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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK : STATE OF NEW YORK
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WORK SESSION
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Station One Firehouse
Third Street
Greenport, New York 11944
April 20, 2023
6:00 p.m.

- B E F O R E:
- KEVIN STUESSI - MAYOR
 - MARY BESS PHILLIPS - DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE
 - PATRICK BRENNAN - TRUSTEE
 - LILY DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON - TRUSTEE
 - JULIA ROBINS - TRUSTEE

 - JOSEPH PROKOP - VILLAGE ATTORNEY
 - PAUL PALLAS - VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
 - JEANMARIE ODDON - VILLAGE DEPUTY CLERK
 - STEPHEN GAFFGA - VILLAGE TREASURER

1 (The Work Session was Called to order at 6:21 p.m.)

2 MAYOR STUESSI: I would like to make a motion

3 to open up the work session for April 20th of 2023.

4 May I have a second, please?

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

12 Against?

13 (No Response)

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries unanimously.

15 With that, we would like to invite Chief Wayde

16 Manwaring to give us the Fire Department report, please.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Is Wade here?

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I don't see him

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I don't see him.

20 He might -- he might not realize the time

21 change.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Well, then why don't

23 we move on to our Village Administrator,

24 Mr. Pallas.

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

1 Just a few additional items on my report that
2 weren't ready yet when I prepared this.

3 At the Mayor's direction, the Village
4 Attorney, Joe Pro -- Joseph Prokop, the Code
5 Enforcement Officer and myself have been working on
6 three separate Village properties that are, for all
7 intents and purposes, abandoned. We are at the
8 process of getting quotes to demolish two of them
9 and level and grade those two. We may, depending
10 on those quotes, may need to go out to formal
11 bidding, prepare a specification for it and go out
12 to bid. The third one is just to clean out the
13 exterior, clean the exterior of the property of all
14 the debris on the property. Does anybody have any
15 questions on that?

16 MAYOR STUESSI: I'd just like to add that
17 prior to those three, there was one house that I
18 was notified by the police had a situation which
19 involved some public violence, and so the Village
20 very quickly acted on that. We filed a
21 condemnation on that house and worked together with
22 the owners of it to get a fence up very quickly to
23 make certain it was safe.

24 And that's the real desire here, is to make
25 sure the community is safe. We have a number of

1 houses that are in very unsafe condition, two of
2 them in particular, which are very close to young
3 children that play in the yard right next door.

4 Anybody from the Board have any questions?

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, other than, Attorney
6 Prokop, their billing will be put onto their
7 property taxes, correct?

8 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes. So --

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The expense?

10 ATTORNEY PROKOP: -- after the work is
11 done -- the way our code reads, after the work is
12 done, Treasurer Gaffga will make -- excuse me. The
13 Building Inspector will make a report to the Board
14 of the costs that were incurred, and then the Board
15 will vote, or has the option to vote, actually, but
16 the Board will vote to place the cost on the next
17 tax bill.

18 We're cognizant of the fact that we have --
19 we're in a tax billing cycle now, and where the
20 information has to be provided fairly quickly in
21 order to get on the next tax bill, so we're trying
22 to do this. Other than the fact that state these
23 issues, we're trying to do it in an expedited
24 manner so it gets in the next tax cycle for
25 reimbursement.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Joe, does that become a lien
2 against the property if it's going to be covered
3 after they're entering the tax --

4 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yeah, it's actually treated
5 the same way as taxes, yes.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It is.

7 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yeah, it's actually on --
8 it's a line item on the tax bill, but it's the
9 same, treated the same way as taxes, yes.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It's only -- okay.

11 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Maybe Treasurer Gaffga
13 could tell me. What's the cutoff date for any
14 billings that need to go onto the property taxes?

15 TREASURER GAFFGA: We typically run the
16 property taxes the second week in May, and have
17 them out the third week by -- for the June 1st,
18 which is their due date. We have already cut off
19 for the sewer and water, but we can make an
20 adjustment at any time.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. That's cutting it
22 close in order to get it demolished.

23 TREASURER GAFFGA: I can say, Trustee
24 Phillips, that the last time we had a situation
25 like this, we were able to do the adjustment in

1 August to the tax bill --

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

3 TREASURER GAFFGA: -- after the Board
4 resolutions approving it being added to the tax
5 bill.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what I remember,
7 that's why -- yeah, thank you for saying that. So
8 it can get added, even though we've already run the
9 taxes for the June 1st or July 1st date, correct?

10 TREASURER GAFFGA: That's correct.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I had a question about the
13 demolition. If there are going to be demolition
14 orders, would that be subject to the Building
15 Inspector determining if there are any unsafe
16 building materials, or anything like that, that
17 have to be addressed in this, in the method of
18 demolition? Because I recall the last time we did
19 a house, I think there was asbestos involved, you
20 know, and they had to do some kind of a preparation
21 for it in advance of that.

22 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Um --

23 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: So --

24 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Sorry.

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. I mean, we

1 would -- we would certainly -- two things. If we
2 don't require formal bidding, we'll make it
3 incumbent upon the contractor to do that proper
4 investigation. If we do go out to formal bidding,
5 it will be baked into the specification for the
6 demolition, yes.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay, thanks.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I have a question for
9 Mr. Pallas. Has the Building Department been able
10 to enforce or issue violations in accordance with
11 New York State Property Maintenance Code?

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: For these properties
13 in particular?

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: No, just properties in
15 general. Is that something that our Building
16 Department acts on?

17 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes, frequently. He
18 works very closely with Village Attorney Prokop on
19 these to ensure that all the proper paperwork is
20 filed for those, yes.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. Thank you.

22 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Our Building Inspector is
23 certified as a New York State Code Enforcement
24 Official, and so he can write under the Property
25 Maintenance Code of New York State, and from time

1 to time he does. He usually tries to seek
2 compliance, if it's possible, after, you know, the
3 notice of violation, but he has done that, and
4 he -- if it's appropriate, that's what he does.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay, great. Thank you.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: And while I know the Village
7 Manager is working on getting the larger cost for
8 potentially dealing with the demolition, we do want
9 to get fences around these so that we can protect
10 them, and, you know, get them closed off, much like
11 we did with the house at Fourth and Wiggins, when I
12 was notified by the police of the incident and
13 immediately had the Building Department go over and
14 board the windows up, so that people couldn't go in.

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: A couple of other
16 items that, again, weren't on my list, and I
17 apologize for that.

18 We -- I had been -- I had talked in the past
19 about grants that we had applied for through the
20 New York State Energy Research and Development
21 Authority, NYSERDA. There were two -- we had
22 applied for four of them. Two of them -- one of
23 them is nearly finished getting the contract
24 prepared. The other one we just signed off on the
25 contract. The first one is for a study of

1 utilizing LED street lights as an outage,
2 simplified outage management system. I'm still
3 working with NYSERDA to get what they call the
4 Statement of Work completed. Once that's done,
5 then a contract will be prepared. I intend to work
6 with the New York Power Authority to purchase those
7 street lights at a -- at a reduced price, in
8 addition to the study itself.

9 These grants are relatively small, they're in
10 the \$25,000 range, but it was -- it's the first
11 time that municipal utilities have been able to get
12 grants through NYSERDA. We worked -- the New York
13 State Association worked very hard to make this
14 happen, so we're confident.

15 That the purpose of us really participating
16 now is to show NYSERDA that municipal, municipal
17 utilities have the ability to work through these
18 grants, just because we've never done it before
19 with them. Their process is quite onerous, but
20 we're confident that we will be able to do that.

21 The other grant is more of a -- purely a
22 study to see if microgrids can be used in
23 conjunction with cost-cutting measures. Our
24 microgrids are small, the battery and generator
25 systems are relatively small, but they could be

1 used to study -- to react to pricing signals from
2 the State grid on -- to start up when the prices
3 are high enough to warrant running them. That
4 study is -- again, we just finished that contract,
5 we just have to sign it. But, again, that won't
6 actually be able to start until we finish the
7 microgrid, so -- but it is -- it is a study that
8 will happen.

9 Two other items -- well, a few. I'm sorry, I
10 apologize. We are going out to bid for replacement
11 pad mount transformers. That will be a resolution
12 on next week's agenda. These are just for stock
13 material. I just wanted to alert the Board to
14 that.

15 The status of the Fire Department bathrooms,
16 I have -- in communication with the architect, he's
17 prepared the draft, or what I believe is the final
18 draft of the design drawings. I will get them from
19 him shortly, within the next week or so, send that
20 around to both the Fire Department and yourselves
21 to review and comment, if any, and then we can put
22 a bid package together for the May meeting. We
23 would request authorization to go out to bid, and,
24 hopefully, we would be able to get those bids back
25 in time to approve them at the June meeting.

1 That's the current, the current plan.

2 What else? Well, the Fire -- other related
3 to the Fire Department. The transfer switch at the
4 radio tower that's being worked on this week and
5 next we believe we should be completed with all
6 that work in approximately two weeks. It is, like
7 I said, ongoing, so we're actively working on that.

8 I was notified from -- or requested, rather,
9 from Verizon's survey company. As you all, I
10 believe, know, Verizon is looking to install a new
11 cable across to Shelter Island. The area they're
12 looking for is to come across at the end of Sixth,
13 Sixth Street. They -- the stage that they're at,
14 they've done a lot of the land-based survey,
15 they're going to be doing some water-based survey.
16 It might involve some drilling of a very small pipe
17 to check for soil conditions under the water.
18 They've only just communicated with me in the last
19 couple of days. I will be reaching out to them to
20 get more details, and once I have enough detail to
21 send, I will send that around to everyone.

22 I believe that we'll -- they'll need some --
23 as a minimum, I believe they'll need a wetlands
24 permit. I will be discussing that with the Village
25 Attorney as well, find out what other, what other

1 requirements they may need. Again, I have to get
2 more of the detail for it.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Paul, is that --

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Paul.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- Fifth Street or Sixth
6 Street?

7 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sixth.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Why Sixth? I'm sorry.

9 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That's their -- their
10 surveys indicate that that's the best spot for
11 them.

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Oh, okay.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is this just an exploratory
14 thing right now, or --

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Right now it's just
16 exploratory. They don't anticipate actually doing
17 any construction level work --

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: -- for about a year.

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: But they're proposing it
21 would be another HVD drilling under the bay?

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, even the -- even
23 the investigation would utilize the same method,
24 but it's a much smaller piece of equipment than was
25 used by PSEG, because the -- even though it's

1 exploratory, it's only a three or four-inch pipe.

2 It's not --

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: -- multiple pipes or
5 anything like that.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: One of the things I had asked
7 of Paul the other day is that in communication with
8 both Verizon and Altice Cable, that we have a
9 discussion about the exposed cables that are
10 already sitting on top of the beach, and we look
11 into that before we potentially approve anything
12 else to dig more, rather than solving existing
13 problems.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And where are they going
15 to connect this cable?

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I don't -- that I
17 don't -- I mean, they have many underground,
18 existing underground facilities. I don't --

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: On Sixth Street?

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Again, I don't -- I
21 don't have it. Right now, they're just looking at
22 a path across the water. I'm assuming they have
23 underground facilities in a variety of places. I'm
24 guessing they're going to be doing something
25 similar to what PSEG did in putting in a series of

1 manholes along the street. Again, this is
2 fiberoptic, so it's a much smaller cable, and the
3 manholes wouldn't be anything like what -- what was
4 done for PSEG. Again, none of those details have
5 been even communicated yet, we have none of it yet.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS. Okay. But we still need
7 to remember that they're going to be going across
8 our road, so they need to compensate us, correct?

9 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Well, they have a --
10 well, I mean, they do have a franchise, so they --
11 and agreements in place. But, yes, we would
12 certainly require them to do appropriate repairs as
13 a minimum, and, certainly, we will be in
14 discussions with them as this moves forward.
15 Again, we don't have any design drawings. We don't
16 know where they're going from that point. I just
17 don't have -- they haven't gotten that far in the
18 design yet. Once they do, we certainly will have
19 those discussions with them, yes.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

21 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Okay? On the
22 microgrid project, batteries are still slated to be
23 delivered at the end of April. However, there was
24 a -- not a problem, but because of the delay in the
25 delivery, the UL rating now has to be -- UL

1 certification needs to be redone, because the
2 regulations have changed. And they need to
3 recertify them, because the regulation changed
4 before they were fully manufactured. We're working
5 on expediting that. So, hopefully, that won't
6 delay it too much. We're still looking at an
7 in-service date of June, so, again, hopefully, that
8 this UL issue will not be a big problem.

9 This is a -- and I had a conference call
10 today with the -- with the Governor's Office of
11 Storm Recovery, the manufacture -- the -- I'm
12 sorry, the vendor, and one of the people from the
13 State had -- this is not the first time this has
14 happened, this is like the second time it's
15 happened in the last couple of months where the
16 regulations have changed while everything was in
17 transition for these regulations. So it's not an
18 unfamiliar things, so they're not -- they weren't
19 too uptight about the -- this particular issue.

20 Moving on to the ferry queue project. We are
21 still in the process of going back and forth with
22 the DOT. We're getting very close. Some of the
23 questions that they're asking for, asking for
24 documentation on a -- an agreement with Verizon for
25 joint pole work. We've tried to explain to them

1 that, you know, because of the nature of the
2 Village, we have our own utility, but they still
3 want these separate agreements in addition, which
4 we have gotten from Verizon. We're working on one
5 from Altice.

6 We also need a work permit agreement with the
7 MTA. This is separate from the easement agreement.
8 We are working, working through that as well.

9 All of this leads up to getting a full bid
10 package. Once that's -- once that's prepared, we
11 would be in a position to go out to bid. We
12 certainly would need to discuss funding at that
13 point. Hopefully, we can get something moving this
14 Fall that would solidify our ability to maintain
15 the grant funding. If we are unable to do that,
16 then we would, in all likelihood, lose the oldest
17 of the funding, but there should be new funding
18 available in an upcoming year that we would have to
19 apply for. It's the same thing that happened last
20 time when we lost 500,000, but gained a million.
21 So, hopefully, the same -- similar thing will
22 happen and we should be in pretty good shape on
23 that.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can I ask a
25 question?

1 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Has that like
3 been put in front of the public for comment already?

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The site plan is on
5 the website, it's been on the website for months.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right, right. A
7 more -- I'm asking have we like asked for public
8 comment? I know it's been up. I just wondered if
9 there was --

10 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: People have, people
11 have commented on it. There was no formal process.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.

13 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: But, certainly, if
14 anybody wants to comment. Remember that a lot of
15 these, the iterations of these drawings were based
16 on DOT requirements. So some things that we would
17 like to have done they told us no, because it's
18 their -- it's their money, so they tell us
19 basically how it has to be built.

20 We certainly welcome input on things like
21 plantings, certain design elements. They're in
22 the -- in the design, there's a -- for example,
23 there's a turnaround point where the cars come in
24 and loop around. There is a center circle that we
25 could put some pavers with some design. Those are

1 the kinds of things the DOT doesn't have any
2 comment on. So, certainly, I welcome any input
3 on -- from anyone on either of those things.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay. Yeah, I
5 just would hate for it to come to fruition and
6 then, you know, everyone feel like they weren't
7 consulted and have a lot of negative comments.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Lily.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But I know that
10 that often -- I mean, that --

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: In all honesty, it's been
12 well discussed, and it's well documented in the
13 minutes.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay. And that's
15 partly what I was asking.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So that's the reason --

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- we've gotten to the
19 point where the actual schematic is on the website
20 for people to look at.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That's what --
22 that's what I was asking. Thank you.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Paul, what would you suggest
24 to do to potentially engage somebody to study, you
25 know, what we might want to do with, you know, the

1 landscape there as part of the plan.

2 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I --

3 MAYOR STUESSI: And look at cost on it, too.

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, the cost would
5 be relative -- in relation to the overall project,
6 those, those enhancements would be very small in
7 terms of cost.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there any funding as part
9 of the overall to cover this?

10 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It would be all part
11 of it.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

13 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That would be --
14 anything we do would be all incorporated into the
15 final design. So, at some point, you know, we're
16 going to have to call the design final. So, you
17 know, the sooner we can get that kind of input, the
18 better.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But our problem is dealing
20 with the -- the New York DOT keeps coming back with
21 continual questions to the consultant, correct?

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct, yes, but
23 that -- but that -- that would be separate from
24 this. We would --

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

1 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: You know, we could, at
2 the -- even at the very last submission, we could
3 add these, these design elements. But even with
4 the plantings, they had some comments about --

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, they did.

6 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: -- about what we were
7 planning. But not so much what we were planning,
8 but more things didn't match certain lists that
9 they had. I mean, it -- again, at the risk of
10 being disparaging, it's been quite the struggle, as
11 you all know. So I don't think that would be an
12 issue, as long as we do it properly, that's all.
13 But I would -- again, I welcome any input on either
14 of those things.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, I do recall that we
16 were hesitant in some areas, simply because any
17 kind of objection or change that we put in there
18 would kind of kick us back down the road, it seemed
19 like six months, you know, and give them more of an
20 opportunity to come back and give us comments again
21 and again and again. So we kind of -- I was under
22 the impression we were kind of hesitant to do
23 anything that might give them an opportunity to
24 delay it further, so.

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: And, yes, that's --

1 that is a concern. Even during, you know, when we
2 get to the point of construction, we could make
3 changes. So those things could be -- it's going to
4 be a long construction process. So once, once it's
5 bid, we could even make changes. It's a little
6 easier to work through -- each area of the DOT is
7 separate, so this is the design group. Once
8 that -- once we get the bid package, then it moves
9 to the construction group, and those kinds of
10 changes would likely be a little easier to get
11 approved after the fact. But, certainly, it would
12 be better if we knew what we were going to do
13 before that. Okay?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: And the net metering
16 tariff, there's a hearing next week, continue the
17 hearing with the revised tariff. That's for next
18 week, that's just a reminder.

19 On the -- the next item is the effluent
20 reuse, additional funding. I had sent a note to
21 you all. This was a study that we did to see if
22 there was another way, rather than dump the
23 Wastewater Treatment Plant effluent into the Sound,
24 to reuse it somehow. The study resulted in the
25 idea that we could do -- the only thing that would

1 work would be a drainage field in the polo grounds.
2 The Board did not feel that was a good idea.

3 And in addition to that, we had reached out
4 to some potential funding sources, and due to
5 groundwater -- this gets into the weeds a little
6 bit, but due to groundwater flows, they felt that
7 it really didn't satisfy the correct nitrogen
8 reduction targets, because the groundwater flows
9 head right south instead of north, and would very
10 quickly end up in the bay anyway. So they didn't
11 feel that that would be anything we could get
12 funding for. So we decided at that time not to
13 pursue anything further.

14 We believed that that was the end of the
15 story. We had been contacted by Environmental
16 Facilities Corporation, the funding agency, and
17 they indicated that we had to do a formal closeout,
18 which requires us to do a little bit more work on
19 the report itself to respond to some questions.
20 The consultant that had worked on this has given us
21 a proposal to finish that, approximately \$3500.
22 And the -- that by doing that and closing it out,
23 we would then be eligible for our 26,000 grant
24 money. So I think it's a worthwhile endeavor at
25 that point. So we will have a resolution on next

1 month for you all, unless there's any objection to
2 moving forward at this point.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: So would that just be for
4 that one particular study and we could still take a
5 look at this?

6 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes. Yeah, there's no
7 reason why we couldn't. The report still is
8 there --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

10 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: -- and we still have
11 the report. If we wanted to try something else at
12 some future date, it doesn't preclude us. This is
13 just the -- just the feasibility study, that's all
14 this is. So it doesn't mean -- the closeout
15 wouldn't be we're not interested. That is just --
16 just to finalize the report. It's the little
17 pieces that they require to finalize the report,
18 but won't preclude us from looking at this again in
19 the future.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay, yeah. I ask, because
21 I know on May 3rd the Governor is opening up grants
22 and funding towards clean water and infrastructure,
23 and I believe there's going to be a number of
24 things in there that might apply towards this.

25 How old is that pipe that goes into the

1 Sound, you know, with the treated effluent, would
2 you say?

3 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I honestly don't know,
4 but it is no --

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Certainly decades.

6 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, definitely
7 decades.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

9 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It's not a high
10 pressure situation, and we have no evidence that
11 there's any issue with it at all at this point. In
12 fact, we've investigated the section of the pipe
13 that is in the -- in the Sound and it is in good
14 condition.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Well, it might present
16 us with an opportunity to potentially study it
17 and --

18 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: -- do something.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Paul, what was the purpose
21 of the -- what was the purpose of trying to put
22 effluent somewhere else? Is it for capacity or
23 compliance?

24 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No. It was -- it was
25 more just environmental for nitrogen reduction.

1 The -- you know, we can only remove so much
2 nitrogen. And the concept was -- the first pass of
3 this was to try to use it for irrigation, which
4 Riverhead Sewer District is doing that. They --
5 for the golf course there, they reuse the effluent
6 as an irrigation source. That has been very
7 successful. We were looking at -- that was our
8 first pass, but the only spots we could irrigate
9 were so far away that it just became cost
10 prohibitive. So that's how we ended up modifying
11 the study a little bit to look at this as another
12 potential.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I believe the other thing,
14 Paul, was Peconic Landing was one of those that was
15 looking at it, so they could reduce their --
16 because it was supposed to be for the sprinkler
17 system, wasn't it?

18 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, that was another
19 one we looked at. But, again, it just -- even
20 though the drainage field was expensive beyond the
21 reach of reasonableness, the -- doing the
22 irrigation was even more so, that's why it was
23 abandoned.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: How long ago was this?

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The study was -- we

1 started it in 2020, I think.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

3 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, 2020, it's been
4 awhile.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And, if I recall, was that
6 supposed to be a drainage field, or was it going to
7 be a series of storage tanks underground?

8 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No, drainage field.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It was a drainage field.

10 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. All right.

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. Basically dry
13 wells, a significant number.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Like dry wells.

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. It took up
16 virtually half the field.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: What about
18 irrigation at the school, did they look into that?

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: We started to, but we
20 were -- had already shifted focus at that point,
21 and the -- one of the issues with irrigation, it's
22 not -- there's no regulation for it, so we -- in
23 order to get it to a point where we could use it
24 for the school, the amount of additional work would
25 have to be done, because it's a school, as opposed

1 to a golf course, was significant, and that also
2 would have driven up the cost. Because even at the
3 Riverhead water -- Sewer District, they had to put
4 in very large secondary UV filters on it, in
5 addition to the existing one, which was very, very
6 expensive to do. It was really a proof of concept
7 study, so we're past that. But so far, the DEC has
8 not said that you don't have to do that, so we
9 would likely have to at this stage. So it just --
10 it just became just too costly. Okay?

11 Next item I have is substation transformer
12 repair. We did complete the temporary repair of
13 the switch. We are still looking for a permanent
14 replacement. It does function properly, it's just
15 not the right way to leave it. We're hopeful to
16 get the -- another switch, a replacement switch,
17 and our target date is some time in the Fall to do
18 the replacement. It's a relatively simple process
19 to replace, but we got to find a switch first. So
20 I just wanted to let you know about that.

21 Last, last item on that part of my list is
22 the floating dock repair. We've been assured by
23 the contractor that they will be done in time for
24 our season. So that's just an update, more than
25 anything else.

1 Next thing, the last, last item is a request
2 for myself to attend the American Public Power
3 Association's annual meeting June 16th to June 21st.
4 I don't know if anybody -- I had responded to some
5 questions from the Board. I don't know if there's
6 any other information anybody needs.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Not at this moment.

8 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Again, there'll be a
9 resolution on for next month -- or next week,
10 rather, for that as well. And, Mr. Mayor, that
11 concludes my report.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can I -- can I go
13 back to net metering quickly?

14 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It hasn't changed
16 since last month, correct?

17 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No. Well, I mean, we
18 did made one change -- two changes.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, it hasn't
20 since --

21 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It hasn't changed
22 since those two changes, correct.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right, exactly.
24 And is it too late to make any changes for a notice
25 and things for next week, or is it at all possible?

1 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Well, what I would
2 suggest, if there are any other changes, that we
3 would either keep the hearing open another month --
4 there's no -- there's rush to finish this. I have
5 no particular timetable. You know, if there's more
6 enhancements that folks would like or changes, you
7 know, I can review those requests, and if those
8 change -- if there -- if the consensus is to
9 implement those changes, we will -- I will work
10 with the Village Attorney to just determine whether
11 a new notice is required. My guess is any change
12 beyond what we've already done would require a new
13 hearing, but that's just a formality, not a -- not
14 a deal-breaker.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, I would
16 like it to be as soon as possible, but I also was
17 going to suggest that there could be -- there's
18 other policies that are more like that you don't
19 zero it out every year, and it's just you do the
20 credit on people, as long as they use it within 20
21 years. It just keeps going, and that -- I mean,
22 that might just be easier on the Village than
23 zeroing it out every year. But if it belabors it
24 another month, I would -- I don't want to do that.

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I would have to

1 discuss with the Attorney whether that's a material
2 change. I don't -- I don't believe it is, as long
3 as we're not changing it conceptually or the value.
4 But, again, that's -- that would be -- I would
5 defer to the Attorney on that. But that concept is
6 fine. I don't see any -- anything, any issue with
7 it. My only caution is I would think we would want
8 to put some kind of a cap, because certain -- you
9 know, depending on how people use it, that value
10 might grow --

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: -- pretty high. And,
13 actually, I'd have to think about it a little more,
14 but trying to determine the refund based on that,
15 because now you're looking at --

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, I think the
17 idea is just -- is not a refund, it's just a -- it
18 would sort of be more like what was happening
19 before with the old meters, just that you always
20 would have the credit. Because I think the issue
21 with some people was that if you're crediting
22 people in December, you're not -- they're not
23 getting the benefit of like all the summer months
24 as much. And I know that one of your reasons was
25 that April is a really bad time for the Village to

1 do all that. So I thought a solution could be just
2 to not really do it at all, in a way, I mean, to
3 not -- not ever zero it out exactly.

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Understood. I --
5 Mr. Prokop, am I permitted to continue with it?
6 The hearing -- this isn't the hearing night, so am
7 I allowed to continue to discuss this or --

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We can talk about
9 it next week, if that's easier.

10 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Sure. As long as it's in
11 public. But I just think as far as a public
12 notice, you know, and things like that, we should
13 see what's said at the public hearing.

14 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, I agree, yeah.

15 ATTORNEY PROKOP: And I --

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That's fine.

17 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Probably this discussion
18 should become part of the transcript of the public
19 hearing.

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, that's what I
21 was thinking.

22 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Since there were comments
23 now from the public.

24 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah.

25 ATTORNEY PROKOP: From the Trustee, excuse me.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay. Thank you.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Paul, I have a question.

3 I've been following your communications on the
4 transformer and the switch, right, and I'm just not
5 clear about what your sense is of our risk here.
6 It sounds like part of it is obsolete and you're
7 having some challenges trying to find a replacement
8 switch. Do we have adequate redundancy, or are
9 we -- I don't understand like high level views, how
10 urgent this problem is.

11 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Not urgent. We
12 have -- again, the transformer is functioning now,
13 and we have two substation transformers, which is
14 typical. One is relatively brand new, this one is
15 older. But transformers of these type can be in
16 service for 50, 60 years.

17 This particular switch is not the transformer
18 itself. It's an -- it's an auxiliary device
19 attached to the transformer that changes the output
20 voltage based on a sensor circuit. And it's just
21 the switch, it's not the motor, it's not the
22 connectors internal to the transformer. We do
23 periodically check the oil in the transformer, and
24 that tells us the health of the transformer based
25 on what the -- whether there's paper particles in

1 the water. A variety of things are tested as part
2 of that. So there's no, no -- this particular
3 issue does not -- it doesn't increase any risk,
4 per se. The transformer, even without the switch,
5 we could operate the voltage manually, it's just a
6 very tedious process. We'd almost have to man it
7 24 hours. So we could in theory, if we lost the
8 newer transformer, and this switch still wasn't --
9 or decided not to be functional at all, we could
10 still function.

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. So you have one of
12 two transformers that's working correctly?

13 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. This one is
14 actually working correctly. It just -- it's
15 working correctly, but there's a -- it's -- without
16 getting too deep in the weeds, there's a -- the
17 con -- the particular set of contacts out of 32
18 contacts in the switch is more of a timing circuit,
19 a timing piece of the circuit. So it just
20 changed -- we had to change the timing of whenever
21 the sensor says to adjust the voltage, it's doing
22 it a little bit faster than it would have normally.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

24 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Not a --

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You're content to have to

1 wait to find -- it's okay to wait to find this
2 replacement part, you're not sure about the timing?

3 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct. Yeah, I am
4 content to wait until the Fall. I'd prefer to do
5 off-season. I don't think we'll have it in time
6 for the summer, so I'd rather not take the
7 transformer out of service in the peak summer
8 months.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. Thank you.

10 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Doing these types of
11 work in the shoulder months, when the load is
12 significantly lower, is always preferred, if
13 possible.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I believe that
16 concludes my report, Mr. Mayor.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. You were going to
18 excuse yourself, right?

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes, if you don't mind.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Please.

21 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Okay. Thank you.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Chief de Kerillis is here.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: I saw him. I saw Alain sneak

1 into the back. If you'd like to come to the podium
2 and --

3 CHIEF DE KERILLIS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.
4 Good evening, Mayor. Good evening, newly elected
5 Trustees and the entire Village Board. My name is
6 First Assistant Chief Alain de Kerillis of the
7 Greenport Fire Department, and we've had a -- I'm
8 going to make this very brief for you. We've had a
9 very busy month, and the past two months.

10 On March 26th, we are very proud to say that
11 we had 21 members of the Water Rescue Team complete
12 the United States Coast Guard Bay SAR class, which
13 is basically two grid patterns that navigate
14 through the bays in the Peconic and the Sound
15 looking for rescue victims or potential DOAs after
16 boating mishaps. We're very proud of that, and
17 we're progressing very well with the boating
18 rescue.

19 On April 6th, we had the Fire Department
20 elections, and the Department voted for Chief
21 Engineer Wayde Manwaring, First Assistant Chief
22 Alain de Kerillis, and Second Assistant Chief Craig
23 Johnson.

24 On April 15th, we had Paraco and FASNY from
25 Upstate New York, we had an intense propane

1 emergency class that was nine hours in length, and
2 it gave us the actual certification to handle
3 anywhere from barbecue fires to Van Duzer, with the
4 3,000 to 10,000 tanks, and possibly larger. So
5 that was a very good class.

6 And on the following day, on Sunday, April 16th,
7 we had -- at this firehouse here, we had a marina
8 fires class, where we had 60 people all across
9 Suffolk County come out here. And the high points
10 were the Greenport Marinas, Safe Harbor, Port of
11 Egypt and Southold Marinas, and we did some
12 brainstorming on how to put out fires. It was a
13 very interesting class.

14 And lastly, we're very proud at the
15 organizational meeting at the Board of Wardens on
16 Tuesday this month. We accepted Vernetta Taylor to
17 the Rescue Squad. The application will be
18 forthcoming to the Village tomorrow morning.

19 Thank you very much.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, sir.

21 CHIEF DE KERILLIS: Thank you.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: With that, Village Treasurer,
23 would you like to give your report?

24 TREASURER GAFFGA: Thank you, Mr. Mayor,
25 Board. Good evening. First of all, I'd like to

1 apologize for my delay in arrival. I sincerely
2 apologize for that.

3 Getting into my report, I just have five
4 updates, one of which will be a couple of
5 resolutions that I will be asking to be voted on
6 tonight. But before I get there, going to the
7 utility billing, we did complete the third online
8 billing software demo. We're waiting on pricing
9 from them. As soon as I have the pricing, I will
10 be able to compare all three and send that along
11 with a summary to you all. And, hopefully, we'll
12 be able to take a look and see what -- if it meets
13 bidding threshold or not, and then be able to make
14 a decision, depending on what those cost points are.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: What would you anticipate
16 timing being to share the three competitive
17 companies and the information that they're
18 providing to us?

19 TREASURER GAFFGA: I'm hoping to have it, if
20 not by the end of next week, the beginning of the
21 following.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. So this should be --
23 we should be able to have it at our May meeting, then.

24 TREASURER GAFFGA: Yes.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Great.

1 TREASURER GAFFGA: Moving on to the
2 short-term rentals. We had a demo with one -- a
3 software vendor that manages -- they kind of manage
4 your rental program. They had a couple of modules,
5 which would be able to -- it's called Address
6 Identification. And what that does is it looks
7 throughout your village parameters and it would
8 tell you where all of your rentals are for
9 short-term rentals through every platform that's
10 available. That would be VRBO, Airbnb. And then
11 Expedia and Priceline own stock in some different
12 smaller online websites, and they would be able to
13 see through it all.

14 What we did learn through this one particular
15 vendor is that currently, in April, in the Village,
16 there are 198 listings for short-term rentals, of
17 which they identified that 120 of them were unique.
18 But that doesn't tell us if it's multiple -- it
19 could -- 120 unique properties, but there could be
20 multiple spots for an individual property. But
21 there are currently 198 listings that are out
22 there.

23 So what these programs can do, or what this
24 individual program could do is be able to manage
25 and see who's in compliance with our code, and be

1 able to tell us where these rentals are, and we
2 could tie it to our rental permits and what we
3 currently have on the books for all these
4 properties.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: And correct me if I'm wrong.
6 It could very quickly tell us if anybody is
7 utilizing their rental for shorter periods than are
8 legally allowed, too, correct?

9 TREASURER GAFFGA: Correct.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: And where are you on
11 reviewing sort of a benchmark with other
12 communities of what companies they're using and how
13 happy they are, and when we'd be having followups
14 with additional companies?

15 TREASURER GAFFGA: I believe that my staff
16 has reached out to approximately 15 to 20
17 communities, and we've gotten two other relatively
18 large software programs' names that I would -- I'm
19 going to begin the process of within the next week
20 of reaching out to and trying to set up demos. So
21 I'm hoping that I'll have something to provide to
22 you all for the May meeting as well, in addition to
23 the online billing. Moving on --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

25 TREASURER GAFFGA: No problem. Moving on to

1 the Community Housing Board. We did not have a
2 quorum for our last meeting, so we just -- we had
3 an internal discussion about some individual
4 changes, which weren't major, to the draft plan.
5 But they did pass around the final revised draft
6 plan for a vote from the Board Members. There
7 should be -- they wanted the final vote to be done
8 by Friday, so tomorrow. So early next week we'll
9 have -- there will be a final draft plan that's
10 going to be presented to the Town Board. As soon
11 as it's passed its vote, I will have it sent to you
12 all to review and to see.

13 Everybody has worked really hard on the
14 Community Housing Advisory Board on this document.
15 It's roughly, I believe, 80 pages long, 40 of which
16 are -- 20 of which actually are the actual
17 language, with about additional 60 pages of
18 appendicis. So we're really looking forward to
19 being able to get to you all for your review, and
20 be able to start moving forward with a plan and
21 working in conjunction with the Town.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can I ask a
23 question?

24 TREASURER GAFFGA: Sure.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: This actually has

1 more to do with the software for short-term
2 rentals. Is there any talk with -- between
3 Greenport and Southold, like share -- because I
4 know you guys were talking, like Southold is
5 talking about using software also. So are you
6 sharing that information? And is there even any
7 way like we could, I don't know, get a deal --

8 TREASURER GAFFGA: We have --

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- because we're
10 both doing it or something?

11 TREASURER GAFFGA: I have -- we have not
12 shared that information. I don't know what they're
13 exploring, but I could certainly have that
14 conversation with their -- with their Planning
15 Board Department.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It also seems
17 like even in Code Enforcement, I wonder if we're
18 sharing information, because so many people don't
19 know where Village boundaries are. So I wonder if
20 Southold isn't getting some complaints that are
21 actually -- you know, what I'm saying? Like if
22 people are making a complaint about the house
23 across the street, but they don't realize which
24 vicinity it's actually in, that just might be
25 something that people -- they could share that

1 information.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: That's a good question, Lily.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: If that legally is --

4 MAYOR STUESSI: They didn't know where to
5 vote, so.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right, exactly,
7 so.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: If you talk to them, I think
9 that's a good question to ask.

10 TREASURER GAFFGA: Yeah, I think -- also, I
11 think for Attorney Prokop, in our discussion with
12 IMA, maybe that could be a conversation that could
13 be had with their Town Attorney's Department.

14 ATTORNEY PROKOP: We do -- we do have
15 situations that arise from time to time where
16 there's jurisdictional questions or issues, and
17 Alex Bolanos is very familiar with enforcement in
18 Southold, most of the police, and he provides
19 information and cooperation.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And I do know that at
21 times we've received complaints where the Clerk's
22 Office has sent on the complaints to the Town of
23 Southold, so I'm assuming they're doing it back and
24 forth. My one concern with a shared service on
25 that one is our code is completely different than

1 theirs, so --

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Our code.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Our Airb --

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Our rental code is
6 completely different than Southold's. So that may
7 cause -- that may be causing -- you know, with the
8 app, that could be a reason why it couldn't be
9 done, so, yeah.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.

11 TREASURER GAFFGA: Okay. In my report, I did
12 list that we were expecting the second East-West
13 payment. We did receive that, so I just wanted to
14 update the Board on that.

15 And then lastly, you should have before you
16 two resolutions that I had circulated earlier this
17 afternoon that I would like to vote on, with
18 permission from the Board and the Mayor. The
19 resolutions are -- the first one is to fund the
20 purchase and installation of two split AC units.
21 That's our Budget Amendment 5171. It's on my
22 report.

23 It is my understanding that the units are --
24 basically completely failed at the radio tower, and
25 that we are working to try and get them installed

1 as fast as possible to keep the Emergency
2 Management Communication equipment in there safe,
3 and so that we can keep the equipment cool
4 throughout -- you know, before the summer months
5 come and it starts to turn into a pressure cooker
6 inside the building.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. To speak specifically
8 about that, a week ago, when the temperature hit
9 80 degrees exterior, that building went up over
10 100 degrees, and, you know, it was completely
11 unsafe for the equipment. And, of course, there
12 were multiple times last summer in July and August
13 where the equipment failed, because the building
14 was going up to -- I think it was a hundred
15 111 degrees Farenheit. And the attempts to try and
16 repair the air conditioning equipment have been
17 unsuccessful. So, in speaking with both the Police
18 Chief and our Fire Chief, gave me, you know,
19 immediate concern. And so they priced out and have
20 it in the works to get the equipment here as
21 quickly as possible.

22 TREASURER GAFFGA: So I would just -- I would
23 just ask if the -- Mr. Mayor, if the Board could
24 vote on this resolution tonight.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And then ratify it next week?

1 TREASURER GAFFGA: Correct.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So that's why the
3 date was next week?

4 TREASURER GAFFGA: Correct?

5 ATTORNEY PROKOP: What is the amount?

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, I have that.

7 TREASURER GAFFGA: It's 12,100.

8 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Oh, that's it?

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: 12,000.

10 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Thank you.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: So how would you advise me to
12 proceed on the budget modification tonight for a vote?

13 ATTORNEY PROKOP: So the proposed resolution
14 is to ask for a motion to approve that resolution
15 on an emergency basis to be ratified at the next
16 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. So with that, I'd like
18 to ask for a resolution to make the emergency
19 purchase that would be ratified tonight, or, pardon
20 me, that would be approved tonight and ratified at
21 next week's meeting. Are there any questions on
22 that?

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I do have a question. What --
24 maybe Mr. Gaffga could walk me through it. How
25 does this -- on the budget adjustment form, how

1 does this work? It says Appropriated Fund Balance,
2 12,000; Radio Tower Expenditure, 12,000; Total,
3 24,000. So the project cost is 12,000?

4 TREASURER GAFFGA: Correct.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Just explain to me how
6 those numbers work.

7 TREASURER GAFFGA: It's the way our software
8 program works. So the first line that you see,
9 Appropriated Fund Balance, is it's essentially
10 telling us that we are taking money that is in our
11 reserves and additional cash that's outside of the
12 operating budget, and we're appropriating that
13 12,100 and putting it in an expense account to be
14 able to purchase the installation and fund for the
15 purchase of the equipment. It just totals it out,
16 but internally it's a wash. But it's taking in a
17 revenue and it's washing it out with an expense.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: An expense.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. And then the two
20 split units that we're proposing, that is -- is
21 that for redundancy, that there's two units?

22 TREASURER GAFFGA: Yes, yes.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Because one, one could
24 conceivably handle the load, but two is safer?

25 TREASURER GAFFGA: No, one can't, because

1 they need to switch off. You need to have two in
2 there, we had two before. As soon as the -- one of
3 them failed, the other one started working so hard
4 that it began to fail as well. So you need to have
5 two of them so that they can switch back and forth
6 and it will maintain their life. And as long as
7 they're both working, they won't fail. But as soon
8 as one of them goes down, the other one will
9 eventually go down, because it's just not --
10 they're not powerful enough to keep it going, it
11 just gets too hot.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay, thank you.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Eventually, as part of the
14 Capital Plan, we're going to need to take a look at
15 replacing the building, the building has outlived
16 it's life.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So there could be some
18 efficiency in there?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, longer term.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Cooling it.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, without a doubt.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, I was
23 thinking about that.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. And the units, the
25 units that are coming out, are they split units, or

1 like window -- through-wall units?

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Through-wall.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: I walked it myself Monday
5 morning a week ago, or this week. Pardon me, it's
6 Thursday.

7 (Laughter)

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And about how old --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: I feel like I've been in
10 office longer.

11 (Laughter)

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: About how old are those?

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: (Laughter)

14 TREASURER GAFFGA: The ones that we're
15 replacing?

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

17 TREASURER GAFFGA: I actually don't know.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They're old.

19 TREASURER GAFFGA: They're old.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. So we should be
21 achieving, conceivably achieving some efficiency
22 with these new units.

23 TREASURER GAFFGA: Yes.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Certainly, much better

1 capabilities. I mean, we have two failing units,
2 and, you know, undetermined how old they were, and
3 we tried to find out from the units themselves,
4 but --

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And it's been an --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: -- certainly quite old.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's been an issue that
8 probably should have been corrected sooner, so that
9 it didn't get to this point. But I also, in
10 dealing with the cost of replacing a building,
11 okay, that's there, I believe we have several
12 people that are actively using that tower, the
13 Police Department, Southold Town P.D.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, yeah, it's the
15 communications hub for --

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So the cost -- right. So
17 the cost, the cost to the Village taxpayer
18 shouldn't all fall on us, okay?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Without a doubt, yeah.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So there needs to be some
21 discussion.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: To be honest with you,
24 that's been part of the issue of why the units
25 probably weren't replaced before, because it was

1 trying to have a discussion of getting shared cost,
2 okay? So I think that that's a topic that once we
3 get into, it will be a good thing. But I think the
4 Fire Department probably will have -- you know,
5 should be involved in whatever discussions you
6 have.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, certainly. But, you
8 know, due to the threat to the public, it was
9 obviously an emergency repair.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, no, I agree with this.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Not repair, replacement that
12 had to be made right away.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So you have a motion on
14 the table, did you just do?

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes. So can I have a second,
16 please?

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'll second it?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

24 Motion passes.

25 TREASURER GAFFGA: There's a second

1 resolution that I would ask the Board to put a
2 motion for tonight to be ratified next week, and
3 that's to perform a Budget Amendment 5172. That's
4 going to appropriate General Fund reserves for the
5 inspection, cleaning, and abatement of the
6 carousel. It's in the amount of \$52,000, and
7 that's for the two companies that have sent us the
8 proposals that, hopefully, you were able to look
9 over the second one that I sent out as soon as I
10 had received it this afternoon for the inspection
11 part of it, after the abatement has been completed.
12 We want to be able to get this ball rolling as soon
13 as possible once the Board approves the project.
14 So I would like to get the funding in place, so
15 that we could issue a purchase order once it's been
16 approved by the Board.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: So just to recap for the
18 public briefly, in late March, one horse was sanded
19 down within the facility by an artist. It was
20 determined that, after the sanding was done, that
21 lead paint had spread within the Carousel. At that
22 point, there was then a study commissioned of where
23 there was lead within the carousel. And an
24 environmental company was brought in with three
25 different -- three different people to do an

1 evaluation.

2 With that, I'd like for Trustee Brennan, who
3 is acting as liaison to the Board, with some
4 expertise in this area, just to give us a brief on,
5 you know, your --

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Sure.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: -- reading of all this.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You want to do that now?

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, let's do that --

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, okay.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: -- so we can have a motion.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So -- right. So at the --
13 at the request of the Mayor, I got involved with
14 this, because I have some experience with lead
15 paint abatement. And I looked through the
16 proposals and I had conversations with Mr. Gaffga
17 and Mr. Pallas on this.

18 So I took a close look at the proposal that
19 was being done, the work that was being undertaken
20 by the artist who was hired to, you know, help with
21 the -- do like a test exploratory restoration
22 project. And I looked at the proposals from CNS
23 Environmental, which was the company that did the
24 kind of assessment of the -- how much lead was
25 present, and where it had -- you know, where the

1 dust had spread to. And then I took a look at the
2 two proposals, or the one proposal from Restoration
3 Experts, which is the vendor that's going to be
4 doing the renovation, or abating the whole thing.

5 So in looking at this stuff, what I kind of
6 discovered, or what I came to a conclusion was that
7 the way that the Village is procuring or
8 contracting with either emergency projects or
9 smaller projects, I feel like the way the Village
10 is doing this is inadequate, and that we --
11 although we're following procurement procedure, I
12 don't think that we have the right procedures in
13 place for contracting with vendors, because this is
14 an example where a -- so everyone meant well,
15 everyone was good intentioned, the carousel is
16 important to everyone. And I know the Friends of
17 Mitchell Park, and the staff in the Village Hall,
18 and even Trustee Robins was very involved with
19 trying to shepherd this project forward. So it's
20 all good intentions, but we got ourself into a
21 situation that was really entirely avoidable. So
22 there was really -- it's completely unnecessary
23 that we find ourself in a situation where we're
24 doing testing for the lead and having to hire an
25 abatement contractor.

1 This kind of work is regulated by the Federal
2 Government, by the EPA, and there are vendors who
3 are qualified in doing this kind of work. And I
4 think we just made a couple of missteps, and I
5 think we're on the right track. I mean, Mr. Gaffga
6 has been working hard to try to -- and maybe with
7 Mr. Prokop and Mr. Pallas, to try to get this
8 project back underway, but it really didn't need to
9 be here.

10 So -- and I think going forward, what we need
11 to do is to kind of strengthen and tighten up about
12 how we seek proposals. Part of it's procurement,
13 but what I'm really talking about is the
14 contracting aspect, how do we go to contract with
15 vendors to make sure that the Village and the
16 public are adequately protected.

17 And I sent some suggestions to Mr. Pallas,
18 and Mr. Prokop, and to yourself about how we could
19 formulate a contract. And I think Mr. Prokop's
20 interested in pursuing that, right, so that we
21 have --

22 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- a little bit, a little
24 bit more stringent process in place, so that we
25 don't find ourself in a situation again.

1 In any case, the carousel, as we know, is --
2 produces -- it's a good revenue stream for the
3 Village, and it produces, if my understanding is
4 correct, about a 10% margin annually.

5 TREASURER GAFFGA: (Nodded yes)

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So it grosses about
7 \$225,000, and it's kind of throwing off about a
8 \$25,000 profit to the Village, which is helpful.
9 So it's a great -- it's a great thing for our
10 Village, but it also sustains itself.

11 And the risk that we're at now in being
12 closed for April and May is that in April we're
13 losing about 5% of our annual, annual revenue, and
14 in May, we're going to lose maybe 6 or 7% of our
15 annual revenue. So we're going to quickly catch up
16 on our -- so if we were 10% profitable, being
17 closed for two months now, we're -- at best, we're
18 going to be at a break-even for the year, which is
19 fine. You know, it can break even, it's not the
20 end of world, but there is some urgency to get this
21 fixed. We're heading into the warmer weather. We
22 don't want it to be closed too long and then get
23 into a situation where we have a net loss for
24 operating the carousel.

25 So, in this particular case, this is being

1 brought forward as kind of an emergency. I don't
2 think -- and correct me if I'm wrong. I don't
3 think we did competitive bidding on the testing
4 company or the abatement company; is that correct?

5 TREASURER GAFFGA: That's correct.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right. So we're handling
7 this kind of as an emergency procedure. And, you
8 know, normally, we want to do competitive bidding,
9 because we get market pressures to bear on the
10 bidding, and that's in the best interest of the
11 Village. In this case, I don't think that we're
12 going to see -- if we took the time and stepped
13 back and tried to go out for competitive bids, I
14 would expect that the marginal difference in the
15 bids is probably going to be lower than the lost
16 revenue --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Agreed.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- on the carousel. Does
19 that make sense?

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, absolutely.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So my recommendation is
22 that we proceed with the two vendors that you have
23 lined up, with CNS to do the testing, and proceed
24 with Restoration Experts to do the abatement work,
25 because kind of time is of the essence here, I

1 guess.

2 And I think that we talked about modifying
3 the Restoration Experts' scope of work a little
4 bit. I guess that's reflected in your numbers
5 here. But part of their work was to first clean up
6 the carousel. The second phase was to put a clear
7 coating on the existing painted surfaces to
8 encapsulate them, so that the public's protected.
9 And there was a third phase which included taking
10 out the one horse that had been sanded.

11 And my suggestion to the Village was let's
12 not have Restoration Experts do that third phase,
13 because I'm not sure that they're the right vendor
14 to take that horse and continue stripping it.
15 Their idea -- within their proposal was to take the
16 horse out that the artist had worked on, strip it
17 entirely, put primer on it, and send it back to the
18 Village. But I think the more prudent thing to do
19 would be to take that horse off entirely, just take
20 it out of circulation for the moment, get the
21 cleanup work done, get the encapsulation work done.
22 And then I think we should revisit how we want to
23 handle the horses going forward, that includes both
24 the one that's been disturbed and the rest of the
25 horses, because we still have that project ahead of

1 us. We still need to decide, because this
2 encapsulation thing is sort of a short-term measure
3 so that the carousel can be operational and the
4 public is safe.

5 But I know that where this all started was we
6 wanted restoration in the carousel, right, because
7 there were some issues with the paint, and there
8 was an interest in trying to, you know, improve all
9 of that.

10 So I would like to suggest that we don't have
11 Restoration Experts handle the one horse. Is that
12 how you currently priced it, with the --

13 TREASURER GAFFGA: Yes.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

15 TREASURER GAFFGA: Yes.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: That change was made.

17 TREASURER GAFFGA: Yes. We had a -- I had a
18 conversation with them this afternoon --

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right.

20 TREASURER GAFFGA: -- and explained to them
21 that we were going to hold off on the proposal. I
22 believe they -- what they had intended was that
23 they wanted to take a wooden horse and a metal
24 horse, because all the horses test -- had lead
25 paint in them in some capacity; to see what it

1 would take to strip them both down, and then be
2 able to give us an actual proposal on all of the
3 horses.

4 But I agree with Trustee Brennan about that
5 we should perhaps just push that off to the side
6 and investigate some other companies that may be
7 able to do the stripping. And I would rely on his
8 expertise in doing some of the work, with the lead
9 paints and boats that he's done in his capacity.

10 And one of the reasons that we thought that
11 this is an emergency is that it's actually a health
12 hazard right now with the dust that's throughout
13 the carousel. You know, you can't kick it up, we
14 can't start it up, we can't do anything without
15 moving that dust around and creating a bigger
16 issue. So it needs to just sit in place, have
17 everything that can be cleaned, cleaned, and
18 anything that can't dis -- you know, discard it in
19 contractor bags. So that is -- that is the
20 purpose.

21 And I do have -- in the pricing, I have taken
22 out the \$7500 as part of that Phase III, and the
23 vendor is aware of that as well.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So we're only now doing --
25 the suggestion is now to do Phase I and Phase II?

1 TREASURER GAFFGA: That is correct.

2 ATTORNEY PROKOP: With Restoration, but then
3 the other, the other contractor is doing --

4 TREASURER GAFFGA: The other contractor will
5 be doing the inspection and cleaning --

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And cleaning.

7 TREASURER GAFFGA: -- to verify that the lead
8 levels are at the appropriate level for the type of
9 facility that it is --

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

11 TREASURER GAFFGA: -- which is a youth
12 recreation facility.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That's post the --

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Abatement.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Abatement.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. We need to test out of
17 it once the work is completed.

18 TREASURER GAFFGA: Yes, and that will be done
19 with --

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That's another \$5,000 with it?

21 TREASURER GAFFGA: Yeah, 5700. And that will
22 be with some air monitoring, and also with dust
23 wipes for the conclusive test. They're going to
24 test various surfaces throughout the building with
25 dust wipes to be able to test for the lead.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So the 52,000 that
3 you're speaking about here is the total amount of
4 the work, or you have an additional --

5 TREASURER GAFFGA: Correct. It's for -- it's
6 for the total amount for Phase I, Phase II, and for
7 the inspection to clear us to be able to reopen.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. That also -- okay
9 So that's what the C --

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: CNS.

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: CNS.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: CNS is?

13 TREASURER GAFFGA: Correct.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, all right.

15 TREASURER GAFFGA: That's for both of the
16 proposals together.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. There is one thing
18 that I do want entered into the resolution, is that
19 we're following under the procurement policy for
20 this particular action the emergency purchases that
21 is in our procurement code, because that does say
22 that it is defined as urgent and unexpected
23 requirement where health and public safety or the
24 conservation of a public resource is at risk. I
25 would like that entered into the resolution,

1 because that makes it definitely clear with why
2 it's an emergency situation. That's why we have a
3 procurement code, the way it's written, and since
4 it follows the State, New York State Comptroller's
5 guidelines. That's exactly where our procurement
6 policy comes from. Okay. So I would like that,
7 Joe, into the resolution somehow.

8 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes, that was going to be
9 my recommendation. The other thing that -- I'm
10 sorry.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, done.

12 ATTORNEY PROKOP: The other thing that I
13 wanted to add to the resolution, if possible, since
14 we have now proposals from the two companies, what
15 I'd like to add is that the -- and I've been
16 working with Stephen and Paul on this already, is
17 that the proper contractor language paragraphs be
18 added to these proposals, and then be subject to
19 the review of the Village Attorney, and that the
20 Mayor be authorized to sign the contract once we
21 have it together. We will do that within the next
22 day or so.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: My next question, what's
24 the anticipated time period for completing this,
25 Stephen, do you know?

1 TREASURER GAFFGA: They said that once we
2 have approved and have, you know, signed purchase
3 orders sent over to them, they could start
4 48 hours, that they would need to be able to start.
5 I believe -- I don't have the proposals in front
6 me, but I believe the cleaning, they stated five to
7 seven days for the cleaning, and an additional two
8 to three days to do the encapsulation.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So we're talking a
10 two-week time period?

11 TREASURER GAFFGA: Yes.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Early May?

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: All the testing --

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- has to happen, too.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Mid May.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Mid May, in mid May.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It will be Memorial Day
20 weekend, it probably will be, hopefully.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, hopefully, mid May, but
22 certainly in front of Memorial Day weekend.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Memorial Day weekend, yeah.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Do we know how

1 short term the encapsulation is? Like how long do
2 we have until we need to really do something else?

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That's not clear to me.

4 I --

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I was reading some stuff
6 from the EPA where encapsulation for most
7 governmental agencies is a short-term fix. But
8 it's not something that needs to be done -- it
9 could be five years before, you know, you start.
10 But that the municipality should start putting a
11 capital plan together, which is what I think has
12 been just discussed that we need to put together
13 for it, so.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. No, and I --

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's just we have to have
16 the signs posted stating -- once they're
17 encapsulated, there has to be sign post -- bah,
18 bah -- notices posted, if I was reading correctly.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Disclosure.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Disclosures.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: A lead disclosure.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: A lead disclosure.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: When in reality it's going to
24 be even more safe because of all the encapsulation, so

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: True, yeah.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: But, you know, speaking to
2 what Patrick said, we do need to come up, as
3 Mary Bess has said, too, with a longer term plan
4 for a full restoration. And there's some wonderful
5 examples of this being done. One of the more
6 recent ones was up in Buffalo, New York, which
7 Mary Bess and I learned from Dawn the other day,
8 was, you know, the original company that was
9 manufacturing the mini choo-choo trains, and that,
10 that would even include solar panels --

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, yeah.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: -- up on top of it. So I
13 think there's some learnings, and we can go out for
14 proper funding to do any longer term restoration
15 over time.

16 I also want to make mention of Patrick's
17 points regarding contracts. Two of us had a very
18 healthy discussion about that, because I come out
19 of the construction industry as well and the
20 private sector. And so we've already directed
21 Attorney Prokop to work on a sample contract for
22 us, so we make sure that we're checking off the
23 appropriate boxes, and making certain we have
24 insurance from people before they start work.

25 So with that, can you make a recommendation

1 on how to phrase the motion for approval?

2 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Unless there's any other
4 motions.

5 ATTORNEY PROKOP: What was the second
6 company, the other company, the second company?

7 TREASURER GAFFGA: CNS.

8 ATTORNEY PROKOP: CNS, okay. So the motion
9 before the Board is -- that I recommend be approved
10 by the Board is a motion to accept the proposals
11 from -- the proposal from Restoration Experts, and
12 also the proposal from CNS. In the case of
13 Restoration Experts, it's for Phase I and Phase II.
14 For CNS, they will complete the work in their
15 proposal, for a total expenditure of \$52,000. This
16 work is being awarded on an emergency basis
17 pursuant to the Village Procurement Policy, because
18 it affects a -- the preservation of a public
19 resource, and public health and safety, and that
20 the agree -- a proper contract or agreement shall
21 be drafted by Attorney Prokop and reviewed by --
22 will you like Trustee Brennan to review it also,
23 since you're --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, please.

25 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Reviewed by Trustee

1 Brennan. And also further authorizing Mayor Stuessi
2 to sign the agreement on behalf of the Village.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'll make the motion that
4 you just read.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

6 ATTORNEY PROKOP: It will be on the transcript.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. Any questions from
9 anybody?

10 (No Response)

11 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

17 That motion passes.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Can I just ask one --
19 perhaps the Carousel Committee is the
20 responsibility of Trustee Robins, she's the liaison
21 to it. I think that it would be a great networking
22 or -- they've been very involved in the Carousel
23 for years, and I think that properly, if Trustee
24 Brennan could kind of reach out and kind of update
25 them on some stuff, I think that would be -- make

1 them feel comfortable, because --

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, either he can, or I'm
3 happy to --

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: -- as I've already met with
6 Julia and Dave Abatelli, as the Chair of the
7 Committee. And then she also introduced me to the
8 Chair of the Friends of Mitchell Park, who I had a
9 separate conversation with. And I'm going to be
10 meeting with their Board on, I think it's May 3rd,
11 as well to give them a further update, but --

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. As a --

13 MAYOR STUESSI: -- have already shared that.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. As a form of
15 communication and keeping everybody updated --

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Absolutely, yeah.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- I think that would be a
18 great, great start.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'd be happy to do that.
20 And because of the emergency nature of this and how
21 quickly we were trying to act, so --

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'll give you the contact
23 information for the other members. We can --

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thanks.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- send it, joint email or

1 something.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

3 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Could I make a recommendation?
4 I should have included this in the resolution, and
5 I apologize.

6 (Laughter)

7 ATTORNEY PROKOP: I'm sorry. But the --
8 because of the size of the project and the nature
9 of the work, I would like the Board to adopt a
10 SEQRA resolution whereby the Board adopt -- for
11 this project, the Board adopts Lead Agency status,
12 determines that the approval of the project is an
13 unlisted action for purposes of SEQRA that will not
14 have a significant negative impact on the
15 environment. That's the motion, if somebody would,
16 please, make that motion.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'll make that motion, as
18 stated by Attorney Prokop.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: I will second it.
20 All in favor?

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

1 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Thank you.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Motion passes.

3 Okay. Thank you, Stephen

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you, Stephen.

5 TREASURER GAFFGA: That's all I have for my
6 report, unless there's any other questions?

7 MAYOR STUESSI: No. Deputy Clerk, Jeanmarie,
8 please.

9 DEPUTY CLERK ODDON: Good evening, everyone.
10 Oh, thank you, Stephen. We have a resolution
11 approving the public assembly permit submitted by
12 Denise Gillies on behalf of the Friends of Mitchell
13 Park for the use of the portion of Mitchell Park
14 from 9 a.m. through 10 a.m. every Saturday from
15 May 6th through October 28th, 2023 for the Tai Chi
16 instruction, which this will be offered at no cost
17 to the public, and further approving a waiver of
18 the requisite public assembly permit fee.

19 The second permit we have is for approving
20 the public assembly permit application submitted by
21 Tanya Doggwiler on behalf of Claudio's Restaurants
22 to host an in-water boat show, including community
23 and vendor pop-up booths, from 12 noon through
24 5 p.m. on June 3rd, 2023.

25 The other thing we have is an amendment of

1 the public assembly permit application that was
2 approved at the Board of Trustees January 26th
3 meeting, and it's amending the permit for the
4 purpose of the North Fork Pride event on Saturday,
5 June 24th, 2023, with the following: Keep Main
6 Street closed from Sterling to Front, keep Front
7 Street closed from Main to Third by the Menhaden
8 Hotel, and then the street closure until 4 p.m.
9 And that's all I have.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: So this is essentially they
11 want to keep the streets closed past the parade.
12 And my understanding is they're working with the
13 Business Improvement District, from what I heard in
14 the Business -- the BID meeting the other day to
15 potentially activate the businesses on the
16 street afterwards.

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I believe that's the ask, yeah.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: From what I can remember
20 from what they -- what they said in this public
21 assembly permit. A little confusing, but I think
22 that's what they want to do, is to have -- but as
23 we discussed, only local businesses. They can't
24 bring in anybody, you know, from outside to --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I think they asked.

1 There -- they wanted to make the request --

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: They did ask.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: -- for local businesses to
4 activate themselves on the street, rather than
5 bringing in outside businesses.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Correct, that's my
7 understanding.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that's -- that was mine
9 as well.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So the street was
12 already going to be closed for the parade, is
13 that --

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I'm a little --

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: For the parade only.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, it was only for the
17 parade only, and I'm --

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Which was -- what
19 was the timing of that?

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The parade --

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Noon?

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Noon. Okay. The hours of
23 the event were noon to 5, and the parade would
24 start -- was going to start from Broad Street and
25 go down Main Street. But I guess the parade was

1 going to be at noon? This is -- it's -- the
2 application's been a little unclear. On the
3 resolution that was passed, that we passed in
4 January, reads, "Resolution approving the public
5 assembly permit application submitted by Robert
6 Vitelli on behalf of the New York LGBT Network for
7 the use of specified Village streets and Mitchell
8 Park from noon through 5 p.m. on June 24th for a
9 Pride Parade. But there's no definite -- there was
10 no definite time for the parade. I can't -- I
11 can't make it out from these.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: But it already said from noon
13 to 5?

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. The resolution said
15 for certain -- for the use of specified Village
16 streets and Mitchell Park. Well, I'm a little
17 confused, because this amendment --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Didn't you say noon to 4, if
19 I heard correctly?

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think that's what came in
21 today, wasn't it?

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, that's what came in
23 today.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, street
25 closure until 4 is what I have.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right. I know it's changed.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, then that doesn't sound
3 like they're looking to extend anything, it
4 looks -- it looks like they already had approval to
5 keep the streets closed, if I'm hearing it
6 correctly.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, it was certain
8 streets. I think we have to go back to the
9 minutes, because -- and I didn't have an
10 opportunity, because we did discuss this at work
11 session, because it wasn't very clear. But now
12 they're asking to keep Main Street closed from
13 Sterling to Front. Are they talking about Sterling
14 Street down at your end of the world?

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, I think
16 that's Broad and Sterling, if that's where the
17 parade is starting.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: No, that doesn't make sense.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, so --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, the parade would be
21 longer --

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: -- but the street closure
24 post parade, as I understood, was just in the
25 Business District.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Correct.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, it's not clear.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's not clear, because
4 then it says from Main to -- from Main to Third
5 Street after The Menhaden. Well, okay, street
6 closings to put Maritime Festival -- Paul's not
7 here. We have to get New York State DOT -- Joe,
8 don't we have to get them to agree to closing the
9 street?

10 ATTORNEY PROKOP: We have to at least notify
11 them, yes.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And then they have to be
13 off the street by 6 o'clock, I think it is.

14 ATTORNEY PROKOP: I'm not sure of that, I
15 don't know.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And then we have the ferry
17 traffic. You have to have somebody -- the Police
18 Department has to block off.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: But have they already ask for
20 that as part of the agreement?

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I don't --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Or did they?

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: This is very un -- this is
24 very unclear as to what they're asking.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: So what were the boundaries

1 in the first one that was already approved in
2 January?

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I don't have that
4 information.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have to go back to the
7 minutes. My suggestion would be that this is in
8 June, we still have the May Board meeting to make
9 an amendment to their -- or we can get information
10 before Thursday. But I think that perhaps maybe,
11 Mayor, you need to talk to them, or Joe, the two of
12 you need to talk to them and get a clear picture as
13 to what --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I haven't -- I don't
15 know who "them" is.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I made Robert Vitelli --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Can you, who --

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I had assumed at the meeting
19 they had contacts and phone numbers, yes --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- for both of these guys,
22 and email addresses.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, there is -- there's
25 a phone number right here on the application for

1 the assembly.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I would just say
3 that if we're trying to get business -- I think the
4 more time and information everyone has, the better,
5 because I don't -- if we only approve it in May and
6 then we're going to businesses --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: I think we need to solve for
8 it next week, otherwise --

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, because
10 otherwise --

11 MAYOR STUESSI: They're not going to get the
12 businesses involved.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, that's fine. But
15 this is --

16 ATTORNEY PROKOP: If you send me the name and
17 email, I'll be happy -- I'll call them tomorrow,
18 I'll do it right away.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'll tell you what, you
20 could take the whole thing.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: There you go.

22 (Laughter)

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I have their email
24 addresses.

25 ATTORNEY PROKOP: I'll get it done. Thank you.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'll get some information
2 from a member of the BID who --

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I don't know what was
4 discussed with the BID, but I'm getting the
5 impression that they're trying to mimic a little
6 bit of the --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, there were different
8 members of the BID who had different understandings
9 of it, which, frankly, confused things even more.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And it's --

11 MAYOR STUESSI: It does appear we have
12 something. So, Joe, if you could take that on
13 tomorrow and --

14 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes, sir, I will. Thank you.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: -- circulate something?

16 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yeah.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So we don't even need to
18 act on this tonight, though, right, it's just --

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no. It would have to
20 be on -- it's the discussion point of it to get it
21 on. The two -- Deputy Clerk Oddon is asking for
22 the two resolutions to be put on for next week for
23 these two public assembly permits that were
24 presented.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, and this

1 one may have to be a resolution that's amended.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It may. Well, this one
3 has to be. It's going to have to have an
4 amendment, no matter how you -- it's going to have
5 to be amended.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Right, yeah, because
7 especially if it's unclear from the prior one.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, okay. That's why I
9 brought it up.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. But practically
11 speaking, I mean, it makes sense that it would be
12 longer for the parade route, and then shorter, only
13 covering the Business District for the --

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, but you -- we have
15 to designate that, because that's all Route 25, I
16 think.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And that's all New York
19 DOT. And, you know, having lived through the
20 Maritime Festival, getting that ready from a Board
21 perspective, we had a lot of hoops to jump through
22 to begin. I mean, we're used to it now.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And because we also waived
25 the alcohol in the streets.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm hoping that's not what
3 they're looking for either. I mean, if they're
4 trying to model it after the Maritime Festival,
5 that's a lot of work.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, I was going
7 to bring that up, because --

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Did she -- that public
9 assembly permit didn't have alcohol in it, did it,
10 Mary Bess?

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What?

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: They -- you know, did they
13 checked the boxes on the -- on the application?

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I don't think.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I don't think it had any
16 alcohol in it.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I don't think it did, but
18 it --

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But in Trustee
20 Robins' report, it mentions the Greenport Brewing
21 truck.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So I think it was just --
24 okay. I thought it was --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: So that's for alcohol, I

1 mean --

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I thought it was just --

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Maybe, if it's
5 just --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, unless Greenport
7 Brewing is doing nonalcoholic beverages these days.

8 (Laughter)

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I just think it's time to
11 get a clarification and --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. So if you could do
13 that tomorrow, Joe.

14 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes, sir, I'll take care of it.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: And, you know, obviously let
16 them know we want -- we want to work with them, but
17 we need some clarity.

18 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Okay.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: And we need it quickly.

20 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes.

21 DEPUTY CLERK ODDON: I just have one thing
22 else I would like to say. I wanted to just say
23 thank you to everyone, the Board and everyone for
24 helping me, and also the people at Village Hall,
25 the employees, as well as the crews outside for

1 assisting me these past few weeks. There's been a
2 lot to do, and everyone has chipped in or come by
3 my desk to ask if I needed assistance, everything.
4 So they've been doing -- all of them have been
5 doing a very great job.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: And you've done a wonderful
7 job with limited resources and limited staff, and
8 appreciate it.

9 DEPUTY CLERK ODDON: Thank you.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: And I have never had so much
11 fun being somebody's assistant.

12 DEPUTY CLERK ODDON: You as well.

13 (Laughter)

14 MAYOR STUESSI: You have kept me very busy,
15 this part-time job.

16 (Laughter)

17 DEPUTY CLERK ODDON: Thank you. And that's
18 it. Anyone have any questions? No?

19 (No Response)

20 DEPUTY CLERK ODDON: Okay.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: What do we have next?

22 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Okay. Good evening. I
23 would like to -- I'll keep my report brief. But
24 one thing that I wanted to start off with is that
25 several, several months ago I made a recommendation

1 to the Board, the Board at that time, regarding
2 addressing some early subdivisions that had been
3 done in the Village, and that has -- we have a
4 recommendation from the Chair of the Planning Board
5 now as far as language for a possible
6 consideration. And I wanted -- at Mayor Stuessi's
7 suggestion, I wanted to ask if she would -- at this
8 time, as part of -- at this time, and during the
9 meeting, I wanted to see if Patricia Hammes would
10 like to address the Board and mention some of her
11 ideas.

12 PATRICIA HAMMES: Sure.

13 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Please.

14 PATRICIA HAMMES: So Patricia Hammes, Chair
15 of the Planning Board. I'm actually speaking on
16 behalf of the full Planning Board. This was
17 discussed with the prior members, as well as the
18 new members. And I think this arose because we
19 have a subdivision application before us for a
20 property, and based on discussions, my
21 understanding is that there's probably a number of
22 other properties in the Village that may have a
23 similar situation. And what I understand is that
24 Suffolk County will issue tax lot map I.D.'s. Joe,
25 obviously, step in if I misstate something here

1 that, you know, you disagree with.

2 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Well, actually, just I'm
3 sorry. The background, you probably heard me
4 complain about this many times at our public
5 meetings and other meetings that I attend, but the
6 background is that, basically, you can walk into
7 Suffolk County -- Suffolk County is the only
8 county, or one of a few counties in the state where
9 somebody can walk in with a sub -- basically, a
10 sub -- their own subdivision map that hasn't been
11 approved by the local municipality, and they'll --
12 they'll issue -- they won't issue an approval.
13 However, they will issue tax lot information, which
14 is what Patricia is mentioning.

15 And we have -- we have one particular
16 situation now where the person's been very patient
17 as we try to deal with it. And that's -- that's
18 how this new discussion, which I welcome, thank
19 you, is taking place.

20 PATRICIA HAMMES: Right. So related to that,
21 you may or may not be familiar with Chapter 118 of
22 the code, which deals with subdivision, but it has
23 a very long multi-prong step for subdivisions that
24 I think probably was drafted with the intention of
25 kind of bigger plots that are being subdivided for

1 numerous different reasons.

2 And it seemed to us, starting to work through
3 the application that's currently before the
4 Planning Board, that there really should be a way
5 to expedite some of these applications if they
6 become before the Planning Board.

7 And so we have submitted to you all a
8 proposal for a draft, a code change that would give
9 the Planning Board the discretion to implement kind
10 of an acceler -- or a combined review of these, so
11 they wouldn't have to go through the three steps
12 that are currently in the subdivision chapter.

13 Currently, a subdivision has to go through
14 first a sketch plan process, then a preliminary
15 plot, and then a final plot. And there's time
16 periods built into that, all of which kind of add
17 up to a significant period of time. And for some
18 of these simpler subdivisions, it seems like that
19 might be unduly onerous, particularly given that
20 the owners of these properties seem to think that
21 they already have subdivided lots.

22 But the way we've drafted the code, which I
23 think Joe has looked at, is to make it clear that
24 it would be the Planning Board's discretion whether
25 to implement that expedited process or not. And I

1 think we would only do it in cases where it seemed
2 very straightforward and clear, and the subdivision
3 met kind of all the other requirements of the code.

4 So that's -- that was what was sent. I think
5 I sent it to the Village for -- to be put on your
6 agenda for consideration, and I know Joe has looked
7 at it. So I don't know if you guys have any other
8 questions for me on it at this point. But I think
9 the Planning Board's proposal would be to, if you
10 could, to public -- public -- have a public hearing
11 for that, assuming you don't have any other
12 concerns or comments about it, so we could try to
13 move that along. And in the meantime, we are
14 working to deal with the current application as
15 expeditiously as possible.

16 So I don't know if anybody has any other
17 questions, or, Joe, if there's anything else you
18 think I should add, based on your --

19 ATTORNEY PROKOP: No, I think -- I welcome
20 that this is -- has the potential of moving
21 forward. It's been a major concern of the Village
22 for many years.

23 PATRICIA HAMMES: And just to be clear, what
24 was drafted was based on the current code as well.
25 So it's not like we just went off and did some

1 things --

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm not sure everybody --
3 okay, I'm sorry. I'm not -- I'm not ready to
4 discuss it. I'd like to think about it a little
5 further. But are you looking to have it put on
6 next week?

7 PATRICIA HAMMES: No, no, no.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

9 PATRICIA HAMMES: There's more than enough time.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

11 PATRICIA HAMMES: I just was asked to be here
12 tonight to explain the background of it and to
13 present it to you all. I mean, it's --

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

15 PATRICIA HAMMES: We're going to move ahead
16 with the current application, as I said, as
17 expeditiously as we can under the current code, and
18 based on the advice that we're getting from the
19 Village and the Planning Board Lawyer. But I was
20 asked to raise it so that you are aware of it, so
21 that in the ordinary course -- you all obviously
22 have a lot on your plate. This is maybe not the
23 highest priority item, but we think it would be
24 helpful to the community to try to address it,
25 since it's likely that there will be additional

1 examples of this coming forward, is my understanding.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, all right.

3 PATRICIA HAMMES: Okay?

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I would just like to thank
5 the Chairperson for so quickly responding. I think
6 you came up with that draft language immediately
7 following the last meeting, and it's really
8 appreciated. And it's a great service for our
9 residents, particularly the ones who have these
10 applications before us. Thank you.

11 PATRICIA HAMMES: Thank you. Thank you.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, Tricia.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I didn't -- has
14 everyone else seen this draft, because I don't
15 think I have it.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You don't have this?

17 Yeah, okay, I'll make, yeah --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: I have it.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Just if someone
20 could send it to me. Thank you.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: I think went out in an email.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I don't -- I
23 mean, unless I missed it, which is possible. I
24 can -- I can double-check.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Joe, can you recirculate it

1 with the Trustees on it?

2 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes, okay. So thank you.
3 And back to my report. So I wanted to mention that
4 there was discussion previously about Cablevision,
5 which is now Altice. I believe that we do not
6 currently actually have a contract with Altice. I
7 think the contract has either expired or is
8 about -- maybe about to expire.

9 We are in talks with them about renewing the
10 agreement. And there's a couple of things that we
11 need to do regarding that, that we have discussed,
12 which is that we need to know -- I'm working with
13 the staff to come up with a number that it actually
14 costs us to broadcast our meetings as a public
15 service, and then also to be able to do that from
16 the Schoolhouse, the investment that would be
17 required, because those are things -- those are
18 items that are called -- we could look for what's
19 called a Public Access Grant, or a PEG grant, from
20 Altice to support that process in the Village.

21 So we're trying to quantify that as part of
22 our discussion in the new contract negotiation.
23 However, listening to the concerns that you have, I
24 am in touch all the time with the top people in
25 cable, the top people in Altice from New Jersey and

1 the City, Queens. And so if you have -- if you
2 could list the concerns that you have about this
3 cabling and other things, if you could get them in
4 a list for me, I would gladly present them or give
5 you the contact information. So Mayor or Paul
6 could contact them, or either directly or with me,
7 to get those things resolved. You know, that --

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I took some photos, and
9 I told Paul the other day that I was going to be
10 sending a summary of the cable issues.

11 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Okay.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: So I'll make sure you're on
13 that. And I'm just of the mind set that we
14 shouldn't be giving permission for people to drill
15 more holes when they have existing problems with
16 cables laying on our beaches, so.

17 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yeah. Well, now,
18 definitely now is the time to do that with this
19 contract negotiation.

20 So there's a couple of other things that have
21 happened. There's -- the Village has been for a
22 number of years involved in some class action
23 litigation. There was a case that was settled that
24 many villages in the County against a chemical
25 company. I'm not that familiar with the

1 litigation, because it's a -- it's a very old
2 litigation, but many of the villages in the county
3 are now receiving checks. I'm going to look into
4 that for Greenport to see if we have a distribution
5 that we're entitled to, and I'll work with Stephen
6 on that.

7 However, one thing that I am familiar with is
8 the opioid situation, and there -- there were
9 initial large settlements that New York State
10 successfully blocked the local municipalities from
11 participating in. So we were in -- we were in
12 class action lawsuits with -- the Village was
13 actually in class action lawsuits with several
14 thousand other municipalities throughout the
15 country, and New York State was able to block the
16 initial settlements from -- the proceeds from going
17 down to the level of the local municipalities.
18 However, there's a few more recent settlements that
19 are fairly large with I think it's CVS, Walmart and
20 another -- two or three companies. We're hopeful
21 that we can get -- the way that those settlements
22 were structured, we are hopeful that we can
23 participate in them and we'll receive proceeds.

24 Mr. Pallas executed documents on behalf --
25 the settlement proceeds documents on behalf of the

1 Village under my -- under my review and direction,
2 and we're waiting to see if there's any calculation
3 in the amount of money that will be due to us.

4 The -- we -- the training that you heard from
5 the Chief about before is training that's provided
6 by the Coast Guard. In order to continue with
7 that -- those trainings, we need to execute an
8 agreement with the Coast Guard. I reviewed the
9 agreement, and I'm recommending that the Chief sign
10 it. But I'm also recommending that because the
11 resources of the Village will be leaving the
12 Village jurisdiction and boundaries, that it's also
13 approved at a reso -- by a resolution at our next
14 meeting. So I would appreciate it if we could
15 please put that on and approve that.

16 And then I -- that's basically it. I'm
17 working -- I just want to mention, the Mayor and
18 Paul mentioned several properties that we're
19 working on abating as far as nuisances and unsafe
20 conditions. I'm working all the time, really, with
21 Alex and his staff on this, and as far as
22 notification and legal issues that come up.

23 I do have -- I do have a few things regarding
24 litigation that I need to discuss with the Board in
25 executive session, if we could please do that, and

1 with a motion at the end.

2 Does anybody have any questions for me?

3 MAYOR STUESSI: I do. Is there anything that
4 can be done relative to the opioids settlement to
5 try and push for a larger share relative to
6 population size because of a few different things,
7 us being certified as a Disadvantaged Community by
8 New York State, as well as having had, I believe,
9 more incidents than any other community on the
10 North Fork, and together with also having, I
11 believe, also the only treatment facility on the
12 North Fork. So I'm wondering if there's more we
13 can do to try and grab a better share.

14 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes. And one of the -- one
15 of the other things that would help is if we could
16 document the amount that our budget, as far as --
17 the Fire Department budget as far as ambulance
18 services, and because these calls are -- because of
19 the medication that's provided and other things,
20 these calls are very expensive. So I've been
21 discussing this and working on documenting that.
22 But, yes, I will look into that for you.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Yeah, if you could
24 work with Paul on that and take a look at, you
25 know, overall calls, because we're also dealing

1 with things that are outside of our Village
2 borders, too.

3 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Right, yeah. We had
4 just -- the new Board Members are aware we hired a
5 class action -- an attorney who specializes in
6 class action litigation who's from Atlanta, his
7 name is Mark Tate. He does do Zoom updates from
8 time to time, and the next time there is one, I'll
9 definitely include Mayor Stuessi, and see if he
10 would permit other people, other officials to
11 attend, so you can meet him. So that's what -- but
12 I will -- those two concerns of yours I will raise.
13 Thank you.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody have anything else
15 for the Attorney?

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. He got the MOU, one
17 that I needed and was going to ask about.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The ambulance specs, did
20 anybody receive that from the Fire Department?
21 Jeanmarie?

22 DEPUTY CLERK ODDON: Not to my knowledge. I
23 looked through --

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

25 DEPUTY CLERK ODDON: -- the emails that I

1 have, I didn't see it.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Wayde called me.
3 He'll stop tomorrow with them again, because he had
4 the last -- he has the only one, you know, he had
5 the -- an original copy that he didn't want to
6 leave. So he'll be by tomorrow to give you the
7 information.

8 DEPUTY CLERK ODDON: Okay, terrific. I'll
9 make the copy and he can keep his original, then.
10 Thank you.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. And I believe then
12 that goes to Attorney Prokop for review.

13 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes, and we'll get it ready
14 to go out to bid.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

16 ATTORNEY PROKOP: That's what will happen.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. With that,
19 Trustee Robins, would you like to give your report?

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. So I gave a review of
21 the last month's BID meeting. I haven't really
22 written one from yesterday's meeting yet. But a
23 couple of things, that they have a -- the BID
24 treasurer has been working for about a
25 year-and-a-half now trying to get a FEMA grant to

1 assist them with some money that they spent during
2 COVID. She's supposedly getting close to the
3 finish line on that one, but it's -- the grant
4 process is tedious and lengthy. But she reported
5 on that at the last meeting.

6 The planters right now, they're exchanging
7 plans and getting ready to do -- I think you've
8 seen already they've put daffodils in, and on
9 Mother's Day they'll be transitioning to geraniums,
10 so they went over that. They are looking at
11 getting bids on a couple of additional planters.
12 We had a conversation about that yesterday, and
13 we'll update next month on more about what they're
14 going to try and do in terms of replacing some of
15 the ones that are broken.

16 There was discussion about the Pride Parade,
17 we've mentioned that already. So we'll have to
18 wait and see what happens with that public assembly
19 permit and the updates. And Attorney Prokop is
20 speaking with the organizers of the event.

21 Next weekend is going to be their 5K race,
22 which is turning out to be quite successful. I
23 understand now that they have 20 sponsors for this,
24 you now. So that's going to be -- they're actually --
25 they've hired -- not hired, but the Greenport

1 Chorus is going to be singing the National Anthem
2 at the beginning of the event. And they're hoping
3 that they'll get a really nice turnout of people to
4 come, and not just run, but to cheer people on and
5 encourage them. So they're excited about that.

6 That last meeting, we also had Kristie Lutz,
7 who was the -- one of the organizers at the movie
8 theater event, and she spoke to the bid about the
9 upcoming open house, which I attended on the
10 weekend. I think a lot of people were there. It
11 was really, really exciting, very happy for the
12 theater. So it looks like they're going to attain
13 their goal.

14 And then we had a report from the committee,
15 Gail Barlow, who takes care of their social media,
16 and they are in the process of redoing their entire
17 website. They've set up a Google Drive now that
18 stores all of the information, so that they can
19 have their institutional knowledge stored for
20 future people on the BID, so it's not just one
21 person who knows what's going on. I was able to
22 use that the other day, actually. I got in touch
23 with her, and I was looking for information on a
24 consultant that the BID had hired, you know, like
25 seven years ago, and she was able to put her hands

1 on it immediately, so it's working very well.

2 They are going to be having their annual
3 meeting in June. There will be elections for
4 officers at that time.

5 At yesterday's meeting, Mayor Stuessi joined
6 us and he introduced himself to the BID. It was a
7 really, really good feel in that meeting. A lot of
8 interest in working with the Village and the BID,
9 and how important it is for there to be good
10 communication. So very excited for that. It was a
11 really good feel, and I got a lot of really
12 positive emails today, Mayor, which I will share
13 with you, from members who were -- who said how
14 good that meeting was, so --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Great.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- really, really good.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: I thought so as well.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yep. Just briefly, my -- I
19 haven't met in several weeks, but my Committee on
20 Infrastructure, Traffic and Parking, I will be
21 wrapping up a report to submit when we do get
22 together with the greater group, which should
23 be some time --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Next week.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Next week, okay.

1 (Laughter)

2 MAYOR STUESSI: As if we don't have enough to
3 do already.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: The big thing that we are
5 going to be recommending is the ParkMobile system
6 for parking. We really feel that it is extremely
7 important to raise revenue to maintain our
8 infrastructure that way.

9 We understand that there will have to be
10 some RF -- an RFP, looking for competitive bidding.
11 But we did have a presentation at our meeting from
12 a representative from the company, he talked about
13 what would be involved. There's a -- the way I
14 understand it, it would be very limited investment
15 in infrastructure to do that. But one of the
16 things that we would have to do as a Board would be
17 to change our code where we have eliminated metered
18 parking, and that is Code 132-56. So in order to
19 move forward with any kind of proposal from
20 ParkMobile, we would have to make that change.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, it seems, practically
22 speaking, we ought to take a look at making the
23 change to the code, even if it's for a test case.
24 And then once we bring this to the public and get
25 opinions from the public, at least we're then

1 prepared --

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to act upon it.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right. So that's what I
5 suggested, that we do that.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: If you could get to that for
7 us, Joe.

8 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That's my report. Thank you
10 very much.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. Thank you. And, I
12 mean, the one thing I would add relative to the
13 carousel and all your work on the Carousel
14 Committee, is that it was nice to hear from the
15 Friends of Mitchell Park, that they want to see
16 what more they can do to potentially help us over
17 time. And I know Patrick had mentioned, and I
18 heard from a couple of people, that there might be
19 some community effort to want to potentially help
20 with the longer term restoration of the Carousel.
21 So, hopefully, we can take a challenging moment and
22 turn it into something bright for the community.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: But more importantly, get it
25 back open as quickly as possible, and then look at

1 longer term what we can do, which is wonderful.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I mean, everybody loves the
3 carousel.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And it's a special carousel,
6 it's not just a ride, you know, and it's not just
7 an asset. I mean, it's a piece of history. So I
8 think, you know, we're taking the good out of some
9 stuff that happened.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, absolutely.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Trustee Phillips?

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, the first item is
14 the memo that I sent out in reference to the
15 Greenport Fire Department that's working on a fire
16 rescue boat project. They are still pursuing the
17 grant process, but they've also decided that
18 perhaps they need to update what they have
19 currently, that it's not really sufficient.
20 They've been taking the time for the training.

21 They did go over to take a look at a boat
22 that was being surplused from Plum Island, it
23 didn't really meet their criteria. So the main
24 reason for me bringing it to your attention is at
25 some point, if they do come across something, they

1 may be coming to us to ask to fund it. I think
2 it's an important project, I think it's important
3 to our waterfront community. As I said, they are
4 still continuing working on the grant to try to get
5 the vessel that they were looking for. But, in the
6 meantime, it would be -- it would behoove us to
7 help them upgrade what they've got to -- in the
8 meantime. You know, grants have the -- grants come
9 and grants go, but you can't always rely on it.
10 But I think for them, they stress to do the
11 education, they stress to do the training. If they
12 should find something that's suitable for the time
13 being to just protect our waterfront, especially
14 since there was the fire at Claudio's under the
15 dock, that they had to be very creative in putting
16 it out, so I understand. Is that true, Patrick?

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, we were able to use
18 the current boat that we have in the Fire
19 Department to help get the hose up under the dock
20 and get the angle correct. So it showed that the
21 boat still has some utility, but, at the same time,
22 they kind of highlighted that it could have been a
23 much worse situation than having somewhat better
24 equipment. It would be really important to the
25 Village.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So they're searching. I
2 just want to make everyone here aware that they may
3 be coming with an ask, that's all, okay?

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I know everybody's
5 heard my perspective from our last budget work
6 session, that I want to do everything possible to
7 get somebody working very closely with us to look
8 at State and Federal funding and grants. My hope
9 would be that we're able to find somebody else to
10 pay for it before we have to, because --

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Good.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: -- we've got so many things
13 we have to prioritize, and I know how important
14 this one is, too. But, you know, ultimately, we're
15 going to need to put a capital plan together to
16 figure out what we have to prioritize.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. No, their goal is
18 to still -- for the vessel that they're looking
19 for, their goal is to still keep doing grant the
20 fund, you know, hunting. But I think, in the mean
21 time, if they find something that's better, a
22 better vessel than what they've got with the two,
23 that it would behoove us to give that for -- in the
24 interim, that's all.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I mean, we'll

1 certainly have a conversation with them about it.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. The other thing is
3 I did a little research. We do know that absentee
4 ballots was a issue of confusion during the past
5 election. I did find on the Village of Northport
6 an example of what they did, which was clearly
7 stating that the applications came back to the
8 Village Clerk. They didn't go to Suffolk County
9 Board of Elections. I would like to suggest that
10 we create a similar, or copy, copy this, to create
11 for our own absentee ballots in the future.

12 I think that could -- as far as a
13 communication to the public, it makes it much
14 easier. There isn't continual questions as to
15 where the ballot applications have to go. It's a
16 clear-cut communication to the community that this
17 is the way it goes. It gets mailed back to Village
18 Hall. The Village Clerk is responsible for the
19 election and that's where it goes.

20 So that's one of my suggestions that I'd like
21 to see move forward. Eventually, perhaps getting
22 it posted to the website, so that the application
23 is actually accessible, and not one where someone
24 has to ask for it, and we can go from there.

25 It also -- it has instructions on the back,

1 which are very clear, as to how things are supposed
2 to go. So I would like to move forward on that
3 with the Village Attorney, if the -- if the Mayor
4 and the rest of you so feel comfortable with me
5 doing that.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I personally am all for
7 doing whatever we can to make voting easier, and,
8 frankly, running for office as well. I know there
9 was some discussion among several of us about
10 possibly looking at an independent group to make
11 some longer term recommendations on both of the
12 subjects. Lily and Patrick, do you have any
13 comments?

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I think this is
15 great, and I think -- I was going to suggest
16 putting it online, too, but you already said that.
17 Yeah.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, I think these are
19 great suggestions. Thank you. I do like the idea
20 of trying to create a group or a committee that
21 was -- would work on voter education, maybe work on
22 the debates, you know, basically educational
23 aspects, you know, how to run the things that
24 you're talking about, but it would be a group of
25 people who are not officers of the Village.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And maybe somehow it would
3 rotate, so they don't become stuck in those roles
4 for too long.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right? So that everyone in
7 the Village feels like there's good participation,
8 but also a good turnover in that committee. I'm
9 not suggesting anyone in particular, but I know
10 that there -- we had some great people from the
11 community help out with the debates, and I was
12 thinking maybe we'd start with some of those folks.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: That's a great idea.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

15 ATTORNEY PROKOP: I think education and open
16 transparency is a very good idea, and I'll do
17 whatever I can to support that, if you ask me.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

19 ATTORNEY PROKOP: You can rely on me about that.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I still also
21 think that somehow communicating with the County
22 about like -- I know you put on here like how to
23 get the voter registration information, but we
24 should also be able to get it from the County, and
25 it should be accurate. So I think there is some --

1 just communication, maybe, with the County.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I did. After, after
3 our conversation, I did call the County, and their
4 computer system is set up for -- as I told you, had
5 parameters for a search.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So, periodically, what
8 happened is -- and I was right, the San Simeon
9 absentee ballots kicks the -- I don't know what you
10 call it. The matrix, the search area included some
11 that was not within the Village. So that's --
12 that's something that we've got to be aware of.

13 I do know that probably -- I'm getting the
14 feeling that the electronic voting -- next time
15 there is an election, we probably won't see the
16 yellow book anymore. We're probably going to see
17 the iPads, which is probably why this election
18 there was such -- taking care to do that, okay?

19 What I do -- would like to do is I would like
20 to get an informational package put together, so
21 that it has an outline of what's needed from the
22 minute you decide that you want to run, maybe a job
23 description, or a description of what a Village
24 Mayor does or what a Village Trustee does. And I
25 had outlined a couple of things here, with the

1 dates, the checklists, so that we don't have the
2 communication breakdown.

3 If we -- if we have the uncomfortable
4 situation of someone feeling uncomfortable that
5 they can't give the same information out to
6 everybody, that it needs to be written down. And I
7 think it would be great to have it on the -- on the
8 website, or, actually, if someone comes in, to hand
9 them a package that says, "Here, you know, this is
10 a folder that has everything that you have, that
11 you need to do to run for election."

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I saw that packet that
13 the school board gives out to candidates --

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, I --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: -- and I just thought it was
16 wonderful, yeah.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, it was. And so I
18 kind of took some of the information from that.
19 The only drawback to that is that we need to make
20 sure that it stays current, because laws do change,
21 okay?

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's the one -- that's
24 the one catch that makes me a little uncomfortable.

25 The other thing that I would like to do, and

1 this kind of comes out from our discussion with
2 Don Fisher yesterday with the train, the mini
3 train, is I would like to put on the website, or
4 create -- when we -- when I was at Cornell
5 Cooperative as a volunteer, volunteers filled out
6 an application of, you know, almost -- you know,
7 kind of what their backgrounds are, so that you
8 could get a feel where they would fit the best.
9 But I think we also need to reach out to the
10 community to say, "Look, we're looking for
11 volunteers to do certain things." And I think we
12 need to start developing a list of those volunteers
13 that have, you know, things to go back to.

14 We're always looking for members to serve on
15 Planning, Zoning, Historic, the Carousel Committee.
16 The Skate Park Committee is going to be one of the
17 things I think you're going to be moving towards.
18 The mini train, we're going to be looking for that,
19 kind of people to have --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I think that -- I
21 completely agree, and I think -- pardon me for
22 interjecting.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's all right.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: But I think -- I think we
25 have creatability in the age of technology to send

1 something out and gauge people's interest in
2 different things, and, at the same time, ask them
3 to share it with others in the community.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: So we should end up
6 relatively quickly with a very nice database that
7 we can continually turn to and update as we need to
8 over the course of several years.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, that's where I'm
10 coming from, and I think we need to get it on the
11 website. And so I would like to work on that, but
12 I'd like you to tell me who I'm supposed to work on
13 it with.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, let's give that some
15 thought --

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, all right.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: -- and put something
18 together. I think it would be a great solution.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think it's a great
20 reach-out to the community. It's not waiting for
21 someone to come into Village Hall and volunteer.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I think it's a
23 great idea. I've had that thought, not in the
24 exact same way, but some sort of volunteer core
25 that's not -- you know, there's not just one

1 committee, but it's people we could ask for a
2 survey, you know.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We did that with the Tall
4 Ships.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Give their interests, too,
7 you know, so that we can categorize it a little bit
8 and maybe work on it.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And I think there
10 is a lot right now of interest. There's a lot of
11 people who would want to get involved.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, and I think that --

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, this is something that
14 we can harness out of the Waterfront Committee
15 meetings when we engage the public. We can utilize
16 that at the same time when we're talking to a lot
17 of people to gauge people's interest in
18 participating in things, you know, whether it's the
19 mini train, or something else for that matter.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And, as I said, you and I
22 met with Don Fisher. I'll let you take care of
23 that one.

24 And I would like to say thank you to
25 Jeanmarie, who has been -- had a mountain of work.

1 I hope she appreciated the help at times when she
2 called me in wanting something done, but I do -- I
3 have seen the staff at Village Hall pull together
4 to help her, and I just think I am so excited about
5 seeing that.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Great.

7 DEPUTY CLERK ODDON: Yes.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And that's it.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Trustee Brennan.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. So I don't want to
11 spend anymore time talking about the carousel
12 specifically, but that situation did highlight to
13 me that I think we have room for improvement on
14 how -- and we've touched on this before -- about
15 how we go out to bid, how we contract. And I have
16 some thoughts on how we might improve our RFQ, RFP
17 process, and instructions to bidders, those kind of
18 things. I'd be happy to work with Mr. Prokop, or
19 Mr. Pallas, or Mr. Gaffga, anybody who wants to
20 work with me. I can contribute something to that,
21 and I think I'd like to kind of take a dive into
22 that and see if we can shore that up a little bit.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. No. If you can
24 continue working with Paul on the contracts, that
25 would be great. And one of the things I plan on

1 talking about in the upcoming meetings is
2 appointing some Board Liaisons in different parts
3 of the Village, because I think we've got some
4 great ability to leverage talent to help out in
5 some of the different departments.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right. Again, in a
7 related --

8 ATTORNEY PROKOP: I look forward to having
9 you involved. That's going to be a really big help
10 and a positive step. Thank you very much.

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you very much. Kind
12 of a related matter was the tall ship, and I'm not
13 sure if I'm pronouncing this right. Is it Kalmar
14 Nykle or Nickle (phonetic)

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Kalmar Nyckel.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Nyckel.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Kalmar Nyckel.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Kalmar Nyckel. So I got to
19 look at that conversation about the tall ship
20 coming to Greenport, which I think is great. You
21 know, we should absolutely be encouraging them to
22 come and -- but in looking at that, I felt like our
23 agreements on how we handle a tall ship, or how we
24 do the dockage in the Marina could have all sorts
25 of room for improvement. And I sent a couple of

1 suggestions to Mr. Prokop about that, about kind of
2 the way some of our competing marinas, the terms
3 and conditions they attach to dockage, and as a
4 Village, we should be at least as stringent as the
5 private sector, I would think. So that's another
6 area where I'd be happy to report with the
7 Attorney, and see if I can't help shore that up a
8 little bit.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I think between the
10 Attorney, and then also as part of the new Harbor
11 Management Plan, and engaging with Rick, too, from
12 the marina --

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: -- that would be enormously
15 helpful.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. Okay, great. And
17 one small thing. I know we're going to -- at some
18 point we have to pass a resolution, or reach out to
19 contract with the tall ship, the Kalmar Nykle
20 (phonetic) -- Nyckel.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I had sent this
23 suggestion out by email, I just want to touch on it
24 again. If the Village is interested in waiving
25 fees for something like this, which is I think a

1 good idea, it's understandable, and we want to
2 encourage them to come, I think we need to attach a
3 value to what it is we're waiving.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Agreed.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So we still need to go
6 through the process of doing whatever calculation
7 we need to dock it, and make sure they understand
8 that, and make sure the public understands it, and
9 then we waive it. So, because I get the feeling
10 sometimes that when you give something away for
11 free, it's not entirely appreciated. And so it
12 should be a little bit more transactional, at the
13 same time being accommodating to them.

14 And that's really all I had. Well, one other
15 thing, and you could tell me if this is something I
16 can talk about. I wanted to just touch on this
17 records storage situation.

18 (Laughter)

19 MAYOR STUESSI: That's my item.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's his item.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: If you want to let me talk
22 about it, and then you're welcome to opine.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, yes, please.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, I'll let you talk
25 about it --

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- and then I'll jump in if
3 I have anything to add.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Please.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, you're not the
6 only one, so.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Do you have anything else on
8 your list?

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I don't.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: No?

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: But thank you.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Lily?

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes. I mostly
16 have Earth Day, which is in two days. Planning a
17 cleanup of Moore's Woods. We're going to meet at
18 10 a.m. on Saturday, unless it's really raining,
19 then we'll do Sunday. I have quite a few RSVPs. I
20 think there's more people also that will come. And
21 I've mostly been focused on just getting the word
22 out and --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: What is the weather looking
24 like for Saturday? I haven't checked.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It's been looking

1 good.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, good. Okay.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, it's been
4 looking good, but, you know, it changes all the
5 time. So that's really all. I talked with Rotary
6 and they're sending it out to members, and we may
7 have some members come on Saturday. And it's up on
8 the website. Thank you.

9 DEPUTY CLERK ODDON: You're welcome.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So that's really
11 all for that, unless -- I know it's in two days,
12 but if anyone wants to help spread the word, that's
13 appreciated.

14 The other thing I've just very briefly
15 started on, and I did email you guys all about
16 this, is just sort of starting to looking at like
17 how the Village takes care of the land and uses it,
18 and just like looking into possibly more
19 environmentally friendly practices and products
20 that we can use, but there'll be more to come on
21 that. So that's I think all I have.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. So the three items I
23 have is, you know, one of the challenges of being
24 newly elected, and then the State mandated
25 organizational meeting being literally 2 1/2 days

1 after we were in office, together with being half
2 pregnant with a budget that's due in another week,
3 is getting everything done and meeting with all the
4 appropriate people in the community. And as I've
5 told many people, it was very important to me that
6 before making appointments, that we sit down and
7 have conversations, make sure people are deeply
8 engaged and very committed to the process, because
9 some of these are, you know, for five years.
10 Others are, you know, reappointments, but somebody
11 may have other life wishes and challenges, travel,
12 work, etcetera.

13 So over the next two Village meetings, you're
14 going to see a number of things that are scheduled
15 to deal with appointments over the course of it,
16 together with potentially some new groups. And
17 your comment relative to parks is an important one,
18 and I certainly want to take a look at that,
19 together with the environment.

20 Together with that, another big initiative
21 that I'm going to be wanting to engage the Board
22 in, as well as the community at a certain point, is
23 looking at an overall capital plan for every asset
24 this Village has. So by that, I mean everything
25 from this firehouse and the needs of this building,

1 to Village Hall, to the marina, the docks, the
2 bulkhead wall. And so over the course of the next
3 couple of months, we are going to be building a
4 very robust inventory of every single item and
5 categorizing it from -- call it a sliding scale of
6 one to five relative to how good a condition it is
7 to how bad a condition it is. You know, sort of
8 the five might be something like the bulkhead wall
9 in Mitchell Marina, which we were told in late '17,
10 early '18 needed to be replaced.

11 And so as part of that, we will utilize this
12 as a tool to then see how we need to prioritize
13 replacements, whether it's a roof, a floor, a
14 ceiling, or, you know, a complete new paint job and
15 replacement of windows, etcetera.

16 You know, there is the tangible asset of, you
17 know, whether it's functioning or not, and then
18 there's also going to be certain things that we may
19 prioritize a bit higher relative to in the interest
20 of immediate public safety, like we did earlier
21 this week with the need to replace the air
22 conditioners in the radio control room for our
23 region of the North Fork.

24 Together with that, living and breathing in
25 Village Hall. And I've been in that building, as

1 the team knows, early morning until night for two
2 weeks straight now.

3 There's one project that beyond, you know,
4 getting carpets replaced, and walls painted, and
5 cleaning up is record retention. And I've been in
6 some very large companies and I've been in some
7 small ones, but one of the most important things is
8 to always know where your records are and how to
9 access them. And to say I was disappointed with
10 records retention at Village Hall would be a gross
11 understatement.

12 And so there are a couple of things that
13 we're going to need to do as a Village, and number
14 one is to review, together with Joe, all of the
15 laws of the State and, you know, of the County of
16 what needs to be retained and what doesn't. And
17 we're also going to need to look at funding this.
18 And it's not going to be an easy exercise, because
19 it's literally going to mean finding a space,
20 something about this size, to take everything out,
21 that's going to be controlled, that we can go
22 through it all, and then categorize it, get it
23 organized, and then make the determination based
24 upon looking at laws, and what we need to operate
25 as a Village, of what needs to be retained on

1 paper. And, of course, there are certain things
2 that have to be retained on paper, and then other
3 things that can be scanned, and then other things
4 that might be able to be shredded.

5 Together with that, I also found in Village
6 Hall there's a number of things that are frankly
7 historic in nature, and those need to be in an
8 environment that is safe and will protect it,
9 because this Village has incredible history. And I
10 want to make sure that not only are we protecting
11 our future, we're protecting our history, so that
12 we can continue to learn from it. And some of the
13 resources I've seen just late at night down there
14 in the basement looking at these things is pretty
15 incredible.

16 So with that, I'm going to be launching a
17 plan to immediately look into this, as well as
18 potentially finding some funding sources for this,
19 because it's not going to be an insignificant cost
20 by any means to get it done, but it has to get
21 done.

22 And the other thing that I will be
23 implementing immediately in the Village is that
24 nothing is to be shredded until such time as we go
25 through this entire process.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thank you.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Because there are some bags
3 of shredded materials down there, and at this point
4 I'm not comfortable allowing anything to leave the
5 building until we have gone through a proper search
6 of every single thing there and every page is
7 looked at, and we determine what needs to be saved,
8 preserved, filed, or shredded.

9 If anybody has any questions or other
10 comments on that --

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, there are training,
12 training -- there is training that's available for
13 retention. And there's also some grant money that
14 comes from State of New York, which I spoke to you
15 about already.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We've thought about it
18 before, but it's just never -- it was never pushed
19 forward. It wasn't a high priority in previous
20 administrations, I'm sorry to say, okay?

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, it is.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's been frustrating. It
23 has been concerning. And I'm glad to see that it's
24 becoming a priority, because it's been one of mine, so.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Great.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, I think
2 that would be great. I mean, there were definitely
3 times on the Planning Board where like we just --
4 there was no previous site plan available, because
5 it just had disappeared.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and honestly --

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Or maybe it's in
8 the basement, but --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. Aside from our Boards
10 having the resources they need to do their jobs, we
11 also have a duty to our employees to make it easy
12 for them to have the resources they need. And I
13 also want them to work in a great place they're
14 happy to come to every day that is clean of boxes
15 stacked up to the walls, which is the case right now.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I do know that when I was
17 at the Extension on the Board of Directors, that
18 they -- there are several sources to -- once you
19 complete going through it and documentate what you
20 have, they have storage spaces that are climate
21 controlled that can be rented for a certain time
22 period to just get yourself organized. I don't
23 remember what they were, I can go back and ask, but
24 I think at this point we're more getting towards
25 the beginning stages of getting to the nitty-gritty

1 of what needs to be taken care of.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because New York State
4 does have an official -- Jeanmarie, correct me if
5 I'm wrong. New York does -- New York State does
6 have a retention schedule for certain documents,
7 correct?

8 DEPUTY CLERK ODDON: Yes, they do.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And years ago we started
10 working on some of it and it got put to the
11 wayside. If I remember correctly, didn't you take
12 some training in that?

13 DEPUTY CLERK ODDON: Yes, I did take some
14 training up in Hauppauge, and I met a really nice
15 lady. She was at the time Regional Director for
16 the entire State of New York, Lorraine Hill. We
17 had -- the Clerk's Office had her come out.

18 We went downstairs and went through
19 everything, and, basically, she recommended that we
20 start -- we had 30-year-old paper, dot matrix, so
21 we started with that. We were able to shred that,
22 she gave us the go-ahead with that. She was very
23 helpful.

24 If we're unsure of something in the record
25 retention schedule, we can simply fax it to the

1 office in Hauppauge or New York State, and they
2 will then give us a determination whether or not it
3 can be shredded or not, or archived. They even
4 give you the exact page, because the book that you
5 use for the archival is almost 500 pages long.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I think the number one
7 thing we will start with is doing a simple
8 inventory of number of boxes, because that way we
9 can get a quick calculation on how much paper we
10 likely have down there, which is a lot. And then
11 we can get somebody who has expertise in this to
12 give us some estimates on how much space and time
13 we're going to need to go through it all.

14 That's all I have. Does anybody have
15 anything else?

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I would just like to add to
17 that. I was blown away. Mayor Stuessi took me
18 down in the basement last week to show me the
19 records, and I don't know how we got to where we
20 are. I mean, that's completely irresponsible, the
21 way that it's being handled. Those boxes are at
22 risk of flooding. Some of them had moisture damage
23 on the bottom either from the slab, or maybe water
24 came into that, or --

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It leaks through there.

1 We've lost paperwork to that.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: The boxes are crushed. You
3 showed me a room where the boxes had tipped over.
4 It was about knee deep in paper there. It's also a
5 fire hazard, I would imagine. I mean, that's not
6 my area of expertise, but that's not a great
7 situation, and it's in our own Village Hall. I
8 mean, I'm frankly very angry about what I -- what I
9 saw there, but onward. I mean --

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, it's time to fix it.

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, it's time to fix it.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Did you see it?

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I didn't see it.
15 I'm sort of glad I didn't see it, because as a
16 librarian and somebody who does archival training,
17 I would probably --

18 (Laughter)

19 MAYOR STUESSI: We'll do that before we go to
20 Clark Beach together.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay, it sounds
22 good.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, I think you should.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: To see that --

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah. No, I've

1 heard of the stories. But I did see the door was
2 open, but I didn't venture down.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You should take a look.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, mind you, I'll be
5 honest, we weren't allowed to go down there before,
6 which --

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I've been told not to go
8 down to the basement.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That was probably good
10 advice.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. In any event, this
12 is -- this is about looking forward --

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, it is.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: And that's what we're going
16 to do.

17 With that, I'd like to open this to any
18 public comment. Is there anybody that would like
19 to address the Board this evening? Yes, sir, thank you.

20 PETER HARRIS: Good evening. Peter Harris,
21 212 Knapp Place, Greenport. And I don't want to
22 seem like I'm going to -- trying to beat a dead
23 horse issue. I just have a couple of questions
24 about the carousel. Did I -- did I understand
25 someone say that every single horse on the carousel

1 has lead-based paint?

2 TREASURER GAFFGA: Yes.

3 PETER HARRIS: Every one?

4 TREASURER GAFFGA: And the sleds.

5 PETER HARRIS: Because I was on the -- I was
6 on the original committee when we got the carousel
7 from Northrop Grumman, and I know there's probably,
8 in varying ages, from antique, antique horses up to
9 the modern metal or fiber glass horses. And I'm
10 just surprised that the newer -- the newer horses
11 on the carousel have that lead-based paint. I'm
12 just totally taken aback by that.

13 Secondly, I'm surprised that the restoration
14 that was going -- was going to be done on the
15 horses, why the horse wasn't taken down off the
16 pole and taken -- taken out of the carousel house
17 itself for the restoration work with sanding.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm in violent agreement with
19 you, and after doing a lot of construction and
20 refinishing things myself, that would have been my
21 immediate reaction. And to Patrick's --

22 PETER HARRIS: I mean, you're not -- you turn
23 around and you contaminated an entire building
24 when -- they come apart. I've been involved in the
25 amusement -- I worked for an amusement company for

1 quite a few years, and, I mean, they go week to
2 week when they put these things up and take them
3 down. And for the better part of safety, it should
4 have been -- it should have been taken down and
5 taken to an -- outside or to another location to
6 have done the -- done the restoration work.

7 I mean, the person might truly have had the
8 best interest at heart, but, as we know, when
9 sanding, it's dust, and it just -- it just carries
10 and it lands on everything.

11 And I just -- I know -- I know, you know, the
12 amount of money is -- it's a -- it's a great deal
13 of money that -- but that, that ride brings so much
14 joy to the people.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: That's the biggest thing,
16 absolutely.

17 PETER HARRIS: I mean, Greenport is a
18 destination --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

20 PETER HARRIS: -- for that carousel. And not
21 only the fact that it does -- when it's up and
22 running for a full year, it does generate money for
23 the -- for the Village coffers. But, you know,
24 children, from the time they were toddlers, that
25 have grown up since the time that that thing has

1 been in operation, it's -- like I said, it's become
2 like an institution in Greenport.

3 So I just -- again, thank you for the time.
4 But I wasn't sure if I heard right when he said
5 that every single horse was with lead-based paint,
6 and I'm just -- I'm just kind of really blown away
7 by that. So I have one other item, a request.

8 TREASURER GAFFGA: Just to clarify though,
9 it's not the -- every single piece of paint on all
10 of the horses. There were individual colors. It
11 was some paints, it wasn't the entire -- all of the
12 paint, but just a little bit of the evidence of the
13 paint is enough. So it wasn't completely every
14 piece of paint was lead paint, but there were --
15 there were evidences of lead paint on every one of
16 the horses, just as a point of clarification.

17 PETER HARRIS: Okay. Well, that's a big
18 clarification, because it made me think that the
19 entire coating on all the horses were --

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, actually, thank you,
21 Stephen, because that's exactly what I thought, to
22 be honest with you, so thank you for the
23 clarification.

24 PETER HARRIS: Okay. Just one other item.
25 As a request, and anyone that drives and uses

1 Moore's Lane on a -- on a daily basis, the north
2 end of Moore's Lane for probably from the -- from
3 County Road 48 back, maybe, for maybe, I don't
4 know, 250 feet, 300 feet on the northbound end, if
5 you need to -- if you have a issue that something
6 should happen to your car, or you get a flat tire,
7 there is no place to pull off in the right-of-way.
8 It's brush and stuff, it's right out, it's right
9 out to the edge of pavement. I mean, you have
10 where they mow the grass on the southbound side,
11 they mow the grass on the northbound side, and
12 it -- for whatever reason why, I don't know, but
13 you come to this one spot from that point north for
14 250 to 300 feet, it's under brush right out, right
15 out to the edge of pavement. So if you were --
16 would need to get your vehicle off to the side of
17 the road, there's no place to get off.

18 So if you could just have the Highway guys,
19 the Road Crew guys just take a look at it. I mean,
20 they -- I just happened to see they were -- they
21 were out mowing, they were mowing the sides of the
22 road yesterday.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

24 PETER HARRIS: And you could see where the
25 mower got to a certain point and it just turned

1 around, because there's -- it's not grass, it's
2 underbrush. So just as a point of interest.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. I'll talk to them
4 in the morning.

5 PETER HARRIS: Thank you.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Any other public comments?

7 (No Response)

8 MAYOR STUESSI: With that, I would like to
9 make a motion, at the request of Attorney Prokop,
10 to go into executive session to discuss both a
11 personnel matter, as well as pending litigation.
12 Was there anything else --

13 ATTORNEY PROKOP: No, that's it. Thank you.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: -- we need to go in executive
15 session for?

16 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Thank you, sir, that's it.
17 Thank you.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: May I have a second on the
19 motion?

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Any questions?

22 (No Response)

23 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

4 The motion passes. With that, thank you,
5 public, for attending.

6 (The Meeting was Adjourned to Executive
7 Session at 8:31 p.m.)

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