would be hosting their ribbon cutting on Saturday, November 14th. Mr. Kennedy noted that the Chamber would be hosting their officer Installation Cocktail Reception at the Patchogue Theatre on Tuesday, November 16th, with many businesses honored which had shown particular creativity during the past difficult year. He indicated that the Greater Patchogue Foundation continued their cemetery work with Blue Point Brewery hosting an historic cemetery tour this Wednesday, October 27th, for which most of the tickets had already been sold. Most of the proceeds would be donated to the cemetery restoration work. The Foundation would also be hosting a Veterans' Day Ceremony at the cemetery on Saturday, November 6th. Mr. Kennedy indicated that the next big fundraiser event for the Foundation would be raising funds for Grace Gospel Church to allow them to install a handicapped ramp thanks to the efforts of Trustee Ferb.

Deputy Mayor Krieger expressed his appreciation for the hard working efforts of the Public Safety Officers. They did a wonderful job showing a presence on Main Street, and he asked the public to thank them when they see them out and about.

Deputy Mayor Krieger then inquired of Mr. Smith as to when the roof work at the Theatre would be completed. Mr. Smith indicated that it should be done by next week, weather permitting. Deputy Mayor Krieger asked if that would be the end of the work. Mr. Smith stated that the roof replacement work would be completed, but the solar panels would need to be installed at a later date. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired if that roof work would be last phase of work on the building. Mr. Smith stated that it would be prior to the installation of the solar cells. Deputy Mayor Krieger then encouraged everyone to visit the Theatre's web site at patchoguetheatre.org for information on upcoming events and proceeded to review several upcoming productions. He had attended recent shows, and it was nice to see people returning to the venue. Deputy Mayor Krieger reiterated that people should visit the Theatre's web site and noted that the box office was open every day. Theatre staff were working very hard to provide entertainment for the community.

Deputy Mayor Krieger also observed that the Homecoming Parade had been a lot of fun, and he had attended the football game afterwards. It had been a great time for all.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve hiring a part-time dispatcher at the Fire Department.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire Lauren Hesse as a part-time dispatcher at the Fire Department at \$20 per hour. (\$23 per hour on holidays).

Deputy Mayor Krieger observed that Ms. Hesse was the first woman dispatcher at the Fire Department.

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

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire Matthew Powers as a Public Safety Officer at \$20.20 per hour.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to accept the resignation of the Village of Patchogue Automotive Mechanic.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the resignation of Douglas Huber as the Village of Patchogue Automotive Mechanic.

Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that Mr. Huber was retiring and had served the Village well for almost 16 years.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to affirm and adopt the disciplinary recommendation of DPW Superintendent Joseph Dean for Village DPW employee John McGovern.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board affirmed and adopted the disciplinary recommendation of DPW Superintendent Joseph Dean for Village DPW employee John McGovern.

Trustee Keyes expressed his appreciation for Trustee Brinkman and Village Clerk Devlin on their hard work on the Village's new web site.

Trustee Keyes indicated that a nice time was had at the recent cemetery clean-up which had taken place in conjunction with the Friends of Lakeview Cemetery Committee with a nice mix of children and adults dressed in Halloween costumes participating in the clean-up. A lot of garbage was cleaned up. Trustee Keyes expressed his thanks to all who had attended when there were many other events going on the same day including Homecoming and Fall Festival.

Trustee Keyes noted that the Parks Department had held a very successful third annual Scarecrow Building Contest as well as a scavenger hunt the day before. He offered special thanks to Woodside Nursery for donating 25 pumpkins for the event. There were approximately 30 teams that competed in the scavenger hunt. On Saturday, October 30th from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the first annual Trunk or Treat event would be held at 380 Bay Avenue. Participating cars would be decorated, and kids in their Halloween costumes would be able to pick out treats from the trunks of the cars. Prizes would be offered in various categories for those participating. He thanked various businesses who had contributed to the event. The Euclid Hose Co.'s Running Dead 5K event would be held at Shorefront Park as well, and on Saturday, November 6th, a Chunky Blanket Workshop would be held at Parks and Recreation. On November 20th, the second annual Walk Thru Zoo would be held again. Trustee Keyes noted that the successful Bike Share program held in conjunction with Bethpage Credit Union was winding down.

Trustee Keyes then noted that the No Need to Speed Campaign had been launched and highlighted in an Advance article recently. He displayed a lawn sign which would be distributed which stated "Slow Down" – "No Need to Speed" as the first phase of the campaign. Anyone wanting a sign should see him or leave their contact information at Village Hall. Other phases of the campaign were being discussed and planned which might include visual aids to slow speed. Trustee Keyes indicated that there was little that could be done for people who were breaking laws and speeding through the Village, but the Mayor did have a good relationship with the Suffolk County PD to

address those issues. This campaign hoped to influence those who sometimes rolled through stop signs or forgot that there was a 30 mph speed limit in the Village and change people's everyday patterns to slow down driving. A digital speed sign was on order but was not expected to arrive any time soon. The lawn signs were being distributed quickly. Trustee Keyes noted that the goal was to get the entire community involved in this campaign.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of Shorefront Park for the Santa Toy Trot 5K.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hold the Santa Toy Trot 5k at Shore Front Park, on Sunday, December 5th, with a 7:00 a.m. set up, 10:30 a.m. Fun Run start and 11:00 a.m. race start.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve Hope House Ministries annual 5K run.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Hope House Ministries to hold their annual 5k run on Saturday, May 14, 2022 with a 6:00 a.m. setup, 8:30 a.m. Fun Run start and 9:00 a.m. race start.

Trustee Ferb complimented Trustee Keyes and the members of the PEP Committee for reaching out to other organizations in the community for events such as the cemetery clean up and work on pollinator gardens. Trustee Keyes noted that planning was underway to create gardens that would attract butterflies and bees in the community. Trustee Ferb stated that he could get seeds to help with that project.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve Better Man Distilling Co. to hold their Holiday Makers Market.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Better Man Distilling Co. to hold their Holiday Makers Market, on Saturday, November 6th from 1:00 p.m. through 10:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 7th from 12:00 p.m. through 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to adopt a resolution amendment for the purchase of a Tymco Sweeper.

Upon a motion by Trustee Felice, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board adopted a resolution amendment to enter into a 5 year lease agreement with Government Capital Corp. for the purchase of a Tymco 600 Sweeper at a cost of \$275,000 at an annual lease payment of \$60,443.08.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to grant approval for the Van Guard Hose Co. of the Patchogue Fire Department to hold Memorial Services for Joseph Cushing on October 29th and 30th.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Van Guard Hose Co. of the Patchogue Fire Department to hold Memorial Services for Joseph Cushing on Friday, October 29th from 6:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. at 11 Park Street with the closure of Park Street between South Ocean Avenue and Rider Avenue, and Saturday, October 30th at the Waldbauer Complex from 2:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. with street closures of Rider Avenue between Park Street and Smith Street. Final Wake services will commence at 11 Park Street from 7:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. with no street closure needed.

Trustee Brinkman indicated that the Planning and Zoning Boards were seeing an increase in applications being submitted so that was exciting to see those areas returning to normal.

Trustee Brinkman also noted that the new web site was being well utilized with several news articles posted as well as agendas for all of the boards.

Trustee McHeffey congratulated the Patchogue Arts Council for staging the successful MOCA L.I.ghts event. He thanked Village Clerk Devlin and all who had assisted with this fantastic event. It had become a huge annual event which the community looked forward to seeing. Trustee McHeffey noted that on October 30th from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., the Arts Council would be holding an event entitled "Absinthe Minded Friends" which would feature shopping, snacking,

and absinthe. The cost would be \$20 per person, and it would be held at Toast with tickets available for purchase at patchoguearts.org. Costumes were also encouraged.

Trustee McHeffey continued by noting that the next CDA meeting would be held on November 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Village Hall with everyone welcome to attend.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to adopt a new fee schedule for the Building Department for Major Residential Renovations. He noted that when the fee schedule had been recently updated, no provisions had been made for major residential renovations which had created some confusion for applicants when the new construction formula had been applied to fees. To alleviate this confusion, the Building Department would like to go for a straight percentage in fees similar to what other municipalities had adopted. Trustee McHeffey indicated that projects costing estimated between \$10,001.00 and \$100,000.00 would have a fee of 1.5% of the project cost assessed. Projects with a verified cost of between \$100,000 and \$200,000 would be assessed at 2% of the cost.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Building Department to adopt a new fee schedule for Major Residential Renovations as presented.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to approve hiring a part-time Housing Inspector.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire John Terlecki as a part-time Housing Inspector at \$21.01 per hour.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to approve appointing members to the Conservation Tree Committee of the Village.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to approval to appoint the following members to the Conservation Tree Committee of the Village: Chairperson and Liaison to the Chamber Beautification Committee- Paula Murphy (through 2023), Trustee Liaison- Patrick McHeffey (through 2022), Members- Lori Devlin (through 2023), Josephine Miller (through 2022), John Bogack (through 2023) and Susan Lienau (through 2022). Beginning 2022 appointment to this board will take place at the annual re-organization meeting of the Board of Trustees with alternating 2-year terms.

Mayor Pontieri asked for confirmation that these appointments would be placed on the Board's Reorganizational Meeting agenda. Trustee McHeffey stated that this was correct.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to approve rescheduling the Ratgrrl Vendor Circus for the Patchogue Arts Council.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Patchogue Arts Council to hold the rescheduled Ratgrrl Vendor Circus on October 30th from 3:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. in the Roe Walkway.

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

Mark Siegel, Blums, expressed concern that there had been approximately 15 motorcycles traveling along the Main Street area following the Fall Festival while the street was still closed. Several went right through stop signs and onto the sidewalk creating a dangerous situation. He had not contacted the police since they left the area pretty quickly. Hopefully, the weather change would keep them away for a while, but he had wanted to make the Board aware of the situation.

Dennis Ross, Lager Lane, inquired if the Board could look into funding within the \$21 million mentioned earlier for the sewer project for caps to mitigate the smell and environmental risks of the project. Mayor Pontieri stated that funding for that would be included within the expansion of the sewer plant which was being proposed. The \$21 million mentioned earlier would be used specifically to hook up homes in South Patchogue to the system. Mr. Ross inquired if it would be possible to get advance notice when sludge removal was scheduled to occur especially due to health concerns of nearby residents who might be home during the day when this process occurred. Trustee Brinkman inquired if this could be placed on the Village web site's calendar so that

residents who signed up could receive push notifications. Mr. Ross noted that this was not a regularly scheduled process, but it occurred when the build up necessitated removal. Village Clerk Devlin stated that she could still notify those who sign up to receive notification of this process through email or text when it was scheduled to occur. Mr. Ross indicated that when the cap which had been installed on the Blue Point line worked, everything was fine. However, it tended to break down frequently which caused unpleasant odors to escape. Mr. Ross indicated that he had sent some links describing caps which could be used by the Board to obtain additional information on these caps.

Mr. Ross expressed his appreciation to Legislator Calarco for his work on the Canaan Lake project, and its positive impacts on the Patchogue River and local wildlife.

Mr. Ross continued by noting that he had an arborist scheduled to address problem trees on the Riverview property.

Mr. Ross then expressed confusion about the Board leasing a streetsweeper when he thought they had just recently purchased one. Mayor Pontieri indicated that several streetsweepers had been tested, and this was the one which had been settled on.

Mr. Ross then inquired if the Board would consider waiving the newly adopted major renovation fees for residents who might have recently purchased older homes that required lead and asbestos abatement which could be quite expensive for younger homeowners. Trustee McHeffey inquired if residents could speak with someone about waiving this fee if this situation did occur. Mayor Pontieri stated that they could speak with the Village Clerk and request that those fees be waived for those types of situations. Village Attorney Egan indicated that this should only occur if the abatement was the entire project and not just one element of a project. Mr. Ross agreed and indicated that he was referring to the situation whereby a child would test high for lead and that child would not be permitted back in his or her home unless the lead problem was addressed.

Mr. Ross inquired as to why the Village was hiring a dispatcher for the Fire Department. Mayor Pontieri stated that the dispatchers were Village employees. He noted that the Village paid a third of the salary, the Fire Department paid a third, and the Ambulance Co. paid a third.

Richard Kemp, Jennings Avenue, noted that the dumpsters had been moved in the Terry Street Parking lot which had created a landscaping nightmare in that area. Mayor Pontieri stated that this would be addressed in the spring. Mr. Kemp suggested that consideration should be given to paving the entire area so that the road met at right angles as it had in the past.

Mr. Kemp indicated that he had asked Deputy Mayor Krieger two weeks ago whether the Village could provide some assistance with owners of two family homes and the Village Code requirement that a unit could not remain vacant for more than one year or face loss of the two family house designation. The State of New York, CDC, and other organizations had placed moratoriums on evictions, so a landlord with a vacant apartment would be foolish to rent it out now. Mr. Kemp suggested that this portion of the Village Code should be suspended until the moratorium on evictions was lifted. Mayor Pontieri stated that he would take this suggestion under advisement.

Mr. Kemp expressed some confusion about the Veterans' Day ceremony. He noted that Mr. Kennedy had indicated that a ceremony would be held on Saturday, November 6th. Mayor Pontieri stated that this ceremony would be held at the Waverly Avenue cemetery. Mr. Kemp inquired if anyone had applied for a special events permit for that event. Mayor Pontieri stated that he was unaware of such an application being submitted to him, but it could have gone to someone else. Mr. Kemp indicated that he had an email from Village Attorney Egan stating that a special event permit required a 501C3 certificate. Mayor Pontieri inquired as to the date of this email. Mr. Kemp indicated that it was dated October 17th and included mention of the 30th Virginia being willing to use their 501C3 certificate. He indicated that the length of time required to complete the special events permit application would probably be longer than the event itself. Mayor Pontieri stated that the Village needed to protect itself by requiring such an application be submitted. Village Attorney Egan noted that this was a multiple paragraph email to which Mr. Kemp was referring. Mr. Kemp continued by noting that he had been in touch with Dan Prunty, President of the Cedar Grove Cemetery, who had told him they were exempt from the special event permit requirement. Mayor Pontieri stated that Cedar Grove Cemetery was independent from the Village, and the only services provided by the Village there was plowing in front of the gates in the winter.

Mr. Kemp indicated that use of cemeteries for veterans' services appeared to be different than the events included within the special permit's application. Mayor Pontieri indicated that anything that was not pertinent to his event within the application should be marked as non-applicable. Village Attorney Egan stated that Mr. Kemp was the only person who had ever had an issue with the special event permit application. Mayor Pontieri stressed that the special event permit application was developed to protect the Village and the Village taxpayers. Village Attorney Egan concurred. Discussion continued between Village Attorney Egan and Mr. Kemp with regard to confusion concerning the request for the 501C3 certificate. Mr. Kemp asked for confirmation from Village Attorney Egan that they were in agreement that the 30th Virginia was recognized by the IRS as a 501C3 organization. Village Attorney Egan stated that this was correct. Mr. Kemp then noted that the 67th New York had indicated on their web site that they would have an event on November 13th. Mayor Pontieri inquired as to where this was supposed to be held. Mr. Kemp stated that it would be held at the cemetery. Deputy Mayor Krieger expressed confusion as to which cemetery and what event was being discussed as well as what Mr. Kemp wanted to accomplish. Mr. Kemp stated that his group wanted to perform a respectful ceremony in the Waverly Avenue cemetery. The Board inquired as to why Cedar Grove cemetery was being discussed. Mr. Kennedy indicated that he might have gotten the November 6th date wrong and was attempting to obtain clarification. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to why this involved the Village. Village Attorney Egan stated that it was because Mr. Kemp wanted to host his event in the cemetery on the abandoned Union side of the cemetery in question. He indicated to Mr. Kemp that he should submit the application as he had discussed with him previously. Mr. Kemp inquired if there was mention of 501C3 organizations in the amended Village Code concerning the discharge of firearms. Village Attorney Egan stated that there was, as well as historical re-enactors, but there was no exemption from the special permit application. Village Clerk Devlin noted that Better Man Distillery had to fill out a special event permit application that was approved earlier in the evening for an event on their own private property. Mayor Pontieri indicated that information on any event needed to be submitted so that the Village knew exactly what was being planned, and he asked Mr. Kemp to conclude his remarks for the evening. Mr. Kennedy stated that he had confirmed that the event he had referred to earlier would be held on November 13th, not the 6th, and apologized for any confusion this had caused.

Village Clerk Devlin showed the public the new front page of the Village's web site and stated that there was a space there that residents could complete to be notified of various announcements and also choose what those notifications would be.

Mary Kasner, North Ocean Avenue, noted that she had spoken with representatives from the Fifth Precinct who had informed her that when they wrote incident reports for speeding on North Ocean Avenue, they would separate alcohol related incidents from non-alcohol related incidents. Mayor Pontieri noted that the Village had no control over alcohol related violations but had stressed that speeding was important to address. Ms. Kasner then suggested that the signs that had been developed be made reflective next time they were printed so they could be seen more easily at night. She hoped that there would be a report of reduced speeding in the Village at the next community meeting of the Fifth Precinct in January.

Ms. Kasner inquired if any of the Board had recently been in the Patchogue Railroad Station at night. None had. Ms. Kasner expressed concern that the Johnson Controls project had made the interior of the parking lot extremely dark at night due to the change in bulbs used since the light poles were located along the perimeter of the lot. There was no light spread with the newer LED lighting now used. Village Clerk Devlin stated that Johnson Controls would make adjustments if needed. Village Attorney Egan stated that the Mayor had been in touch with the LIRR about increasing safety and security patrols on their properties. Mayor Pontieri noted that the Village also had a camera across from the bus stop.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Signed _____
Lori Devlin, Village Clerk