

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, May 22, 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, McHeffey, 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 May 8, 2023.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Board Meeting minutes from May 8, 2023.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated the total bills for the period ending May 22, 2023 were \$1,718,857.71. The five largest bills were as follows: \$915,704.71 for Galvin Brothers; \$212,367.83 for NYS Health Ins, \$101,175.00 for Norberto Pool; \$44,028.34 for Town of Brookhaven, and \$30,928.13 for VHB Engineering.

General	\$ 544,643.28
Trust & Agency	\$ 24,307.21
Cap Projects	\$1,048,527.84
Sewer Fund	\$ 75,248.54
B.I.D. Fund	\$ 6,006.82
Housing Fund	\$ 0.00
CDA Fund	\$ 8,793.49
General Bills	\$ 11,330.53
Totals	\$1,718,857.71

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

Village Treasurer Krawczyk noted that the work done by Galvin Brothers was at Shorefront Park and was covered by grants.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk asked the Board to approve budget transfers.

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

**GENERAL FUND**

FROM:

<u>ACCOUNT#</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
001-1110-0465	VILLAGE JUSTICE-CONFERENCE EXPENSE	2,000.00
001-1325-0416	TREASURER-PRINTING	700.00
001-1410-0450	VILLAGE CLERK-MISC	400.00
001-1620-0420	VILLAGE HALL-MAINT& REPAIRS BLDG	11,200.00
001-1640-0450	GARAGE-MISC	500.00
001-1910-0457	UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	20,000.00
001-3620-0200	BUILDING-EQUIPMENT	200.00
001-3622-0100	PUBLIC SAFETY-SALARIES	5,100.00
001-5110-0102	HIGHWAY-OVERTIME	10,000.00
001-5142-0101	SNOW-OVERTIME	60,000.00
001-5142-0102	SNOW-DOUBLE TIME	35,000.00
001-5142-0200	SNOW-EQUIPMENT	15,000.00
001-5142-0414	SNOW-MATERIAL & SUPPLIES	15,000.00
001-5142-0428	SNOW-EQUIPMENT RENTAL	20,000.00
001-5650-0414	OFF STREET PARKING-MATERIAL & SUPP	700.00
001-5650-0419	OFF STREET PARKING-MAINT & REPAIRS	18,800.00
001-7110-0101	PARKS-OVERTIME	2,000.00
001-7110-0412	PARKS-UTILITIES	7,000.00

001-7110-0475	PARKS-PAY FOR PLAY ATHLETIC EQUIP	1,000.00
001-7110-0476	PARKS-PAY FOR PLAY TROPHIES & AWARDS	200.00
001-7180-0450	POOL-MISC	500.00
001-7230-0419	MASCOT DOCK-MAINT & REPAIRS(EQUIP)	3,000.00
001-7270-0412	BANDSHELL-UTILITIES	100.00
001-8010-0100	ZONING BOARD-SALARIES	1,900.00
001-8170-0200	SWEEPER-EQUIPMENT	<u>23,000.00</u>
		253,300.00

TO:

<u>ACCOUNT#</u>	<u>ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
001-1110-0414	VILLAGE JUSTICE-MAT & SUPPLIES	500.00
001-1110-0416	VILLAGE JUSTICE-PRINTING	500.00
001-1110-0450	VILLAGE JUSTICE-MISC	250.00
001-1110-0456	VILLAGE JUSTICE-POSTAGE	500.00
001-1130-0101	TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS-OVERTIME	250.00
001-1320-0415	AUDITOR-FEES FOR SERVICES	2,400.00
001-1325-0414	TREASURER-MAT & SUPPLIES	700.00
001-1362-0418	TAX ADVERTISING EXPENSE-PUBLISHING	200.00
001-1410-0418	VILLAGE CLERK-PUBLISHING	400.00
001-1440-0415	ENGINEER-FEES FOR SERVICES	10,000.00
001-1620-0100	VILLAGE HALL-SALARIES	13,000.00
001-1620-0102	VILLAGE HALL-DOUBLE TIME	600.00
001-1620-0414	VILLAGE HALL-MAT & SUPPLIES	300.00
001-1620-0417	VILLAGE HALL-UNIFORMS	300.00
001-1640-0421	GARAGE-GAS & OIL	27,000.00
001-1940-0482	ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY	23,500.00
001-3310-0419	TRAFFIC CONTROL-MAINT & REPAIRS	3,000.00
001-3620-0450	BUILDING-MISC	100.00
001-3620-0465	BUILDING-CONFERENCE EXPENSE	200.00
001-3622-0419	PUBLIC SAFETY-MAIN & REPAIRS EQUIP	5,000.00
001-3622-0420	PUBLIC SAFETY-MAIN & REPAIRS BLDG	100.00
001-5110-0101	HIGHWAY-OVERTIME	3,000.00
001-5110-0200	HIGHWAY-EQUIPMENT	52,500.00
001-5110-0414	HIGHWAY-MAT & SUPP	35,000.00
001-5110-0425	HIGHWAY-SURFACING MATERIALS	1,000.00
001-5110-0427	HIGHWAY-REPAIRS BY OTHERS	2,000.00
001-5110-0465	HIGHWAY-CONFERENCE EXPENSE	1,000.00
001-5142-0100	SNOW-SALARIES	3,500.00
001-5650-0200	OFF STREET PARKING-EQUIPMENT	700.00
001-7110-0441	PARKS-MAIN & REPAIRS PARKS	10,000.00
001-7110-0456	PARKS-POSTAGE	200.00
001-7140-0200	380 BAY AVE-EQUIPMENT	500.00
001-7140-0412	380 BAY AVE-UTILITIES	6,000.00
001-7140-0419	380 BAY AVE-MAIN & REPAIRS-EQUIP	500.00
001-7140-0420	380 BAY AVE-MAIN & REPAIRS-BLDG	24,000.00
001-7140-0450	380 BAY AVE-MISC	500.00
001-7180-0412	POOL-UTILITIES	500.00
001-7230-0414	MASCOT DOCK-MAT & SUPPLIES	3,000.00
001-7270-0450	BANDSHELL-MISC	100.00
001-7310-0416	YOUTH PROGRAMS-PRINTING	4,000.00
001-7310-0450	YOUTH PROGRAMS-MISC	1,800.00
001-8010-0415	ZONING BOARD-FEES FOR SERVICES	1,800.00
001-8010-0456	ZONING BOARD-POSTAGE	100.00
001-8560-0414	SHADE TREES-MAT & SUPPLIES	1,800.00
001-9080-0808	DENTAL INSURANCE	<u>11,000.00</u>
		253,300.00

Village Treasurer Krawczyk then reviewed the cash balances as of April 30, 2023.

Dennis Smith reviewed the BID and special projects report. He noted that the annual BID meeting, which included Board elections, would be held on June 13<sup>th</sup>. The annual mailing was sent out on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Smith indicated that nothing unusual was expected at the meeting.

Three Board members had been taken on during the past three month who would be up for election. He noted that the hanging baskets were normally installed by the end of May but would be delayed by a couple of weeks this year as the quality was not quite there yet. Another two to three weeks should give Fantastic Gardens enough time to get the quality that was needed. In addition, another individual would be needed for watering in order to be sure that the plants were watered six days a week instead of five. Currently, he had ads out seeking someone for this unique part-time position which required a CDL license, tank clearance, and required the individual to be up at 3:00 a.m. He was confident that another person would be found and that the plantings would be a success as always. Mr. Smith continued by noting that the Tru Green weed application had been placed the past Friday. This had been done for the past twelve years with excellent results. He indicated that the Sunday Market had started on May 7<sup>th</sup> with a passive opening, but twenty-six vendors had been there the previous day with good customer traffic. This was a good showing considering that most vendors would not have a lot of produce until June. As was done last year, a fee was charged to the vendors to cover the expenses for the market, such as advertising, so those costs were not passed back to the Village. Mr. Smith noted that the Johnson Controls project was winding down with a punch list of items still to be completed. The EV charging stations were ready to go in the Oak Street parking lot once the work was coordinated with the technology firm which was going to run them. An agreement was being worked out with this firm now and should be put in place shortly. Once all the work was completed, the warranty would be received from Johnson Controls. Consideration was being given to a Phase II project which would involve installing solar panels somewhere near the sewer plant to offset the electrical use there which was the biggest user of electricity in the Village. Mr. Smith continued by noting that the Shorefront Park project was moving along nicely. It was nice to be able to view the progress through the time lapse cameras that had been monitoring the work. If work continued at the current pace, the project should be completed by the end of June so that the park could be opened to residents by the start of summer.

Mayor Pontieri noted that he believed that this was the first financial statement that had not included PSEG on it. Mr. Smith indicated that this meant that the Johnson Control project was working as it was intended. If the Phase II project could be completed, that would save even more money. He noted that Johnson Controls would come before the Board to do a presentation in the fall as to the various savings which had been realized.

Mr. Smith indicated that the Splash Pad project was currently awaiting two permits from the County which dealt with the placement of the holding tank. H2M was working on this issue. The construction work was approximately 75% completed, so once the permits were obtained, it should only take another couple of weeks to put everything together. Trustee Keyes stressed that this would not impact the opening of the pool. Mr. Smith concurred that this would not affect the pool. It had been hoped that the Splash Pad would open with the pool, but unfortunately, it would probably be at least a couple of weeks to a month behind that opening. A parks improvement video was being completed and would be added to the Village web site shortly. The video would encapsulate in approximately six minutes all the work that had been done to the parks over the last six to seven years including the work at Shorefront Park. It would also show the costs of the projects and how they were broken up and shared starting with the original \$5,000,000 anonymous donation. Mr. Smith then indicated that the Sixth District Court parking lot improvement project would be starting shortly with a meeting scheduled to discuss the project the next day. Once started, the project should take a couple of months with most of the disruption to parking occurring during the first month of work. This would add approximately 50 to 60 additional parking spots to the area.

David Kennedy reviewed the Chamber of Commerce report. He expressed appreciation to those who supported the Theatre for a wonderful evening of celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mr. Kennedy noted that he had been serving on the Village Board when the stage had been re-opened for the first time after fifty to sixty years, and he remembered being surprised by how well preserved much of the molding had been. He indicated that Memorial Day weekend and the start of the summer season was coming up, but he also reminded everyone that Memorial Day was a day to remember and respect all the men and women who had given their lives for this country. The annual Memorial Day Parade and ceremony would be occurring on May 29<sup>th</sup> with the parade starting at 11:00 a.m. at Route 112 and Main Street and ending at the American Legion. He hoped to see a bigger crowd this year in attendance than had been out in recent years. The first ever PRIDE parade would be held the following week on June 4<sup>th</sup> on Main Street beginning at noon. Mr. Kennedy indicated that there were a couple of representatives from the committee

present this evening to answer any questions as there was a request before the Board for an artist to place real flowers around the Eloise Staudinger Archway. The intent was to allow people to take them after the parade, or they could be left in place for as long as they were alive.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve decorating the Eloise Staudinger Archway for the Patchogue Pride Parade. Village Attorney Egan inquired as to how the flowers would be affixed and how they would be removed. A woman stepped forward and noted that a representative from Clover and the Bees was the florist who would be doing the work. It was hoped that the archway would serve as an attractive backdrop for photos to be posted on social media. She noted that the florist had been collecting branches from her own yard on which the flowers would be affixed. There would be no plastic or tubing used. The branches would then be twined around the archway. Deputy Mayor Kriger inquired as to when this work would be done. The woman indicated that it would occur right before the parade and should take approximately three (3) hours to do. Assistance would be provided to install and remove the flowers. Village Attorney Egan indicated that the installation and removal plan sounded fine. This was his biggest concern as he did not want it to fall to DPW to do this work. A question was raised as to how far up the archway the flowers would go. The woman indicated that it could potentially go to the top depending on the budget. A gentleman from the audience suggested that precautions be taken to prevent individuals from climbing on the archway. Mr. Kennedy stated that this would be done.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Patchogue Pride Committee of the Greater Patchogue Chamber of Commerce to decorate the Eloise Staudinger Archway with live flowers for the Pride Parade on June 4, 2023.

Mr. Kennedy noted that there had been overwhelming support for the parade, and he had not seen such support before in his ten years as serving as director of the Chamber. The committee had raised over \$80,000 in sponsorships which was quite impressive. He believed it would be a great family friendly and fun event, and he encouraged everyone to attend. An after party would be held at Stereo Gardens immediately after the parade. Mr. Kennedy continued by noting that Patchogue would be hosting the Patchogue-Medford High School Senior Prom again on Main Street on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. He thanked that Village and member restaurants for again supporting this special event which had started as a result of COVID but had continued because of its uniqueness. The next membership meeting of the Chamber would be held the following evening at 5:30 p.m. at the Harbor Crab. A breakfast networking event, Chambers Are Wild, including members from several other chamber groups would be held the Bellport Country Club on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who attended would receive an oversized playing card which encouraged networking through forming various poker hands. A series of ribbon cuttings would be coming up shortly as well since the weather was improving. The first would be held on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the ribbon cutting at 6:30 p.m. for Fire and Wixx, a candle shop, which was located on the second floor of the Furman Building. This was another business that invited groups to have a social gathering and make candles. Another ribbon cutting would be held with the Fire Island National Seashore on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, at Watch Hill for a playground which was built as a result of fundraising efforts of the Friends of Watch Hill. Arrangements for a boat to bring officials over to the ceremony were still being worked out. Alive After Five planning was continuing as the first event was only a month or so away. It would probably be the same as last year with outdoor dining outside all of the restaurants and music and drinking areas on the perimeter of the event, as this had worked well previously.

Trustee McHeffey suggested that some signage could be installed near the archway for the PRIDE parade saying something along the lines of "Please feel free to take a flower but do not climb on the arch". Mr. Kennedy indicated that he could arrange for this to be done

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 of Public Safety Officer Kevin Diaz effective May 7, 2023 with regrets.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to ratify prior approval to amend Resolution #142-2023.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval to amend resolution #142-2023 to reflect an hourly rate of \$17.00 for Seasonal Worker, Israel Torres retroactive to start date April 24, 2023.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve purchasing a new garbage truck. Trustee Keyes reminded the Board that they had approved a Green Fleet policy a few years ago. However, there were no electric or hybrid garbage trucks available at the present time. He hoped that in a few years when the next truck needed to be purchased that full research would be done into the availability of an electric or hybrid model.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to purchase a new garbage truck from Vasso Systems at a cost of \$293,195.00 leased through Signature Public Funding Corp. with full ownership by the Village at the end of the 5-year lease.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve expending CHIPS funding.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to expend an amount not to exceed five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000.00) of CHIPS funding for the paving of various roads in the Village.

Mayor Pontieri noted that CHIPS funding came from the State and was used specifically for road work. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that some of the roads to be worked on with these funds were as follows: Lake Shore Drive, Pinelake Drive, Potter Street, Baker Street, Larson Street, Thorne Street, the west end of Thorne Street, the dead end of Cedar Grove Street off Jennings Avenue, and the south side of the Gillette Street church lot-travel lanes only. Mayor Pontieri reiterated that these were State funds which would not impact residents' taxes.

Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that he had received the Public Safety report from Jim Berberich, Chief of Public Safety. There had been 242 parking summonses issued, 21 field appearance tickets issued for open alcohol containers and public urination, and 45 calls from dispatchers in the past two weeks. Officers were out there keeping people safe and issuing tickets as necessary.

Mayor Pontieri observed that the Suffolk County Police Department had been very active on Main Street on the weekends. There had been 125 Village ordinance summonses issued including those for public urination and open alcohol containers. He was grateful for the cooperative effort. Deputy Mayor Krieger noted that meetings had been held with the police department representatives and members of the Restaurant Committee to try and work together to keep things calmer on Friday and Saturday evenings. There had been some issues with broken windows resulting from fights, and these were quite expensive for business owners to fix. He urged everyone to observe good behavior.

Trustee Keyes indicated that the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the Theatre had been spectacular.

Trustee Keyes noted that there would be a ribbon cutting for the soccer field at 380 Bay Avenue on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. One league had started playing at the field, and a second one was expected to request use of the field shortly. This had been a long time coming, so it was nice to see this accomplishment celebrated.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of the basketball courts at Rider Avenue Park.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Patchogue Medford Youth & Community Services to use the basketball courts at Rider Ave Park for their summer children's day camp Monday through Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the following dates: July 10<sup>th</sup> through 21<sup>st</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup> and August 7<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve hiring summer staff.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire summer staff as presented.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve Change Order #5 for Galvin Brothers, Inc./Madhue Contracting, Inc. He noted that this had almost been a \$1.5 million change order, but plans had been altered to rebuild wooden bridges instead of installing concrete ones. The concrete ones would have required expensive piling support, and the wooden bridges had lasted for years. He noted that he had walked the site earlier, and even though it was still muddy and incomplete, he could see the tremendous difference that the project had already made. When the project was finally completed, he was sure that everyone would be very impressed.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Change Order #5 for Galvin Brothers, Inc./Madhue Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$146,206.50 for revised construction of the abutments for the Little Creek Pedestrian Bridges for the Shorefront Park Living Shoreline and Little Creek Restoration Construction Project – Phase.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to approve accepting a resignation from the Planning Board.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board accepted the resignation of Bryan Gutman from the Planning Board with regrets.

Trustee Brinkman noted that Mr. Gutman had been a great asset to the board and brought some artistic input to the architectural plans, but his business had become very busy. He would be missed. She thanked him for his service and wished him the best of luck.

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

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the AmVets to hold their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at Shorefront Park.

Trustee Brinkman encouraged everyone who had not attended previously to try and do so. The veterans did a very moving ceremony which evoked much emotion over the pride they had in the proper retirement of the flag. In addition, she thanked the fire department for standing by ensure that the burning of the flags was done in a safe and proper manner. Mayor Pontieri noted that there was a box near the American Legion where residents could place old flags for proper disposal. Village Attorney Egan indicated that the box had been full the last time he had tried to use it. Trustee Brinkman stated that she would inform the American Legion that the box needed to be emptied.

Trustee Ferb also noted that the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the Theatre had been spectacular and observed that it had been a feel-good event for the Village. It had been very well done and fun. Mayor Pontieri expressed his appreciation for everyone who had assisted with the renovation of the Theatre including past Mayor Keegan, Bill Knapp, and Artie Fucillo.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve an event.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Blue Point Brewery to hold their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party on August 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m., subject to approval of a Special Event Permit application by the Coordinator of Special Events.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to approve hanging a banner on Main Street.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Patchogue Garden Club to hang a banner on Main Street promoting their 21<sup>st</sup> Garden Tour from Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee McHeffey asked the Board to approve use of the Community Garden.

Upon a motion by Trustee McHeffey, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Patchogue Garden Club to use the Community Garden on South Ocean Avenue and Terry Street for Garden Tour ticket sales on July 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to ratify prior approval for an event.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval for the Emanuel Lutheran Church to hold their annual Hope Day event on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. subject to the Special Event Permit application by the Coordinator of Special Events.

Village Clerk Devlin read notice of a public hearing to consider an application, pursuant to Village Law 6-632 by NYU Langone Health, to construct egress doors at exit stairs encroaching on Village property on the east side and access doors to a mechanical room on the west side of the building located at 196 East Main Street, Patchogue, NY.

Mayor Pontieri inquired if anyone was present to represent the applicant. There was no response. Village Attorney Egan suggested that the Board adjourn the public hearing for two weeks.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the application, pursuant to Village Law 6-632 by NYU Langone Health, to construct egress doors at exit stairs encroaching on Village property on the east side and access doors to a mechanical room on the west side of the building located at 196 East Main Street, Patchogue, NY, for two weeks until the June 12, 2023 Board Meeting.

Trustee Ferb encouraged everyone to visit the Terry Street Garden. This was a beautiful spot which had been taken care of by the Garden Club since 1997. Mayor Pontieri expressed his appreciation for those who took care of this garden.

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

Don Wachsmuth, 60 Carman Street, inquired if some garbage pail covers could be provided for the garbage cans at Mascot Dock. He noted that once the pails were full, the birds made a huge mess. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that the tops should be chained to the pails. Mr. Wachsmuth indicated that there were two or three missing, and he had seen one in the water previously. Village Clerk Devlin stated that she would speak with DPW about this.

Mr. Wachsmuth observed that the Shorefront Park project was unbelievable with the level of detail being followed. Mayor Pontieri concurred and noted that some of the bigger stones had been broken down into smaller sizes in order to fit in place. It was an impressive project.

Mr. Wachsmuth indicated that the number of home renovations going on was a credit to the Village. However, there were some problem cases. He then shared some photos with the Board of 12 Brook Street. This property was in terrible condition. Village Clerk Devlin inquired if the property in question was close to South Ocean Avenue. Mr. Wachsmuth stated that it was. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that the Village was aware of the issues with this property.

Mr. Wachsmuth noted that the banners which had been put on the ballfields for opening day of Little League had not been removed and were now coming apart and winding up in storm drains. Trustee Keyes indicated that he would speak with the PYAA about this to be sure that they were cleaned up.

Mary Kasner, 193 North Ocean Avenue, inquired as to the legal definition of family in the Village as it pertained to the occupancy of a single-family home. Village Attorney Egan indicated that this was a bit complex when it came to housing as there were several Federal lawsuits about the definition of family. The Village enforced the structure rather than the residents of the structure. Ms. Kaspar recognized that the definition of family could be complex. However, she inquired if the Village had a maximum number of people who were permitted to reside in a house. Village Attorney Egan stated that they did have an occupancy total formula which was based on the square footage of bedrooms and habitable space in a home. Ms. Kaspar

inquired if this was enforceable. Village Attorney Egan indicated that it was. Ms. Caspar then noted that she was concerned about overoccupancy at 199 North Ocean Avenue.

Ms. Kasner then inquired as to the legality of burning personal and construction materials. Village Attorney Egan stated that this was prohibited. Ms. Kaspar noted that there seemed to be a question with Code Enforcement officers over this as they did not know of a law against it, nor did the fire department when they responded. Unfortunately, those who were doing this activity did it at night on weekends when no one from the Building Department was around. She believed that toxic items such as varnish, lead paint, and asbestos were being burned. Mayor Pontieri inquired if it was at the same address that she had referenced earlier. Ms. Kaspar stated that it was. The fire department responded regularly since the fire was often large and out of control which was not a good use of their resources. When Code Enforcement officers responded, they were told that it was just a fire pit. She expressed concern as to who needed to be contacted about this situation. Village Attorney Egan stated that he could provide some information to Code Enforcement. He also noted that the fire department had 24-hour access to the Town of Brookhaven's Fire Marshal resources.

Ms. Kasner noted that that Deputy Mayor Krieger had mentioned the importance of speaking with neighbors about local situations, She felt that they had done all they could as neighbors and needed more official assistance at this point. North Ocean Avenue was becoming a problem with the present housing market encouraging multiple family members to buy homes together.

Marie and Tim Sweeney, 902 Emily Drive, indicated that they were looking forward to the completion of the Shorefront Park renovation project as they were sure it would be beautiful. However, they were concerned about the impact of the Great South Bay Music Festival which would be held shortly after the park reopened. Ms. Sweeney noted that she had expressed concern to the Board last year that the festival organizers had allowed parking on the grass at the park. In previous years, the grass at the park had been destroyed by the festival and never came back for the entire summer. She questioned if there would be grass in the new park as she had not seen a sketch of what it would look like when completed. Ms. Sweeney again expressed concern about the large crowds and about throwing marijuana into the mix this year as well. Mr. Sweeney inquired as to who controlled the parking – the promoter or the Village. Mayor Pontieri indicated that the promoter was permitted to use certain areas for parking, and the public was permitted to use general parking. It was a combination between the two entities as Public Safety officers ensured that driveways and streets were not blocked. Mr. Sweeney inquired if the contract with the promoter provided for repairs for excess damage caused as he had seen Village staff cleaning up and making repairs in the past. Mayor Pontieri indicated that the promoter paid for all of the time of the Village staff for set up and clean-up which normally amounted to approximately \$30,000. Mr. Sweeney inquired if they had good insurance as well. Mayor Pontieri stated that they did. Ms. Sweeney inquired if sod or grass seed would be used in the park. Mayor Pontieri indicated that grass would be planted, but not until after the festival was over. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that there were some photos of the plans for the park on the web site that could be accessed from the Parks Department page. She noted that diagrams and renderings were available.

Marc Siegel, 260 Waverly Avenue, expressed concern that there was a large hole on Waverly Avenue near Main Street. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired if it was near the Starbucks. Mr. Siegel indicated that it was diagonally across from it on the south side of Waverly Avenue heading north.

Mr. Siegel inquired if the alleyway next to his store was a fire zone. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that he believed it was. Mr. Siegel then inquired as to why there were several cars parked there on a regular basis. Village Clerk Devlin suggested that they might be employees of nearby establishments. Mr. Siegel indicated that this should not matter if this was a fire zone. Mayor Pontieri noted that he would have the Building Department review the area. Village Attorney Egan concurred that the Building Department should review it.

Mr. Siegel then noted that work had been occurring with the traffic light at the Four Corners for several days and was still not finished. There was still an issue with the pedestrian crosswalk lights. He indicated that he had been there a long time, and it had never been fixed as far as he knew. There was also an issue with the timing of the traffic light at Oak Street and Ocean Avenue.



Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Deputy Mayor Krieger, and unanimously carried, the Board closed the public to be heard portion of the meeting.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board reopened the public hearing to consider an application, pursuant to Village Law 6-632 by NYU Langone Health, to construct egress doors at exit stairs encroaching on Village property on the east side and access doors to a mechanical room on the west side of the building located at 196 East Main Street, Patchogue, NY.

Village Clerk Devlin read notice of the public hearing to consider an application, pursuant to Village Law 6-632 by NYU Langone Health, to construct egress doors at exit stairs encroaching on Village property on the east side and access doors to a mechanical room on the west side of the building located at 196 East Main Street, Patchogue, NY.

John Ricotta, representative of NYU Langone, apologized for being late. He indicated that they were requesting easement on the east side of the property for three egress doors. They would only be used for egress during an emergency. There would be double doors on the west side of the building that would open into a mechanical room and would only be accessed from the outside by vendors. Mayor Pontieri asked for confirmation that these doors would only be used in an emergency or by repairmen/deliverymen. Mr. Ricotta stated that this was correct. Trustee Keyes inquired if sidewalks would lead to the doors. Mr. Ricotta indicated that there would be concrete paved platforms and bollards for safety reasons which would measure approximately 9 ft. X 5 ft. to be level with existing asphalt. There would be no hardware on the outside of the doors. Trustee Ferb asked for confirmation that this would be encroaching on Village property. Mr. Ricotta stated that this was correct. Village Attorney Egan asked him for a copy of the plan which included the legend. He then asked for confirmation that the doors on the east side of the building would be located where the current compactor was. Mr. Ricotta stated that this was correct. Two more doors were located further north that led directly out from the stairwell. Village Attorney Egan asked for confirmation that these doors would be for egress only. Mr. Ricotta indicated that this was correct. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to what was there now. Mr. Ricotta noted that there was asphalt there.

Mayor Pontieri inquired if anyone from the public wished to comment on the public hearing. There was no response.

Trustee McHeffey inquired if there would be an alarm that sounded if these doors were opened since they would be used for emergency exits. Mr. Ricotta indicated that security would be put on all of the doors.

Village Attorney Egan reviewed the standards that the Board needed to consider under Village Law 6-632 to approve the application including whether the proposed encroachments would adversely impact on the adjoining parking lot and uses. These doors would not be used on a regular basis, so if the Board was inclined to recommend approval they could do so as set forth in the presentation this evening as well as set forth on the design last dated May 10, 2023.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee McHeffey, and unanimously carried, the Board resolved to approve the application, pursuant to Village Law 6-632 by NYU Langone Health, to construct egress doors at exit stairs encroaching on Village property on the east side and access doors to a mechanical room on the west side of the building located at 196 East Main Street, Patchogue, NY. as set forth in the presentation this evening as well as set forth on the design last dated May 10, 2023.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Lori Devlin, Village Clerk