

The Board Meeting of the Board of Trustees met in the Municipal Building, 14 Baker Street, Patchogue, New York on Monday, September 11, 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 Treasurer Krawczyk, Village Clerk Devlin, and Deputy Village Clerk Braile present. Village Attorney Egan was absent. Assistant Village Attorney Bianco arrived late.

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

Mayor Pontieri asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in memory of the victims of September 11th.

Trustee Weeks then expressed his appreciation for the service of all first responders, especially those who were volunteers.

Village Clerk Devlin asked the Board to approve Board Meeting minutes from August 14, 2023.

Upon a motion by Trustee Weeks, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the Board Meeting minutes from August 14, 2023.

Village Treasurer Krawczyk stated the total bills for the period ending September 11, 2023 were \$. The five largest bills were as follows:

General	\$	696,172.52
Trust & Agency	\$	19,444.64
Capital Projects	\$	49,090.93
Sewer Fund	\$	83,192.30
B.I.D. Fund	\$	2,803.80
Housing Fund		
CDA Fund	\$	8,980.51
General Bills		
Totals	\$	859,684.70

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

Village Clerk Devlin asked the Board to ratify prior approval of bills for the week ending August 28, 2023.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Weeks, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval of bills for the week ending August 28, 2023.

Mayor Pontieri noted that Dave Ziegel had contacted him about doing something to honor his father, Ralph. He indicated that the walkway across from Artspace would now be known as Ralph Ziegel's Way.

Assistant Village Attorney Bianco arrived at 6:04 p.m.

Dennis Smith reviewed the BID and special projects reports. Mr. Smith welcomed Trustee Weeks to the Board and wished him well. He continued by noting that the summer season was winding down. The baskets had done well, and the watering personnel had done a great job. Mr. Smith noted that the gardening personnel would continue working for a couple of more weeks to hopefully get ahead of weeding issues next year. He indicated that the monthly BID meeting would be held the next day and discussion would be occurring about sodding the railroad station. Plantings would still be done on the islands, but grass would be placed everywhere else to keep the weeds more manageable and make maintenance easier. Mr. Smith then indicated that vendor participation in the Sunday Market was down this year. Last year, a weekly average of 30 to 35 vendors had participated while this year, the average was 20 to 22 vendors. The vendor participation policy would need review. A pop-up option had been introduced this year to

encourage vendors to come and try the market for a week to see how it went. Unfortunately, he felt his policy had been abused with vendors coming and going each week which led to a continuity issue. Customers could not count on vendors being there week to week if they were looking for particular items, so this policy would be re-evaluated. Mr. Smith continued by noting that cameras had been installed in the Church Street parking lot but were not functioning yet. This should be done by the end of the week, and additional views of Church Street should be available by Friday. This lot had been problematic this summer, so the additional cameras would be valuable. Mr. Smith also indicated that 180-degree angle cameras were planned for Shorefront Park and would be installed in the marsh area looking out into the park. He noted that there were 112 camera views throughout the Village including Village Hall, the business areas, and parks. There were an additional 24 views from the Theatre which was a total of 136 views that the Village had available now. Adding the 6 at Church Street and 3 at Shorefront Park would bring the total to 145 views of what was going on in the Village, and he knew that the Suffolk County PD also used them. Mayor Pontieri noted that there had been an incident a couple of weeks ago in which the cameras had helped to identify the culprits. Mr. Smith indicated that unfortunately, the views of incidents from the cameras occurred after the fact, but thanks to the cameras, action could be taken to identify the individuals involved. He continued by noting that some signage was planned for Shorefront Park which explained as simply as possible what a living shoreline was and what it was intended to do, especially with regards to the marshland area in order to keep people out of there to allow the plants to grow. The signs should be delivered within the next five weeks and would be installed as soon as possible after their arrival. As for the Johnson Controls energy efficiency project, Phase II was being considered which would involve installing solar panels to offset the energy use of the wastewater treatment plant. Some potential sites being considered were the railroad parking lot, Village Hall parking lots, and other Village owned property. The expenses would need to be outweighed by the benefits, especially since interest rates were higher now.

David Kennedy reviewed the Chamber of Commerce report. Mr. Kennedy also welcomed and congratulated Trustee Weeks. He not only had two decades of experience on the Planning Board but was also the owner and operator of one of the oldest businesses in the Village. Mr. Kennedy then thanked the Board for all the work that was done to expand the parking facility behind the Sixth District Court. The additional 75 parking spaces were very much appreciated, and the lot looked wonderful. Mayor Pontieri expressed his appreciation for the support of the Suffolk County Jump Start Program which helped to provide the funding to accomplish this project. Mr. Kennedy noted that even adding to the metered parking was a price most were willing to pay for convenience. Deputy Mayor Krieger reminded everyone that those spots were not metered until after 6:00 p.m. Mr. Kennedy also thanked Suffolk County for working so well with the Village to make this project happen. He continued by thanking the Village for their support in making the St. Liberata Italian Festival a successful event. Despite the heat and humidity, thousands of people had attended and helped to honor Rob Calarco, Italian American of the Year. For the first time since the event had been held, the Italian American of the Year had won the bocce ball tournament at a field that would always be named in his honor thanks to the work he had done to secure the property for this event. Mr. Calarco's brother's team had taken third place in the tournament as well. He indicated that it was a wonderful day and noted that it was one of the few events that was a family reunion for many long time Patchogue families, especially those of Italian heritage. Trustee Weeks thanked the Chamber for the hard work they did to make this such a success. Mr. Kennedy also noted that the St. Liberata Feast was put together by the Chamber's Cultural Heritage Committee.

Mr. Kennedy continued by indicating that the Friends of Lakeview Cemeteries had held a raffle that had raised a few thousand dollars for the committee. The winner would be spending a weekend on Fire Island. He thanked Trustee Ferb for organizing the raffle. Trustee Ferb noted that Reverend James Reece from St. Paul's Church had won the raffle.

Mr. Kennedy indicated that fall events would be underway shortly and noted that the Chamber would start celebrating Hispanic culture this upcoming week as Hispanic Heritage Month would run from September 15th through October 15th. The first event occurring would be the Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the Patchogue Theatre. He noted that all the free tickets to this event had already been claimed. However, there would be a VIP section in the balcony with those tickets also including food and drinks that could be purchased at patchoguetheatre.org. Mr. Kennedy thanked Emily Alvarado, owner of El Matador restaurant, for organizing this event. Celebration of Hispanic heritage would continue with the Hispanic Heritage Parade, organized by Trustee

Carillo, to be held on September 24th. This week was the deadline to submit applications for floats in the parade. He emphasized that this was a community wide event even though it was celebrating one aspect of the community, Everyone was invited to attend and participate. Another event that would be coming up was the Patchogue Fire Department's second annual car show which would be honoring Paul Felice, who was another individual who had done much for the community. This would be held on September 30th. The Chamber's October Fall Fest was scheduled for October 14th. Mr. Kennedy indicated that the annual river clean-up would be held on September 23rd which was being organized in conjunction with the Fire Island National Seashore and the Village's PEP Committee. Everyone was invited to help and meet at 10:00 a.m. at the Fire Island National Seashore on West Avenue. That same afternoon, the Chamber's Health and Wellness Committee would be holding their annual Wellness Walk which promoted the many health and wellness businesses located in the community. Mr. Kennedy reiterated that the Fall Festival would be held on October 14th. The time was usually from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. However, the Patchogue-Medford High School's Homecoming Parade which normally started at 9:30 a.m. might have to be adjusted. The parade was held immediately prior to the Fall Festival, so he was working with the school district to get a start time of the parade set in order to set the time for the festival.

Mr. Kennedy then noted that the Chamber would be hosting a networking event the following evening at Rula Oaxaca from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Young Professionals Group would be hosting a meeting on Fire Island at the Watch Hill facility on Thursday, September 21st, with the ferry leaving at 5:30 p.m. for anyone who wished to attend. Mr. Kennedy indicated that ITA Kitchen would be having their grand opening in the old Perabell location on September 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All were invited to attend. He noted that the Chamber's annual year ran from October 1st through September 30th, and this year beginning on October 1st, would mark the 100th anniversary of the Patchogue Chamber of Commerce. The first event of the Chamber's year would be their installation event which would be held on Wednesday, October 25th. New officers would be sworn in, and it would be a cocktail event held in the lobby of the Patchogue Theatre. The Theatre was concluding the celebration of their 100th anniversary, so it was thought that this was an appropriate venue to kick off the Chamber's 100th anniversary year. Historic business tours and other events were being planned.

Deputy Mayor Krieger provided an update on the Sixth District Court parking lot project. He noted that it was substantially completed as of September 9th. The remaining items to be done included a crosswalk which should be completed this week; new light poles and trash receptacle installation; milling and paving of South Street; installation of two bus shelters and benches; installation of dumpster gates; and installation of a four-foot ornamental fence behind the bus shelters. Bus signs had been installed and four kiosks would be installed to accommodate parking meters. All work should be done within a month or so. Deputy Mayor Krieger reiterated that the parking spaces would be metered after 6:00 p.m. as was done throughout the Village.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve Professional Engineering Services.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Weeks, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Professional Engineering Services, H2M Project No.:PATV2102, Sewer Connection of the Pool & Beach Club including \$27,000.00 for additional design work and \$29,500 for construction engineer services for administration/construction observation and as-built preparation.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to accept 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 William Krause effective August 21, 2023.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve an Out of District and out of Village sewer connection. Mayor Pontieri indicated that this property was currently a vacant lot that had housed businesses in the past. Trustee Weeks noted that the application for this building had gone before the Planning Board last month. Mayor Pontieri stated that it was his understanding that the majority use of the building would be for medical purposes. Trustee Weeks concurred that it was a mixed-use project but was primarily medical.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Weeks, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval of an Out of District and out of Village connection to the East Patchogue Sewer District for the property known as 214 East Main Street (SCTM# 204-10-5-5) for a proposed 3-story mixed use building with an estimated flow of 7,747.5 gallons per day.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve the lease of a 2024 Freightliner 10-Wheel Dump Truck.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the lease of a 2024 Freightliner 10-Wheel Dump Truck for a total base cost of \$288,300.00 to be leased over a 5-year term at \$69,730.00 with the first payment due 1 year after closing.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve conference attendance.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Weeks, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Tim Nordberg and Peter Sarich Jr. to attend the Water Environment Federation Technical Conference from September 30 through October 4, 2023 in Chicago, Illinois for a cost not to exceed \$4,500.00.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve a proposal from L.K. McLean Associates, P.C. (LKMA).

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval of a proposal from L.K. McLean Associates, P.C. (LKMA) for the design and construction services for a new traffic signal at the intersection of Maple Ave and Oak Street in the amount of \$22,365.

Deputy Mayor Krieger asked the Board to approve a proposal from L.K. McLean Associates, P.C. (LKMA).

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval of a proposal from L.K. McLean Associated, P.C. (LKMA) Supplemental #4, S.C. 6th District Court, Additional Construction Administration and Inspection Costs. LKMA project #21073 in the amount of \$28,675.80.

Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that a proposal to re-zone Lake Street was being considered for commercial/office use. Mayor Pontieri indicated that the property of most concern was located across from the Dialysis Center. Offers had been made for that property to develop it as residential. A review of the zoning code was necessary to determine the best uses for this neighborhood. Assistant Village Attorney Bianco indicated that a public hearing would be required to change the zoning. Trustee Ferb suggested setting a public hearing date.

Upon a motion by Deputy Mayor Krieger, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, an unanimously carried, the Board set a public hearing for October 23, 2023 to recommend zoning changes for Lake Street.

Trustee Keyes indicated that, as mentioned by Mr. Kennedy earlier, the 9th Annual Patchogue River Clean-Up which was sponsored by the PEP Committee in conjunction with the Fire Island National Seashore would be held on September 23rd. Since neither he nor Ms. Jackson would be available that day, he had asked Don Wachsmuth to be the point person for that event.

Trustee Keyes then noted that anyone who wished to volunteer to assist with the Hispanic Heritage Parade should contact the Parks and Recreation Department.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve a 5K Run/Walk.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Weeks, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for Elite Feats to hold a 5K Run/Walk on October 7, 2023 on the regular 5K course starting at 9:00 a.m. with a set up time of 6:00 a.m.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve events to be held at 380 Bay Avenue.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval of the following fall events at 380 Bay Ave: 4th Annual Kids Nature Scavenger Hunt, Saturday, October 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; 4th Annual Scarecrow Contest Build, Saturday, October 7th from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat, Saturday, October 21st from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve an event on Main Street.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval of the 61st Annual Christmas Parade, Saturday, November 25th on Main Street with line-up at 5:00 p.m. and kick-off at 6:00 p.m.

Trustee Weeks indicated that he had heard that the date for the annual Christmas River Parade had been set for the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving. Trustee Keyes noted that this was the usual schedule for the parade, and he was sure that the request to secure the date would be submitted shortly.

Mayor Pontieri indicated that the annual Snapper Derby had been held the previous day. Trustee Keyes concurred and indicated that it was the 40th annual event. It had been a big success with 78 children participating. The 40th Annual Old Timers Softball game had also been held and had been a great event as well. Mayor Pontieri noted that the owners of J and J Bait and Tackle had been supporting the Snapper Derby for the entire 40 years. Trustee Keyes concurred and noted that they had been in business for 43 years, so they had just started their business when becoming a supporter of the Snapper Derby. He expressed his appreciation for them donating the prizes and trophies for the event.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve use of the soccer field at Bay Avenue Park.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Knights of Columbus to use the Soccer Field at Bay Avenue Park to host a "Soccer Challenge" on Saturday, September 16th, from tentative 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Weeks, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the 5K For Fighters at Shorefront Park on Saturday, October 7th with set-up at 6:00 a.m. and start time at 9:00 a.m.

Trustee Brinkman indicated that she believed that this was the same 5K that had been approved earlier but that Elite Feats was running the event which was probably entitled 5K for Fighters. Village Clerk Devlin noted that she would review the application for the event.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve recreation staff hires.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the following recreation staff hires, effective September 14th:

- Valerie Cessman – Volleyball Coordinator at \$150 per month and Referee at \$28.50 per hour
- Philip White – Volleyball Referee at \$28.50 per hour
- Joseph Appignani – Volleyball Security at \$15.00 per hour
- Jacob Fischer – Volleyball Security at \$15.00 per hour

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve a title change.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Carillo, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for a title change for Jennifer Wierzbowski to Head Dock Security with salary increase from \$16.00 to \$17.00 per hour, retroactive to August 8th.

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to approve recreation programs to be held at 380 Bay Avenue.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the following recreation programs at 380 Bay Ave: Fall Yoga and Meditation Classes on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. from October 4th to October 21st and Chunky Blanket Making Classes on the following dates from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturdays, November 4th and 18th and December 2nd .

Trustee Keyes asked the Board to rescind Resolution #188.

Upon a motion by Trustee Keyes, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to rescind Resolution #188, Change Order #5, Galvin Brothers/Madhue Contracting.

Mayor Pontieri indicated that there would be a ribbon cutting on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at Shorefront Park at the new entrance. Any available Board members and the public were invited to attend.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to ratify prior approval of hiring a Recreation Aide.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval to hire Stephania Teran as a Recreation Aide at the rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective September 5, 2023.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board approve establishing fees for a change of zone, zoning map amendment, or other request for relief set forth in Section 435-70 of the Village Code. Trustee Weeks noted that this would keep the Village in line with other municipalities who were currently charging similar fees for this type of service. Trustee Brinkman concurred and noted that this and the following fee adjustment resolutions had been recommended by Chief Building Inspector Peter Sarich. The fees had been modelled after other municipalities to be sure revenue for these services was appropriate.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Weeks, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to establish a fee for a change of zone, zoning map amendment, or other request for relief set forth in Section 435-70 of the Village Code in the amount of \$1,000.00 (One Thousand dollars).

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to approve establishing establish a Plan Review Fee. She noted that large projects took up a tremendous amount of time for the Building Department staff.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to establish a Plan Review Fee of \$500.00 for all projects with a value of over \$250,000.00 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand dollars) which shall be applied to the building permit fee as a credit if the project proceeds to development.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to approve adopting an updated Building and Housing Department fee schedule.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to adopt an updated Building and Housing Department fee schedule including a Commercial Construction fee of 2 percent for all permits where construction exceeds \$1,000,000.00 (One Million dollars).

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to accept a resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to accept the resignation of Board Member, Brian Kearns from the Patchogue Zoning Board of Appeals effective September 26, 2023, with regrets.

Trustee Brinkman wished him the best and thanked him for his dedicated service to the Village.

Trustee Brinkman asked the Board to ratify prior approval of a block party.

Upon a motion by Trustee Brinkman, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval for the residents of Lee Ave to hold a block party on Saturday, August 19th from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with amplified music and waiver of the prohibition of alcohol consumption in the street.

Trustee Ferb asked the Board to approve hiring a full-time Court Clerk for the Justice Court.

Upon a motion by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Deputy Mayor Krieger, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to hire Danielle Muro as a full-time Court Clerk in the Justice Court at an annual salary of \$45,664.80 effective October 2, 2023.

Trustee Weeks asked the Board to adopt a revised policy. He noted that New York State had mandated some updates and changes to the Discrimination and Harassment Policy.

Upon a motion by Trustee Weeks, seconded by Trustee Keyes, and unanimously carried, granted approval to adopt the 2023 Policy Against Discrimination and Harassment and update the Employee Handbook with the new policy.

Trustee Weeks asked the Board to designate a lead agency pursuant to SEQRA. He noted that this project had already come before the Planning Board for IGHL to construct a group home on Gerard Street. The sub-division had already occurred and been approved, but the Board had overlooked the SEQRA process which was why this action was being taken this evening.

Upon a motion by Trustee Weeks, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, granted approval to designate the Board of Trustees as the lead agency pursuant to SEQRA for the two-lot subdivision of 160 South Ocean Avenue.

Trustee Weeks asked the Board to adopt a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA.

Upon a motion by Trustee Weeks, seconded by Trustee Ferb, and unanimously carried, granted approval to adopt a negative declaration pursuant to SEQRA for the two-lot subdivision of 160 South Ocean Avenue.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to ratify prior approval to hold an outdoor service.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Weeks, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval to for the Iglesia Pentecostal Ministerio Puertas Abiertas to hold an outdoor service at 145 Waverly Avenue on August 27th, from 10:00 a.m. through 2:00 p.m.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to ratify prior approval for school supply donation event.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board ratified prior approval for Elise Holloway to donate school supplies on Main Street in front of the Patchogue-Medford Library on September 3rd from 11:00 a.m. through 3:00 p.m.

Trustee Carillo asked the Board to approve use of Village Hall for the Ecuadorian Presidential Election. She noted that this election was crucial to the Ecuadorian community, and the Consulate wanted to come here because of the large number of Ecuadorians who resided there.

Upon a motion by Trustee Carillo, seconded by Trustee Brinkman, and unanimously carried, the Board granted approval for the Consulate General of Ecuador in New York to use Village Hall on October 14th and 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the Ecuadorian Presidential Election.

Trustee Carillo indicated that, as Mr. Kennedy had mentioned earlier, efforts were being made to gather the whole community together for the Hispanic Heritage Parade. She encouraged anyone wishing to participate to contact the Recreation Department this week as the parade was scheduled for September 24th at noon. She hoped everyone would come to watch and enjoy the parade.

Mayor Pontieri inquired as to the celebration being held at the Theatre. She noted that the

committee had done a fine job in organizing the event, and the VIP section had been added as a means to provide revenue for the program. Trustee Brinkman stated that she had tried to purchase a VIP ticket, and there was no mechanism available yet for people to do so. She suggested that Trustee Carillo let the committee know so that this could be rectified. Mr. Kennedy stated that he would review the issue. Trustee Carillo noted that dances and music celebrating the Hispanic culture would be featured at the Theatre event.

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

Marc Siegel, Blums, indicated that he would need barriers put in place at the rear of the store because of a crane needed to install a new air conditioning unit on September 27th.

Mr. Siegel then noted that he had recently had an issue with a homeless individual sleeping across the back door of his business which prevented his staff from entering the building. Code Enforcement Officers had responded to the call he had made and moved him along, but he was continuing to hang out in this parking lot and became belligerent at times. He had spoken with the individual who had informed him that he had psychological problems. Deputy Mayor Krieger indicated that Lori Belmonte from Colony Shop had sent him photos of the individual, and he had forwarded them to Code Enforcement Chief Jim Berberich. However, individuals could not be arrested for sleeping in parking lots. He did ask Mr. Siegel to let him know if he saw homeless individuals causing issues with his staff or customers so that he could send Code Enforcement Officers to move them along if necessary.

John Bogack, 8 Noxon Street, inquired as to what had happened to the horse that was supposed to be put in the parking lot. Village Clerk Devlin stated that it had not arrived yet as she had to speak with the artist about transporting it from Riverhead.

Mr. Bogack noted that increasing of Building Department fees had occurred this evening, but he questioned if further consideration had been given to raising the amplified music licensing fee as he had suggested at the Budget Meeting in April. Mayor Pontieri asked him to refresh his memory of the discussion. Mr. Bogack indicated that he had suggesting raising the fees, which had not been raised in some time, and using the funds to increase police patrols. However, he had been informed that this was not possible. His new idea was to dedicate funds to homeless programs. Mr. Bogack continued by noting that if Building Department fees could be raised to increase Village revenue, then licensing fees should be able to be raised as well. Mayor Pontieri indicated that his suggestion would be reviewed.

Mr. Bogack then asked for confirmation that no large tents were permitted on properties any longer according to Village Code. Trustee Ferb indicated that there were size limits and time limits as to how long tents could be in place. Mr. Bogack asked for confirmation that there would be an issue with a business having three tents in place for an extended period. Village Clerk Devlin indicated that a permit was required prior to putting a tent in place as well as there being a time limit on it being up. Deputy Mayor Krieger inquired as to the specific location. Mr. Bogack stated he was trying to establish a different relationship with the business' new owner. Mayor Pontieri indicated that Code Enforcement could drive by to review the issue.

Mr. Bogack asked for confirmation that the Village now had a Fire Marshal available at night. Mayor Pontieri indicated that a Fire Marshal would be made available through the Town should the Village's be unavailable. Mr. Bogack then commented that Trustee Weeks had mentioned the Holiday Boat Parade. In past years, he had contacted Code Enforcement during the event because the former management of the Off-Key Tiki seemed to have exceeded its approved capacity. Every time he had requested someone come to review the issue; he had been informed that there was no one on duty. Mayor Pontieri indicated that the Town's Fire Marshal was available for use in emergency situations. Someone would not come to simply count heads in a business. However, any Code Enforcement Officer could perform this task, not just the Fire Marshal. Trustee Weeks indicated the Off-Key Tiki was now under new ownership. He believed that this would be the staging area for the parade this year with the viewing of the boats being held the previous evening at Harbor Crab. The new ownership should probably be advised of what the regulations were. Mr. Bogack indicated that he had better dialogue with the new owners, and while everything had not been resolved, he felt there had been progress.

Mr. Bogack indicated that the governor had a new plan to encourage construction of affordable

housing. It involved municipalities putting together plans in order to obtain funding. Mayor Pontieri concurred noting that certain parameters would need to be met to obtain funding. However, he did not believe that the Village should be forced to develop more apartments when rental housing was already almost 50% of the community. A means to obtain funding would need to be researched which would not jeopardize the community or the intent of the State. Mr. Bogack also noted that being able to provide housing for elderly parents or other family members in an accessory manner would also be beneficial. Mayor Pontieri agreed but noted that there should be restrictions based on property size. He also noted that having sewers available would also help. Trustee Weeks indicated that the Planning Board had been having these conversations for some time. There had been an increase in applications to install second driveways which would result in too many cars on a property or on the street which created hazards. There were many details that needed to be worked out, but there was no doubt that more affordable housing for young, working people was needed. However, too many years had been spent to improve the rental stock in the Village to go back. Mr. Bogack agreed.

Upon a motion made by Trustee Ferb, seconded by Trustee Weeks, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Signed _____
Lori Devlin, Village Clerk