

1 VILLAGE OF GREENPORT
2 COUNTY OF SUFFOLK : STATE OF NEW YORK
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3 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
4 WORK SESSION
5 -----x

6 Via Video Conference
7 February 18, 2021
8 7:00 P.M.

9 B E F O R E :

- 10 GEORGE HUBBARD, JR. - MAYOR
- 11 JACK MARTILOTTA - DEPUTY MAYOR
- 12 PETER CLARKE - TRUSTEE
- 13 MARY BESS PHILLIPS - TRUSTEE
- 14 JULIA ROBINS - TRUSTEE
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- 17 JOSEPH PROKOP - VILLAGE ATTORNEY
- 18 SYLVIA PIRILLO - VILLAGE CLERK
- 19 PAUL PALLAS - VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
- 20 ROBERT BRANDT - VILLAGE TREASURER

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1 (The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.)

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. We'll do the
3 Pledge to the Flag.

4 (All Stood for the Pledge of Allegiance)

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you. Okay. Now I
6 know we had the Fire Department on, but I see
7 that they're gone again, or they're on the phone?

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They're on audio, Mayor.
9 They had a problem with the screen.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think they're on the
12 phone call.

13 CHIEF MANWARING: Yes, we're here.

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. All right. Well,
15 we'll start with you, Chief. Chief Manwaring,
16 you got the report for us?

17 CHIEF MANWARING: Okay. You got --
18 everybody got their reports, all the reports are
19 in. This morning I called Rob after our Wardens
20 meeting last night. I talked with him about the
21 things that we need to have done for the year,
22 that we need the ladder testing, pump testing,
23 and the hose testing, and fit testing, which is
24 all PESH stuff that we need to get done.

25 Our air machine needs an upgrade. That was

1 \$4600. The hose testing and the pump testing
2 comes out to about \$4500.

3 The other thing was we were working on a
4 budget mod. I talked to Rob earlier in the month
5 about a budget mod, bringing some budget stuff
6 down from 412 Buildings and Grounds and putting
7 it in the Transportation, so I can get some of
8 these trucks repaired that need some repair out
9 here.

10 And the last thing was the door. We talked
11 about the door for -- I found a vendor that will
12 take it apart, weigh it, and then put a new
13 motor, put all new parts and everything again,
14 along with new motors and remotes, and what have
15 you. And I have to write a -- I guess something
16 that says that he's the only vendor that we could
17 get a hold of that would actually do the job, so
18 we could get this door that everybody needs to
19 have done.

20 I think that's about it.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

22 CHIEF MANWARING: And then we had our
23 parade, which you all we have -- we had. We went
24 on with our parade to make the 176th Anniversary.
25 I thank everybody for showing up that did

1 show up.

2 And that's about it, I believe. Oh, and
3 the LOSAP. I think the LOSAP Jimmy had sent over
4 to Sylvia. That also was submitted for you guys
5 to review, so we can post that again for 30 days,
6 whatever it is afterwards.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes. I believe the Clerk's
8 going to have that as part of her work session
9 report when we get to that.

10 Okay. Are there any questions for the
11 Chiefs?

12 (No Response)

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. Well, thank you
14 very much, Chief, for getting on.

15 CHIEF MANWARING: All right.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: And we'll work on these,
17 the requests that you have.

18 CHIEF MANWARING: Okay, all right. Thank you.

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Thank you.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thank you.

22 CHIEF MANWARING: Thank you.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. The Village
24 Administrator report, Mr. Pallas.

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Thank you,

1 Mr. Mayor. I'm just going to go over a few
2 things on my discussion list, actually discussion
3 and resolutions, just very briefly.

4 The Ferry Project update: This seems to be
5 an ever-evolving project with the New York State
6 Department of Transportation. We have gone back
7 and forth with them probably four times now where
8 we thought we had an agreement with them. We
9 send them a plan they send it back saying, "No,
10 we don't like that one."

11 We had a meeting with them last Thursday, I
12 think, and -- or earlier this week, rather.
13 They -- I think we've got finally agreement from
14 them on one of the many plans that we have. I
15 will send around -- once I get that plan, I'll
16 send it around to the Board.

17 And the follow-up from that will be what's
18 known as the preliminary design report, which
19 will be a full package of information that you've
20 seen before. It's the same basic paperwork that
21 was submitted and rejected, but now we think
22 we've got agreement from them.

23 It basically includes maintenance of access
24 to the ferry from Third. It also includes the --
25 a gate, which I had talked about, I believe, last

1 month. Instead of a gate being in the parking
2 lot, the gate is actually going to be on Wiggins.
3 So you'll still have to go down Wiggins, and to
4 make a left, if you come down to Third to get to
5 the ferry. It's probably better if I just send
6 you the plan, it's probably easier to see. So I
7 will -- I will do that. I just wanted to give
8 you -- give you that update.

9 We did confirm with them as well that
10 there's no issue in terms of funding. We're not
11 against any hard deadlines at the moment. So
12 we're -- we're in pretty good shape all around on
13 that project, again, with the caveat that the DOT
14 has frequently changed their mind. So,
15 hopefully, this time they won't, and we'll take
16 it, we'll take it from there.

17 Moving on to the microgrid bid update. The
18 Subrecipient agreement, which you all saw last --
19 back in November, actually, as a draft, they did
20 send the final to us. The only change to the
21 agreement was an increase in funds from 5 million
22 to 5 1/2 million. That -- the change was the
23 result of the actual bids that we received. The
24 apparent low bidder is nearly 5 million.

25 So the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery

1 was able to provide additional funds to us in
2 case the project has any change orders. In a
3 project this size, hopefully, there aren't any,
4 but it's hard to imagine that a project this
5 complex won't have some minor changes that are
6 needed, and this additional funding will provide
7 some funding to cover that.

8 In addition, and the Village Clerk will
9 probably mention this as well, but I'll mention
10 that we will have the resolution to award,
11 contingent upon Governor's Office of Storm
12 Recovery approval, the bid to Haugland Energy
13 Group, as I mentioned a little bit ago.

14 Any questions on that project?

15 (No Response)

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Next item, the
17 effluent reuse EFC, Environmental Facilities
18 Corporation, status update. This, again, another
19 project that seems to have lingered and lingered,
20 relatively small project, under \$30,000.

21 We did receive the last piece of paper that
22 we needed from -- from them, or from us. I've
23 lost track of who's sending the paper, but we are
24 now in a position to actually start that project.
25 So we've -- we sent the contract to H2M, who is

1 the consultant that will be working on that
2 project. That's good news on that project,
3 finally.

4 Lastly, which is not on my list, there'll
5 be a resolution to pay -- yeah. Contract with
6 Holzmacher, Holzmacher to prepare our annual MS4
7 report. I believe the amount was 1800, if I'm
8 not mistaken.

9 CLERK PIRILLO: I believe 2200, Paul.

10 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I apologize, 2200
11 for MS4 report. I get that confused with our
12 water report. So, yes, it's the MS -- annual MS4
13 report for Holzmacher to do the preparation of
14 that.

15 And that's -- that's all the major items I
16 have. Unless there's any questions on the
17 balance of my report, that would be it for me.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Paul, I had one
19 question. Going back to the clarifier screw
20 pumps that you sent the email out that you want
21 to go out to bid for, is that part -- I happened
22 to go back to reading some of the stuff back from
23 2017.

24 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Mary Bess, hold on a
25 minute, please. Can everybody mute who's not

1 speaking, mute their phone? I can't hear
2 anything.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Is that better?

4 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No, it's not coming
5 from you. Mr. Vandenburg, I believe maybe that
6 might be coming from you. If you could mute your
7 microphone until it's time to speak. I
8 apologize, Mary Bess, try again.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. On the email
10 dealing with the clarifier screw pumps that you
11 sent around that you're requesting that we go out
12 to bid for.

13 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. I apologize,
14 I didn't mention that before, that should have
15 been on my list.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. When I went back
17 to February of 2017, dealing with the whole
18 corrective action plan and the SPDES issue, it
19 was mentioned about a temporary cover, or a
20 permit cover had to be installed on the belt
21 drives for the screws pumps. Is this the same
22 piece of equipment?

23 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, it's the same
24 basic. It's a part, a very small piece of the
25 screw pump. It's actually the drive for the --

1 for the pump itself, as opposed to the shaft,
2 which is the major piece of the -- of the
3 equipment.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. I also noticed in
5 your report that under the sewer, there was the
6 East screw pump not keeping up with flow, and
7 switched to the West. Is that all the same
8 equipment?

9 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, right. That's
10 how we discovered the problem was that, yes.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So that was the
12 beginning observation of all that we needed to
13 spend this money on these new clarifier screw
14 pumps?

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct, yes.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Can I just interrupt, Paul?
18 Can you mute Mr. Vandenburg?

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I can, Mr. Mayor.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. And my next
21 question is, reading this, we have these programs
22 called Maximo. I think you mentioned it to me
23 over the phone. That's the asset information
24 database, is that what that is?

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, it's an asset,

1 asset -- an asset management system, yes.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So this -- these
3 new screw pumps will be connected to that? I,
4 mean, that will be all part of the -- of looking
5 at all of the equipment as to see what needs to
6 be updated over the next couple of years?

7 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It's more than just
8 a couple of years, it's an ongoing process. All
9 equipment is entered into the system. I'm not
10 sure if we're up to 100% yet, but we're -- it's a
11 continual process, and it's monitored on a
12 continuous basis to alert us to potential
13 problems.

14 The first part of that process, and, again,
15 it's a long process, is to get all the equipment
16 and its current status into the system, which is
17 ongoing. But the answer to your question is yes,
18 the system is used for monitoring.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Not physical
21 monitoring, it's all just a database, and all of
22 the information has to be manually input.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So this is all
24 part of the corrective action plan that we have
25 going back to the work that Holzmacher is doing

1 with us for the DEC?

2 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Not really direct --
3 the screw pump itself is not directly related, no.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh.

5 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The Maximo Program
6 was a program that we were fortunate enough to
7 receive a grant for, a fully funded grant, to
8 install this system. We're one of, I think, only
9 12 at most throughout the entire state that have
10 the -- have the Maximo system.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: They selected us
13 because of geography and size, and, you know,
14 willingness to participate and all that. We have
15 closed out the grant, the grant has been
16 completed, but there's still a three-year process
17 to monitor it and still be working with the
18 consultant that the DEC has hired on that.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. And then my next
20 question is, so this is SCADA, scadad (phonetic)
21 -- I don't know how you say it.

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: SCADA, SCADA.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: SCADA?

24 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That is completely

1 separate? That just monitors the activity of the
2 pump stations?

3 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah. SCADA, the
4 acronym stands for Supervisory Control and Data
5 Acquisition, and that's a physical monitoring of
6 the -- computerized physical monitoring of the
7 system.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So it gives
9 heads-up if there's an issue someplace?

10 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It can. I mean,
11 typically, it's more of a realtime operation
12 system to tell you when pumps are running, when
13 they're not running, alarm -- alarms if there's a
14 problem. Not like imminent -- not failure modes
15 or anything like that, just when there is a
16 problem in the system. It's mostly for pump,
17 pump monitoring in the case of wastewater
18 treatment plants. SCADA systems are used in a
19 variety of operating environments. This -- ours
20 would just monitor pumps at the various pump
21 stations.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Well, I just
23 would like to say that I'm happy to see that that
24 kind of information is -- or that kind of
25 technology is being used at the wastewater

1 treatment plant. I think it helps the staff up
2 there keep up with things, and, hopefully,
3 preventive maintenance on a lot of things, or
4 prevents incidents.

5 The other question that I had is going back
6 to this corrective action plan. Are we on Task
7 No. 4 right now, or Item No. 4?

8 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I don't have it in
9 front of me, so I don't remember the number, but
10 I know we're up to date. But I believe that's
11 correct, I believe it's 4, is what we're working
12 on now.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Because it goes
14 into the installation of water tight gasket,
15 locking manhole covers, repairs and realign, and
16 any additional repairs deemed by the professional
17 engineer, so okay. So we're getting near the end
18 of it.

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: A lot of that work,
20 a lot of that work has already been done.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The locking covers
23 in a variety of the low-lying flood-prone areas
24 was completed some time ago.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right, okay.

1 And then the other, the only other question I
2 have, and this is what I asked you about earlier
3 in the week, is that New York State, under the
4 New York State Labor Law, has put out that we
5 have to have by April 1st a public employees
6 emergency planning requirement document?

7 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: My question was two
9 things, is, first of all, it leads me to believe
10 that the Fire Department needs to be involved in
11 the process, and it also says that it needs to go
12 to the union for review. But April 1st is
13 coming, so I'm assuming that that's being
14 worked on?

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It is, yes. It's
16 obviously an important plan, but it's not as
17 complex as it sounds. We've got a couple of
18 model plans the Village Attorney has found and
19 supplied to us, and we're starting to use -- to
20 look through those to see how to modify them to
21 make them fit our particular circumstance.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. As I said, it
23 went through a line of things that were developed
24 on the fly, as we did with the beginning of the
25 COVID, that's all.

1 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Right.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's pretty much it.

3 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: And the union piece
4 of it is really just to --

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Review.

6 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Have them take a
7 look at it. They can provide comments, but we're
8 not obligated to implement their comments.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, all right. As I
10 said, I just happened to come across that, and
11 April 1st is coming upon us, that's all.

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yep.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thank you very much

14 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No problem.

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Anything else for
16 the Village Administrator?

17 (No Response)

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. Thank you,
19 Paul.

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Thank you.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. The Village
22 Treasurer report, Mr. Brandt.

23 TREASURER BRANDT: Good evening, everyone.
24 I have an add-on. I believe you were emailed,
25 about an additional budget mod, budget transfer

1 on Tuesday, which I had an email forwarded to you
2 guys, regarding funding the stump removal
3 services. The job is completed, so I want to not
4 hold up payment, so I'd like to add this to the
5 agenda for next week.

6 Anyone have any questions on any of the
7 budget mods that I have this month?

8 (No Response)

9 TREASURER BRANDT: Anyone have any
10 questions on anything on my report?

11 (No Response)

12 TREASURER BRANDT: I think this is -- okay,
13 I think I'm done, Mr. Mayor.

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. That was a very easy
15 one.

16 CLERK PIRILLO: Wow.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.

18 TREASURER BRANDT: Okay, thanks.

19 CLERK PIRILLO: Wow.

20 (Laughter)

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. The Village Clerk
22 report. Clerk Pirillo?

23 CLERK PIRILLO: Well, I can't promise to be
24 that brief, but I'll certainly give it a try.

25 Alluding to the Fire Department request, I

1 do have a resolution already set, which is an
2 add-on, which is to accept the 2020 year-end
3 Length of Service Award Program points, and that
4 is something that we do every year.

5 Going to my report, just some updates.
6 Under agreements and contracts, we have a
7 contract for contractor services. That was fully
8 executed on the 11th of February, as was the
9 contract for snow removal services.

10 The contract for the central sewer pump
11 station replacement was fully executed on the
12 15th of this month.

13 Legal notices: We also opened an RFP
14 proposal yesterday, and that was for sewage
15 pumping station, the repair and maintenance
16 thereof. Only one bid was received. Management
17 at this time is reviewing that bid. That will
18 take us a little bit. Probably, Paul will not be
19 prepared for it next week. I think we have to do
20 a little bit more in-depth analysis.

21 Public Hearing Notices: I just wanted to
22 make everyone aware that we do, in fact, have a
23 tax sale coming up on the 9th of March. Three
24 notice periods are required prior to that tax
25 sale taking place. Those are on the 18th, 25th

1 of February, and the 4th of March. The first
2 notice was in today's paper. You will see that
3 we had quite a few properties listed. It's, I
4 believe, 40, which is --

5 TREASURER BRANDT: (Nodded yes)

6 CLERK PIRILLO: -- the most that certainly
7 I've ever seen in the last 15 years.

8 Okay. Moving along to extras. I know it
9 seems counterintuitive, given the weather that
10 we're experiencing, but I do need to talk about
11 summer. That having been said, American Red
12 Cross lifeguard training courses are being held
13 in Rocky Point, and the Town of Southold, as
14 always, is involved in those. If recertification
15 is required just for CPR, those classes are held
16 closer to home here in Peconic.

17 We are beginning to plan to open our summer
18 camp. We did not have it last year. We are
19 working on a plan based on the success of our
20 after school program to open the summer day camp.
21 Paul, Margo and myself are talking about how to
22 properly do that. We feel confident, since it
23 worked so well with the after school program,
24 that we actually can operate the summer camp
25 successfully.

1 We're in the midst of reviewing the
2 Executive Orders and directives that apply to
3 this, and then we'll respond back to the Board
4 and let you know what the plan would be.

5 Similar concept with the Carousel. We
6 received unofficial word yesterday that the
7 Carousel could open. We are waiting for an
8 Executive Order to tell us exactly what those
9 parameters are, as well as County directives, but
10 we have begun the conversation of how to open
11 safely.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There was an article in
13 Newsday today, so do -- is it -- is the Executive
14 Order going to outline certain parameters, or is
15 it going to be letting the different departments
16 delegate how we're going to operate?

17 CLERK PIRILLO: Can't answer that, because
18 we haven't seen it, which is why we're proceeding
19 with caution. We've only -- we've only heard
20 from third parties that this is indeed the case.
21 So we first need to read and review the Executive
22 Order, and then reach out to the County to find
23 out what they think it looks like, and also,
24 obviously, with the Board of Health. Margo has
25 very tight communications with the Board of

1 Health and we with the other agencies, so the
2 three of us working together will formulate
3 something and let the Board know what that is.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, great. Thank you.

5 CLERK PIRILLO: You're welcome. Any
6 questions further?

7 (No Response)

8 CLERK PIRILLO: Thank you.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, very good. Okay.
10 The Village Attorney report, Attorney Prokop.

11 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Thank you, Mayor. Good
12 evening, everybody. So, for my report tonight,
13 I -- first thing is I circulated two Local Laws,
14 proposed Local Laws. One is to amend Chapter 2,
15 which is appearance tickets and authority, and
16 that would update the list of people that are
17 listed in the code as having authority to issue
18 Village violations.

19 The second Local Law is a -- an amendment
20 of the Building and Construction Law. Several
21 years ago, when the -- when New York State
22 adopted the International Code, as what's called
23 the Uniform Code, which is basically the
24 statewide Fire and Building Code, we changed
25 Chapter 65 to reflect the International Codes.

1 This now, within the last few months, New York
2 State has gone away from the International Codes
3 and gone back to the New York State Building Code
4 and New York State Fire Code, and we need to
5 amend Chapter 65 to reflect that.

6 So those are two fairly straightforward
7 Local Laws that I'm requesting that we could,
8 please, take action on when you're ready.

9 Does anybody have any questions about
10 either of those Local Laws?

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Actually, I have a
12 question as what is a Building Safety Inspector,
13 is that not a Fire Marshal or --

14 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Joe, you want me to
15 answer that?

16 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes, please.

17 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: The Building Safety
18 Inspector is one step below a Code Enforcement
19 Official. They can do safety inspections only.
20 It's much lower than a Fire Marshal.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, all right. Is
22 that a certified job -- I mean, a certifi -- is
23 there a certification process for that through
24 the State of New York?

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes.

1 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Okay, that's what
3 I wanted to know. Okay. Thank you.

4 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Okay. We have -- since
5 the last meeting, we came -- management came to
6 agreement on language for the Peconic Star
7 license. I've spoken to Mr. Curcio and I'm in
8 the process of forwarding the agreement to him.
9 I expect to have it back from Mr. Brennan --
10 Captain Brennan, excuse me, next week signed, so
11 we can move ahead on that.

12 We have -- the monthly update with regard
13 to Greenport versus Genesys is that we are --
14 we're proceeding with the mediation. Paul and I
15 are working on information that David Kosakoff
16 needs for the mediation, and that should be
17 starting at any time now, pending, pending Paul
18 and I producing that information.

19 The -- we've had a number of emergency
20 declarations and orders continually --
21 continuing, excuse me. They've involved the
22 continuing COVID emergency, since the State and
23 the County continue under emergency. And they've
24 also included several snow emergencies since the
25 last time we met. And then, also, the every

1 five-day declaration that's made by Mayor Hubbard
2 with regard to face coverings in public areas.

3 I don't -- I don't think there's anything
4 else from my report that I wanted to mention. I
5 will -- I will say, I think I had mentioned
6 previously -- excuse me -- that we had had an
7 issue with resetting of fire alarms at some
8 locations in the Village, and I wanted -- you
9 know, which, of course, is an extraordinarily
10 dangerous occurrence. We -- it seems that Greg
11 Morris has been able to resolve the primary
12 situation, and I think that they're working on
13 getting a new system. So that was good news.

14 That case was actually in Southold Town
15 Court yesterday, and we got that information from
16 the attorney. So I wanted -- since I had mention
17 that before, I wanted to bring that up and let
18 you know that it looked like the main -- it looks
19 like the main problem has -- is in the process of
20 being resolved.

21 Does anybody have any questions about my
22 report?

23 (No Response)

24 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Thank you very much.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. Thank you, Joe.

1 Okay. Trustees reports.

2 ATTORNEY PROKOP: I think Trustee Clarke
3 may have --

4 TRUSTEE CLARKE: I did have a question. I
5 probably should have brought it up during the
6 Chief's report, but Joe's conversation about the
7 fire alarm reminded me that I had this question,
8 and perhaps with those that are on the meeting
9 can answer it for me.

10 There seems to be discussion amongst the
11 Fire Department members about pulling out trucks
12 for certain calls, and a morale issue tied to
13 answering calls or alarms with trucks or without.
14 I'm not sure I'm phrasing it the right way, but
15 it caught my attention. I wanted to try and
16 understand what that issue was and why people are
17 talking about it. Someone also addressed the
18 Board of Wardens about the same issue at their
19 last meeting. So is this something I should save
20 for next month's meeting?

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: Trustee Phillips, you were
22 at the meeting, so do you have what the question
23 was asked?

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What's --

25 TRUSTEE CLARKE: It was in their report.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. It's in their --

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: I was not at the Wardens
3 meeting.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The discussion was at
5 the Wardens meeting. The Wardens among
6 themselves are -- what's happening is, is there's
7 a feeling that they need to have an investigative --
8 the Chiefs need to do an investigative look at it
9 first before calling all the trucks out, but they
10 go to the firehouses to stand ready for that.

11 Part of that is they themselves are working
12 within their own function to try and correct the
13 issue, because some of them feel that having the
14 whole Fire Department come out for a false alarm
15 is -- is not -- it's -- how do I want to put it?
16 It's -- they feel that for false alarms,
17 especially since there was the issue with the
18 hotels and some of the other ones, that having
19 the whole department come out every time for
20 those calls was not a waste of time, but was a
21 waste of their -- a waste of their manpower time.

22 They themselves have not resolved it yet,
23 it still is in a discussion stage. There is --
24 the Wardens themselves are not in agreement with
25 it, but the issue is that those that show up to

1 the firehouse, they get ready, they've taken
2 their time out, they want to go for a call. And
3 some of the others, the Chiefs are looking at it
4 that this is having the engines go out and, you
5 know, turn around and go back in.

6 So they're trying to resolve it themselves,
7 Trustee Clarke, and I think that would be the
8 best place to let it happen. They have to
9 operate with it. They are, at this point, coming
10 together as a Board of Wardens in the Fire
11 Department of talking issues out, so I think they
12 will come to a resolution on it at some point.

13 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you. I should have
14 asked earlier, I apologize, but I wanted to try
15 and understand the issue and you've explained it.
16 Thank you so much.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Any other questions
18 on the Attorney's report?

19 (No Response)

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. We'll go with
21 Trustees' reports. We'll start with Trustee
22 Robins. She's on the top of my screen, so.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Let me unmute. Okay.
24 Okay. I have a couple -- several things I want
25 to bring up.

1 First, just quickly, I did attend the NYCOM
2 virtual meetings last week, I attended two of
3 them. One was on the State budget and
4 allocations. I was particularly interested in
5 any funding and allocations that would be coming
6 our way. Unfortunately, they weren't all that
7 optimistic, because most of the funding goes
8 through the County and then filters down to us.
9 So the consensus, the meeting that, I think
10 Trustee Phillips was on that meeting as well, you
11 know, is how to get the money here.

12 I did notice Clerk Pirillo sent us an email
13 earlier about funding coming from Federal
14 Government, as well as the CDBG grants. I'm
15 particularly interested in finding out if there's
16 a way for us to get any Federal monies here to
17 the Village.

18 My great concern right now is the housing
19 crisis that we're having here in the Village and
20 in Southold Town. So I would like to speak with
21 Robert at some point about, you know, if there's
22 a way to get started with looking into those,
23 those grants.

24 Anything we can do right now here in the
25 Village to start addressing the housing crisis is

1 something that you're going to hear from me a lot
2 more about it. I'm looking, I'm looking for ways
3 for us to utilize assets that we have here in the
4 Village.

5 And I didn't write anything formal, because
6 I don't have enough information yet, but I
7 definitely, definitely think -- I know, Mayor,
8 you spoke about, you know, the accessory
9 apartments and conversion of garages. I think
10 that that's a good start. We should look for the
11 low-hanging fruit, the stuff that's there, you
12 know, as -- you know, as quickly as possible.

13 I really do consider this a crisis
14 situation. We're not just talking about
15 affordable housing, we're talking about housing
16 and shelter for people. So that was -- that was
17 one of the things that I got from that NYCOM
18 meeting.

19 The other thing was, I think there was --
20 they talked -- the other thing I attended was
21 the -- the renewable energy program that they
22 did. It wasn't really anything for us in that.
23 There was -- they were talking about a NYSERDA
24 program to repurpose abandoned sites and power
25 plants and convert them for renewal energy. I

1 think there was a loan program along those lines.
2 I don't think anything like that would be
3 particularly relevant to us. We have our
4 microgrid project going on right now. But I'm
5 always kind of scouting out alternative energy
6 things, because our power -- the New York Power
7 Authority likes us to participate in those
8 things.

9 I have a -- just the Carousel Committee,
10 they will -- that will be welcome news to them,
11 if there is a possibility that the Carousel can
12 open again. They've been diligently having their
13 meetings, even though there's not been much to
14 discuss. They couldn't get into the Carousel to
15 take the decorations down because of the icy
16 conditions, but they did meet briefly. And the
17 Carousel, they'll leave the decorations there for
18 another month.

19 Marjory Stevens, who's been involved with
20 the Carousel forever, who's the Chairman of the
21 committee, has tendered her resignation to the
22 Mayor. And I can't tell you how long I've known
23 Marjory being involved with the Carousel. She
24 was there right from the get-go. She worked
25 there for many years, and, you know, has served

1 on the committee for many years. So, you know, a
2 great thank you to her for her service.

3 And she's asked that, you know, we try and
4 come up with a couple of new volunteers to be a
5 part of that committee. And she did ask, also,
6 that the BID maybe could make some suggestions
7 and use their network as well to help find some
8 people to get involved with that.

9 The BID had a meeting on February 10th. It
10 was not a lengthy meeting. There were not -- you
11 know, it was not that well attended. They're
12 talking -- a lot of the conversation was about
13 the noise ordinance, which I'm not going to go
14 into too much detail on right now. I think Rich
15 Vandenburg is going to make some comments after
16 the -- our portion of the meeting.

17 So, you know, they did have a question
18 about a link on the Dockwa website that we use to
19 put -- potentially have a link to the businesses
20 in the Village. I don't know if the committee
21 has reached out to Sylvia about that yet or not,
22 but that's something that we did have a
23 discussion on.

24 And, Mayor, I was curious if there was
25 any -- if you and Paul had come up with any

1 suggestions yet on the loading zones that you've
2 been working on for the last couple of months.
3 So that's --

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah, Paul does have some
5 diagrams, he's working on some things. We're
6 just trying to plan the rest of that out before
7 we make a formal presentation. We should have
8 that for next month.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Great. Okay. That's
10 pretty much what I'm going to discuss tonight.
11 Thank you very much.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

13 CLERK PIRILLO: Trustee Robins, I
14 apologize. Did you want me to answer? I do have
15 a response for you regarding the --

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Absolutely.

17 CLERK PIRILLO: Thank you. Regarding the
18 relationship with Dockwa. I spoke at length with
19 Mr. Penisi, who was the person that the BID
20 selected to work on this, in conjunction with
21 Paul and Attorney Prokop, okay?

22 I spoke at length with Mr. Penisi and we
23 decided that we were not going to have a link,
24 but that we were instead going to link onto the
25 Village website, specifically at the Marina

1 portion. And I'm in the process of getting
2 suggestions from Mr. Penisi, and also from our
3 side, but we will do that and we intend to do it
4 for this season.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Great. So they'll be
6 directed to the Village website, then, to get
7 that link, correct?

8 CLERK PIRILLO: Yes, they will, vice -- and
9 vice versa, so that we link that way.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

11 CLERK PIRILLO: Instead of using the Dockwa
12 system.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Mayor, I know I
14 finished -- said I finished my report, but could
15 I just mention one other thing?

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Sure.

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: You know, I've had, you
18 know, residents and people reach out to me for
19 various things going on throughout the Village,
20 specifically the sidewalk work over on Sixth
21 Avenue. Somebody reached out to me about trees
22 being removed. And I was just thinking that, you
23 know, our communication system coming out of
24 Village Hall to the residents, any -- everything
25 can always be improved. And I was wondering if,

1 you know, management could come up with some
2 ideas, maybe, of how to communicate and get
3 notices out to people.

4 I certainly, you know, think that the
5 Constant Contact is probably the best way to keep
6 in touch with people, and I -- you know, I know
7 Clerk Pirillo is, you know, very up to date on
8 everything that's going on in the Village. So
9 I'm kind of asking you, Sylvia, if you have any
10 suggestions on how we could improve that.

11 CLERK PIRILLO: I appreciate that, thank
12 you. There is always room for improvement. The
13 Constant Contact has worked out very well. The
14 only glitch is when someone doesn't sign up for
15 it. So the more people that we get to sign up
16 for it, and the more that have the little
17 bulletins, we did -- Paul, I believe we sent out
18 a bulletin about the work on Sixth Avenue, a
19 bulletin or two, if I remember well; is that
20 correct?

21 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That's my memory as
22 well, yes.

23 CLERK PIRILLO: Yeah. So we did send out a
24 bulletin or two. We also talked about it at
25 various meetings. I also encourage anyone to

1 call Village Hall at any time, and we do get a
2 lot of calls, and also to email either myself or
3 Paul.

4 And if anyone has suggestions other than
5 Constant Contact, which, again, please sign up
6 for. We have seen -- I have seen a tremendous
7 increase in the amount of people that signed up
8 for Constant Contact, so we are very happy about
9 that. That has grown exponentially. But we are
10 always looking for ideas on how to do it better.

11 We do post, as we all know, a lot on the
12 website as well. So, yes, anything that we can
13 do to make that faster and/or better, we are
14 absolutely open to it.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Sylvia and Paul, can I
16 just expand on Julia's, because that was one of
17 my topics. And this is kind of more of a
18 directive when we're doing work projects in an
19 area. I realize that Constant Contact is -- and
20 I've been promoting it so that people do sign up
21 for it, because I do think years ago, when it was
22 set up, it was a great idea of getting out to the
23 community. But when we're starting to do work
24 projects in an area, similar to Sixth Avenue with
25 the sidewalks, and when we did the other

1 projects, are we actually reaching out to the
2 residents in that area and just giving them a
3 personal heads-up that, you know, things are
4 going to be happening, and whether it's a note in
5 the door or something?

6 I mean, there's -- I know they did it
7 extensively when we were doing the sidewalks down
8 in the downtown business district. They were
9 going to each of the store owners and keeping
10 them up to date. Is that still going on if we
11 get into the residential areas?

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I mean, the short
13 answer is yes, we try to do that. I believe we
14 did that for this project. I don't specifically
15 remember, but I know we definitely attempt to do
16 that for each of the projects. That is the
17 standard operating procedure, yes.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But we're not leaving it
19 up to the contractor to do that?

20 CLERK PIRILLO: (Shook head no)

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We actually are doing it
22 ourselves?

23 CLERK PIRILLO: (Nodded yes)

24 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct. Well,
25 we're working --

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

2 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: -- in conjunction
3 with the contractor to make sure we understand
4 his process, you know, so we don't have to say
5 things that, you know, are inaccurate. So we
6 work with the contractor to develop the notice
7 and the schedule and then notify the residents.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, all right. That
9 seemed to be some of the confusion that I think
10 some of us heard about from some of the residents
11 on Sixth Avenue. A lot of it had to deal with
12 trees, which we knew was going to need to be
13 done, because to put the sidewalks in safely.
14 But we are planting new trees down in that area,
15 are we not?

16 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: That's a Tree
17 Committee call, but, you know, for --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: These particular
20 trees were related only to the sidewalk. You
21 know, the Tree Committee knows about them. If
22 they choose to replace them in those areas, then
23 yes, the answer would be yes.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So I --

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Just -- I want to just add

1 a couple of things on that. Yeah, the Tree
2 Committee will be looking at trees to go down
3 there. The Sixth Avenue project, you know,
4 people were notified. There were some complaints
5 about the tree bid that went our for cutting the
6 trees down, and somebody didn't know a tree was
7 coming down, but to notify that. There was 40
8 trees and, I believe, 60 stumps throughout the
9 whole Village.

10 So, you know, it's on the website. The
11 tree bid is there. People could look at the bid
12 and see where they're going to be doing stuff.
13 You know, some was done inhouse by our people,
14 some were done by Johnson Tree. And, you know,
15 we voted on the bid and they had every tree
16 listed in there. It would be too hard to try to
17 notify the whole Village of the trees all around,
18 except for that trees were being taken care of.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, I -- no, I
20 understand, Mayor. I was really primarily
21 talking about the Sixth Avenue project, because
22 they -- you know, the sidewalks did go in, and
23 some of the trees came down because of the
24 sidewalks, because they had to in order for us to
25 not have sidewalk damage done by the trees, nor

1 could -- there was one tree that, unfortunately,
2 was just going to encompass the whole -- the
3 whole sidewalk.

4 So I just -- I'm just asking if, you know,
5 on those smaller projects, where it's one on -- a
6 little bit smaller than the whole tree bid, if
7 that was happening, that's all.

8 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah. Actually, before we
9 went and did the project, two years ago, we sent
10 a questionnaire to everybody on that road, and
11 people on the east side of the road said they did
12 not want curbs and stuff and sidewalks on their
13 side. So everybody on the road was notified two
14 years ago that we were going to be doing a
15 project and what was going to go on down there.
16 And that's why we did not do the curbs on the
17 east side, we just stuck to the west side, along
18 with the grant money and what we had done.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. No, I remember.

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: They might not have
21 remembered it, there might have been new people
22 that moved in after we went and did that. But, I
23 mean, everybody was sent a letter asking for
24 their opinions on it and I believe we got back
25 about 20 letters.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Okay, thank you.

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah.

3 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: And also, Trustee
4 Phillips, to be clear on that, one large tree
5 that came down, I think there were two residents
6 directly involved. I personally spoke to one of
7 them prior to the work, just to be aware.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, no, no, no, I
9 understand. It was just there's a lot of loving
10 history that was from local, older local
11 residents that are no longer with us, that have
12 been attached to the Tree Committee and to the
13 trees, and, you know, they've -- they've voiced
14 their opinion in the fact that they thought that
15 the Tree Committee had missed -- had lost out on
16 its mission, which is not the case, and part of
17 that is just putting the emotions aside and
18 asking questions, and that's the only reason I
19 brought it up.

20 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, very good. Thank
21 you. Okay. Trustee Robins, were you finished?

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yes, Mayor. Thank you
23 very much.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. All right. We'll
25 move on to Trustee Clarke.

1 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you, Mayor. I
2 wanted to -- I saw that we received additional
3 communication about Fourth Street road end
4 mitigation, and I'm wondering if there are any
5 plans to address the letter that was received, if
6 there's any sense of urgency around that, or is
7 that just standard operating procedure, and we'll
8 be waiting on that, or what the plan is.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Go ahead, Paul.

10 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I mean, there --
11 it's not forgotten, certainly, and I continue to
12 try to figure out the best possible solution,
13 both short-term and long-term, for it. You know,
14 it is not something that's going to happen
15 imminently, I can say that at this stage. More
16 of a spring project once we decide on the best,
17 best way to mitigate it.

18 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Okay. So, very good. I
19 wanted to let you know, Mayor, that in response
20 to your request for us to submit our suggestions
21 on addressing the use of Fifth Street Beach and
22 Park, I submitted mine today to both you and the
23 Administrator, as well as copied my colleagues.

24 I wanted to ask the Administrator,
25 Treasurer, and you, Mr. Mayor, about any response

1 or consideration to the BID budget increase
2 request that was submitted via email earlier this
3 month.

4 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. The response was
5 sent back to Rich Vandenburg, the president of
6 the BID, from Robert. Paul, Robert and myself
7 had a meeting and we discussed that. At this
8 point right now, with everything that everybody's
9 been going through, we're trying to limit any tax
10 increases to keep us below the tax cap, and a
11 letter similar to that is what was sent back to
12 Mr. Vandenburg from Treasurer Brandt.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So the BID does -- just
14 to Robert. So the BID does fall under the 2% tax
15 cap increase formula?

16 TREASURER BRANDT: It does impact on it,
17 absolutely, absolutely.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Even though it's a
19 separate assessment?

20 TREASURER BRANDT: No, it's a special
21 district that's encompassed in the -- in the
22 overall levy, and that's how they calculate the
23 2%. It does play a part.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. But does that
25 give them the availability of doing a special

1 assessment, similar to what we did with the
2 bathrooms, or is that not possible anymore?

3 TREASURER BRANDT: I would have to
4 investigate that for you, I don't have an
5 immediate answer for that.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

7 ATTORNEY PROKOP: I think the bathrooms
8 were a capital improvement, right, Robert?
9 That's not included in that?

10 TREASURER BRANDT: That was before my time.
11 I think we did have some sort of grant involved
12 with doing the bathrooms down there, if I'm not
13 mistaken.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, we did. It was a
15 grant through Suffolk County, and the BID agreed
16 to do a special assessment that was -- it was in
17 addition to their normal BID assessment to go
18 towards the bathrooms.

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It was before my
20 time as well, but I think the Village Attorney is
21 correct, it was specifically for a capital
22 improvement, as opposed to general assessment.

23 TREASURER BRANDT: Right.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. And just going back

1 to Peter, the other question you had about the
2 Fifth Street Park, I did not see that email. Was
3 that late today that it went out?

4 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Yes. Yes, sir.

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. So I have not read
6 it yet. I haven't received any others, so I'll
7 review that after the meeting and let you know.

8 TRUSTEE CLARKE: I recognize that it was
9 late in coming out, but I wanted to acknowledge
10 that I did manage to get it completed.

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. No, that's good. I
12 look forward to reading it and seeing what you
13 got there.

14 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you very much. I
15 do -- I would like to -- obviously, I respect the
16 decision to stay within the tax cap, and I also
17 recognize the many burdens this past year has put
18 on all municipalities, including Greenport, but I
19 was favorably disposed to Mr. Vandenburg's
20 request. And I'm wondering if there's any other
21 way to perhaps consider a look at any increased
22 resources for the BID, notwithstanding a tax
23 increase. Maybe there is something else more
24 creative that we could come up with just to
25 support the business community at the end of a

1 difficult year and moving forward. So if anyone
2 has an idea that's out of the box or different
3 than a sheer tax increase, I'd love for us to try
4 and discuss it and lend what support we can.

5 The only other thing I have on here, I
6 wanted to acknowledge that the parklet survey was
7 then out. As a business owner in the district, I
8 did receive the survey and respond in kind. So I
9 know that the information that I requested, in
10 order to informatively work on the direction for
11 the parklets, once we receive the official
12 request from the BID, that that will be informed
13 with answers and information from all the BID
14 members that choose to respond to the survey.

15 And I'm hoping we can put that on a
16 timeline that allows us to complete whatever
17 decisions or vote we need to take, so that
18 whatever is decided, it's clear and communicated
19 with ample time before the kickoff to our summer
20 season on Labor Day, that we should be, you know,
21 considering and voting on anything that needs to
22 be done. Certainly, ideally, April, but at the
23 latest, in May, knowing that one of the
24 criticisms we received last year was operating
25 slowly and making decisions late that affected

1 people.

2 And I'm certainly not criticizing anyone in
3 repeating that, but I have to acknowledge that
4 there was a period of people who were very upset
5 that, you know, we didn't have things sorted out
6 sooner. And since we've had a year under our
7 belts, I thought perhaps we could get this onto a
8 timeline that would help drive it to closure and
9 decision-making on a timely basis to avoid any of
10 that confusion or disorganization as people enter
11 into the busy time of year.

12 And lastly, I want to advocate again for us
13 to revisit the ideas that have been brought up by
14 various members of the Board, including you,
15 Mr. Mayor, in terms of advocating for forward
16 movement on Business District parking. I'm sure
17 that is also -- and off that, too, the work
18 that's being done on loading zones.

19 But, again, I'd like to volunteer, even, to
20 help with creating a timeline, if you will, that
21 will help us move forward, if not for this year,
22 but at least some sort of trajectory that allows
23 us in 2022 to have a timeline that we can move
24 towards and take significant action on with
25 resident involvement, as well as the Business

1 District involvement.

2 So I would like to volunteer to be involved
3 in that, if you want to form a committee on it,
4 or anything of that sort that I could help. I
5 love the ideas that came up about expansion at
6 Moores Lane. I know some businesses were
7 successful in using the school for shuttling
8 employee parking. How do we help the BID
9 coordinate that and organize it so that more
10 businesses, rather than just Claudio's, can use
11 it. How can we revisit the -- Julia has a vendor
12 that wants to come forward. There's a number of
13 issues around this that if we could get organized
14 around, I think it's late to effect much for this
15 year.

16 Certainly, we could revisit any of the
17 timed parking or any of the loading zone issues
18 that are out there. We could certainly explore
19 signage for off-site parking, or better signage
20 to direct folks to the railroad parking lot,
21 which has been underused since we put up the
22 limited time parking, and, at the same time, get
23 ourselves organized maybe for bigger picture
24 ideas for 2022.

25 So I just want to throw my hat in the ring

1 that I'm very interested in working on that with
2 anyone that you would think would be a good
3 resource. And perhaps we should even look at
4 some outside help to help with the planning of
5 that, should it be something -- you know, there
6 are so many projects on the Village's plate right
7 now with limited resources. I just want to be
8 sensitive that I understand all these things are
9 important, but it's hard to get them all done.
10 And looking for perhaps a way to structure some
11 of this work that would take some of the leg work
12 off those who are already doing everything, and
13 move the more beneficial issues to the forefront
14 for the next year or two.

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, that's fine. As we
16 get farther into that, with the budget
17 constraints and the -- not receiving Federal Aid
18 and everything else, and the ongoing COVID
19 battle, budget has been an issue and all that.
20 As, you know, Clerk Pirillo said, you know, 40
21 people were behind on their taxes, didn't pay
22 them. So we've been being conservative.

23 So we really haven't pushed that, because
24 it's going to cost substantial money to
25 reconfigure Moores Lane, you know, with the

1 parking and everything else, and we're still
2 waiting to get an answer. Hopefully, we'll get
3 that soon from the DEC on the Mini Railroad, so
4 when we're up there doing stuff, we can kind of
5 coordinate that all together. That is the
6 overall plan for that.

7 So, hopefully, we're at the last stage with
8 the DEC, so that way, when we break ground on
9 that part of it, we can redo the parking and
10 everything at the same time. So that kind of
11 puts it all together.

12 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: You're welcome.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Peter, can I just circle
15 back on one -- on your parklet survey that you
16 were talking about?

17 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Yes.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: The BID's intention is to
19 complete that survey prior to next month's work
20 session, and get that result into us, into the
21 Board in time for us to discuss it at the
22 meeting.

23 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Great.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So --

25 TRUSTEE CLARKE: So that would allow us to

1 adhere to the proposed timeline I'm talking
2 about.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yep, okay.

4 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mr. Mayor, if the BID
6 survey is going to be coming in before our next
7 work session, could we possibly have as an
8 invited guest to our work session to discuss
9 their results and our thoughts? Maybe
10 Mr. Vandenburg or a representative from the BID
11 could come and we could interact a little bit
12 quick, you know, with all of us to get ideas on
13 the table, instead of waiting until April to pass
14 it on.

15 That would be a collaborative effort,
16 because the parklets are an economic --
17 economically important to some of those in the
18 Business District. And there were some other
19 issues that we all have heard about, and I think
20 talking together about it after the survey would
21 be moving forward a first step. It's just a
22 request and it's just a thought.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: No, that's a decent
24 request. Also, I know with some of the delays
25 and stuff like that, we're going under Executive

1 Order and waiting for the DOT to give permission
2 to use the roads, because they own them. So we
3 can't make that decision unilaterally ourselves,
4 we're relying on New York State. And I know with
5 the Executive Orders that they have, I don't know
6 if the State's going to allow that again this
7 year or not, and the Suffolk County Board of
8 Health.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: So it's a whole combination
11 of things that go through. Besides just us
12 saying yes, permission has to come from other
13 people. They want to see the plan, how they're
14 going to do it, and how it's all going to work,
15 and that's stuff that the Village Attorney has to
16 work on to get that all submitted to them, and
17 then we wait on them to give us an answer.

18 So it is frustrating to everybody, myself
19 included, because, you know, we're trying to do
20 the right thing, but some of the stuff is out of
21 our hands and we're waiting on other agencies to
22 give us answers. But the sooner we can get
23 working on something, if we're going to put them
24 back in again, you know, we need to talk to the
25 Fire Department again, because I know they were

1 quite concerned last year and were glad to see
2 them go out. So let's get the survey in.
3 Hopefully, the BID has that into us, so we can
4 look at it first before the meeting, and then we
5 can have a discussion about it.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, thank you.

7 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yep. Okay. Trustee
8 Clarke, did you have anything else?

9 TRUSTEE CLARKE: No. Thank you so much.

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. Thank you.
11 Okay. Trustee Phillips?

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I, also, along with
13 Trustee Roberts -- I mean, Robins, attended the
14 NYCOM virtual meeting. One of the ones that I
15 did listen to was how the municipality can help
16 the downtown districts start recovering from the
17 COVID restrictions. It was an interesting --
18 interesting video or presentation, and some of
19 the other ones were thought-provoking.

20 And I haven't really had an opportunity to
21 put all of it together to send out an email that
22 I had wanted to do before this meeting, but it
23 will happen before next meeting.

24 And that, along with the Fifth Street Park,
25 my thoughts, it could -- as we all know, February

1 is a short month, and it's been a busy month for
2 all of us.

3 One, one item that I really would like to
4 see us start, either doing a discussion with --
5 discussion with -- is on the accessory --
6 accessory units that you presented as a
7 possibility for helping find housing for young
8 couples. I really, really strongly believe that
9 we need to start discussing that and looking at
10 it. It doesn't have -- you know, perhaps one or
11 two Trustees could start looking at things and
12 start throwing ideas out, so that we could kind
13 of get a handle on it.

14 I do know that one of my concerns with it
15 is that it does not encourage anymore Airbnbs in
16 the Village of Greenport community. I think we
17 have enough, and that, that would be a legal
18 question that I would really, before we even
19 start thinking about it, how to solve that
20 problem.

21 I would be very interested in helping with
22 that, if it would help start out with an outline
23 of where we should start and how to move forward.
24 I'm assuming that at some point it would need to
25 go before Planning for some information. And I

1 do need to know whether we're going to
2 grandfather some of the units that we have around
3 here, that a while ago we had started to try.
4 And, Joe, you correct me. I believe we tried to,
5 on some people who had accessory apartments or
6 additional apartments that weren't permitted,
7 that we were trying to work towards getting that
8 caught up. Was that part of years ago we were
9 doing that?

10 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes. We had a list of
11 about two dozen accessory units that needed to be
12 brought up to code -- I'm sorry, needed to get
13 certifications, and a number of them did work
14 toward -- a number of them have worked with the
15 Village towards that.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, all right. So, as
17 I said, I believe strongly that it's a topic we
18 need to have a discussion about. I think it's an
19 important -- it's an important topic for our
20 community, and I know that Trustee Robins, and
21 Trustee Clarke, and yourself are strongly in
22 favor of moving it forward. So I would -- I
23 would be willing to help start the discussion and
24 start moving it forward.

25 The other thing, of course, most of it's

1 been brought up, the end of Fourth Street.

2 I'm glad to hear that the Mini Railroad is
3 starting to move forward.

4 We do have a problem with the Skate Park.
5 I got some messages that apparently there's some
6 issues up there that need to be taken care of
7 with the winter damage. So, Paul, could you take
8 a look at it? I don't know when the last time
9 somebody's taken a survey up there of what's
10 falling apart on it since the winter set in.
11 Somebody mentioned some boards being up and some
12 nails being -- needing to be pounded down or
13 something. It's just children are using it and I
14 just don't want anybody to have an accident.

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah, we'll
16 definitely have -- during the last few weeks,
17 there's been a lot of -- with the snowstorms and
18 so forth, it probably -- it probably hasn't been
19 looked at, there wouldn't have been a need. But
20 I will certainly have it taken -- taken a look at
21 early next week.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, if they just could
23 survey what kind of damage is up there, it would
24 be appreciated.

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The other thing, Mayor,
2 is -- and we all know the winter has been rough
3 on our roads, and I know that money is tight, but
4 I was just wondering if over the next couple --
5 if we have developed, and I know that you've
6 mentioned it a couple of times, a capital plan
7 for dealing with the paving of the residential
8 areas. Have we updated that plan, or are we
9 moving forward, or we've just kind of put it in a
10 holding pattern for this year as just -- I know
11 we were supposed to do Fourth Street, and I was
12 hoping that that's -- is that still in the works?

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, we voted to do the
14 bonding for that; we haven't used any of the
15 money yet. But in that plan was Fourth Street,
16 Wiggins Street, Sixth Avenue, all the way around
17 to where it comes back out on Fourth Avenue. But
18 we've had requests for Kaplan Avenue, for
19 something to be done on there. That would tie
20 together all the roads in that area, that they
21 all would have been done within the past eight
22 years.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

24 MAYOR HUBBARD: So that's still there. We
25 have the authorization to do it. Also, on that

1 was going to be Adams Street, which we tried to
2 get done before the winter set in, but the
3 contractor was not able to make it there in time.
4 So Adams Street behind the laundromat, where that
5 old water main was put in, and everything has
6 sunk down, that was also part of that, that
7 project.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: So, hopefully, we can do
10 that in the spring.

11 Just, also, to answer you on the accessory
12 apartments, if you remember, we had a request to
13 the Zoning Board for an interpretation on the
14 original code that was done by previous Boards,
15 and then was changed by a different
16 administration. So we're trying to work through
17 that, because some people feel that it doesn't
18 need to have -- we don't need to change the code
19 at all, that we could just go forward with it.
20 But then the ZBA did do an interpretation on it.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: So we need to figure out a
23 legal way to do that without opening the same can
24 of worms again, that we had very argumentative
25 fights, I think it was about six years ago, on

1 the whole thing.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. No, then --

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: So if they legally are
4 allowed now, Paul and Joe are working on getting
5 a determination on that and see what we have
6 to do.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Well, that's -- I
8 remember, that's why I brought it up.

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm glad to hear that
11 that -- I remember that very well.

12 What was the other thing? Parklets, Fifth
13 Street Beach, the accessory capital plans, the
14 Mini Railroad. I think that was pretty much it.
15 Okay? Other than that, the rest will wait for
16 next -- you know, next month, okay? Thank you
17 very much.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you. Okay,
19 Trustee Martilotta?

20 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: All right, got it. So
21 I guess the big thing to hit on for me for the
22 last month, again, with Mr. Pallas, we've
23 continued to work on the -- the Southold Town
24 Justice Reform as -- Mondays and Tuesdays,
25 several hours each time. We're getting to a

1 point now where we're getting ready to present
2 the findings to the Southold Town Board, at which
3 time I've got to ask, but I'm assuming that we'll
4 be able to present it to this Board as well.

5 There's been a lot of good work that's gone
6 into it, and, yeah, we'll see. We'll see what it
7 ends up producing, but it's -- but it's -- it's
8 been -- learned a lot about the Police Department
9 and how they function, and I think it's been a
10 really positive thing. And, hopefully,
11 hopefully, the suggestions are what some of the
12 Southold Town Board wants to see instituted.

13 That's really all I have, Mr. Mayor, that's
14 been the focus of what I've been doing.

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

16 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Yes, sir.

17 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you so much.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Pretty much what I
19 have, we've already discussed whatever I had,
20 what we were working for the past month.

21 So, at this point, I'll open up to the
22 public to address the Board. I know
23 Mr. Vandenburg is online and he wanted to speak
24 to us. So, Paul, if you could turn his mic back
25 on there. There he is. Hello, Rich.

1 MR. VANDENBURGH: Hi, good evening. Good
2 evening, everyone. Good evening, Mr. Mayor,
3 Trustees, thank you.

4 Yes, I do want to just cover a few items,
5 and I have about three or four kind of
6 generalized areas of comments and suggestions or
7 asks just to share with you, the first being I
8 think one that's most prevalent with regard to
9 the BID and our membership, and that is the noise
10 code.

11 So, you know, certainly, the noise code is
12 something that we had visited or kind of
13 revisited, I guess, last year, really kind of
14 pre-pandemic. So, you know, at that point, there
15 was some response and engagement by the BID and
16 our membership relative to making suggestions.
17 It then was ultimately tabled at the time,
18 because there were concerns that were legitimate
19 concerns that were raised, and then the pandemic
20 struck in full force.

21 And, ultimately, I think what happened was,
22 while those concerns had been arrived at that
23 time, the issues and, you know, the areas that we
24 really needed to work on were tabled in a sense
25 that they were kind of put out of the focus of

1 all of us, from the BID's perspective I would say
2 that. And only recently, in January, when it's
3 now come back up, as we begin to look at the next
4 season, hasn't really come back into full focus
5 for, you know, the Board, as well as the BID and
6 our membership.

7 And I want to just simply say first, that I
8 really appreciate some of the level of engagement
9 that we've had from our membership. We've had
10 some -- you know, some great innovative business
11 people that have reached out and raised some
12 questions and provided comments to me. Real
13 concerns as well from various different
14 businesses that are, you know, directly involved
15 in the noise, you know, aspect of what they do in
16 their businesses.

17 But I also want to really say that I very
18 much appreciated reading the letter by Ms. Hammes
19 relative to the concerns that she raised in
20 dissecting a lot of the questions, and even more
21 granular specific issues relative to the code.

22 And so I think, you know, in the end, it's
23 like the big picture from the -- from the BID's
24 point of view is that what is our goal? Our goal
25 in revising or revamping the noise ordinance is

1 to make sure that we can have a clear, a concise
2 and effective code that will garner compliance as
3 much as possible from those that are directly
4 involved, that are, you know, affected by it, or
5 the sources of it, as well as effective and
6 efficient compliance and enforcement of the code.

7 And, you know, I think that raises a number
8 of questions in my mind and in our membership's
9 mind, because not only are -- you know, the BID
10 is very understanding of the fact that we don't
11 just serve completely the business interests of
12 our membership in the Village, but also the
13 residential people, the residents that live in
14 and about the Village. And there has to be a
15 fair and effective way to address what happens in
16 our Village that respects not only the fact that
17 our businesses are incredibly important to our
18 Village and its economic health, its vitality,
19 but also understanding that residents have a
20 right to understand and be entitled to quiet
21 enjoyment, you know, during -- during certain
22 times of the day, and days of the week, and
23 months of the year.

24 So I think the first, you know, thing that
25 we have to look at with this code is making sure

1 that we're basing some of the language of this
2 code in a way that is going to provide that
3 accountability from the businesses that are going
4 to be looked at for enforcement purposes, but
5 also be fair to those businesses, as well as, as
6 I say, to the residents.

7 And there are just a number -- a whole host
8 of issues, when you look at the language of this
9 code, that raise a lot of questions and concerns
10 as to wanting to -- I understand kind of
11 fundamentally you want to get to a point where
12 you're responding to those -- the complaints that
13 you've received, you know, the issues that are
14 there. But we have to make sure that we're not
15 knee-jerking this code in a way that is going to
16 just create additional, you know, regulation that
17 is not going to be enforceable, it's not going to
18 be fair, there's not going to be a willingness to
19 comply with it from the businesses.

20 There's a lot of loopholes and holes, and,
21 again, I point to Ms. Hammes letter that really
22 does a wonderful job of articulating that. But
23 there's real concerns about even the permitting
24 process, you know, what that means for
25 businesses, the decibel level issues, the

1 enforcement efforts, the equipment that is going
2 to be used.

3 There are just so many questions that are
4 raised now that we begin to, you know, look at
5 this code more precisely; that in the end,
6 really, what we need to do, and as much as I'm
7 sure, Mr. Mayor, you don't want to hear this, but
8 really in the end, what we need to do is we need
9 to take a little bit more time in order to
10 receive and get, you know, expert input and data
11 in terms of what really should be involved in a
12 model code that is going to balance those
13 requirements and expectations from both the
14 commercial and the residential side.

15 So, with that in mind, I can tell you and
16 share with you that, you know, the BID, with a
17 number of businesses, members, reached out and
18 communicated with a professional acoustic testing
19 company, they're based out of Austin, Texas,
20 called On-Site, in order to explore what we could
21 do to bring information to you, Mr. Mayor and the
22 Board, that would help not only better understand
23 kind of what, you know, decibel ranges should be,
24 frequencies with A -- you know, Decibel A and
25 Decibel C.

1 There's a whole host of additional
2 information that we feel very invested in
3 bringing back to the Board to allow the Board to
4 implement a code and draft a code that is going
5 to be way more effective and more clear and
6 concise than the current draft of the code.

7 And I would ask, in that -- you know, in
8 that regard, that we have time. And we're
9 looking at -- you know, there's a cost to
10 bringing in an expert like this, but I would ask
11 for time to allow us to do that. I realize this
12 matter was before, you know, the Board a year
13 ago, and I'm fully admitting that we have not
14 done much since then until now in order to engage
15 and kind of get these answers and get this
16 information. You know, it's not been
17 intentional, it's clearly been we've been focused
18 on other things.

19 I understand there's a pressing need to
20 want to resolve the code and get it to a point
21 where we feel like we can close the book on what
22 the language says, but I urge you, Mr. Mayor and
23 the Trustees, to seriously consider the fact that
24 implementing a code that is imperfect to the
25 extent that this one is potentially will cost the

1 Village more money, especially with the
2 permitting process. And that's because if we
3 have a permitting process that requires
4 businesses, and perhaps, we don't know, because
5 the code language is not clear enough, you know,
6 for residents, and backyard parties, or whoever
7 else may be affected by such a permitting
8 process.

9 You know, to secure these permits with the
10 potential of that permit being withdrawn based
11 upon violations, that's going to trigger a
12 greater engagement by those people who are cited,
13 potentially, to fight those actions in court. It
14 no longer becomes pay the nominal fine, it's the
15 utility of doing business. It becomes a much
16 more significant fight to preserve the fact that
17 if I lose my permit, I lose a significant portion
18 of my livelihood and my business. And,
19 therefore, with imperfect enforcement language, I
20 think then the Village is faced with having to
21 expend much more legal fees, because businesses
22 will be compelled to fight more.

23 And so I think it's pretty important for us
24 to consider the fact that we -- if we want an
25 enforcement mechanism that's going to be as

1 complete and as tight and as effective as
2 possible, that we take the time to make sure we
3 craft language and have a standard that's going
4 to be understood clearly by all involved.

5 I also think that in doing that, and
6 inviting and accepting, you know, the business
7 communities' involvement in this process of
8 getting this information, that you then get a
9 buy-in from those businesses who will be part of
10 the process of crafting a code subject to
11 ultimate, you know, passing by the Trustees, that
12 they understand is a process by which is based in
13 scientific fact and some accumulation of expert
14 information.

15 So I want to urge, and I understand, I
16 understand this is not what you want to hear, but
17 really urge that the Board table this potential
18 passing of this particular draft of the code
19 until we can get that information.

20 We've just recently, this week, gotten
21 estimates, you know, proposals from the
22 acoustical testing company that will be able to
23 give us clear baselines as to what ambient noise
24 in the street on a regular day is, so we can
25 begin to base what those, you know, really

1 acceptable criteria should be for decibel limits,
2 and where those limits should be, you know,
3 metered from.

4 The equipment that should be used, we've
5 begun to gather information on that with the idea
6 of, you know, potentially helping fund the
7 acquisition of that equipment, so that not only
8 does the Village Code Enforcement Officer have
9 the appropriate equipment, but also the
10 businesses understand that, you know, what is
11 being read or taken as far as a reading is an
12 accountable reading.

13 We also have been exploring self-monitoring
14 technology and innovation that would allow
15 businesses to potentially have onsite their own
16 monitoring equipment with things such as a light
17 that -- you know, and equipment that can't be,
18 you know, tampered with to register the type of,
19 you know, warnings that you are now exceeding
20 decibel levels in terms of your operation.

21 So I think there's a whole host of
22 potential opportunity for us to do a much better
23 job at arriving at a code that will, you know,
24 really accomplish what the ultimate goal is, and
25 that is making sure that we can harmoniously

1 enjoy all of what Greenport has offered for so
2 many years. I mean, we are a resort area. It is
3 part of our culture, but we need to make sure
4 that we're being -- we're being fair, and that
5 there's accountability, and that there's going to
6 be a clear and effective way to enforce the code.

7 So that is my comment on that particular
8 subject. There is a petition, you may be aware
9 of it, that is being circulated. We have thus
10 far over 200 signatures on that petition that are
11 asking that this matter be tabled to allow us
12 time to get this information, to report back to
13 you, you know, the Board, for purposes of being
14 able to offer greater, you know, insight or
15 suggestions in terms of what that code should
16 say. A number of those people I anticipate that
17 you will hear from next week, because, you know,
18 they range from not only businesses, but
19 residents, as well as, you know, people whose
20 livelihood is based upon the arts, that, you
21 know, are what make Greenport kind of the vibrant
22 Village that it is.

23 So I would ask that, you know, as we
24 approach that hearing, that you keep all of that
25 in mind with the idea that we allow us to time to

1 help you arrive at a more effective code.

2 I don't know if -- and I don't know if this
3 is the setting where there's any questions on
4 that, but I'm happy --

5 MAYOR HUBBARD: I would just say, how much
6 time do you think you're going to need to do
7 this, to accomplish that?

8 MR. VANDENBURGH: I think it's probably,
9 for purposes, you know, to get the readings in
10 terms of -- you know, obviously, if we were to
11 take ambient readings right now, kind of street
12 noise levels right now, I don't know if that's
13 necessarily a fair measure of what happens on the
14 streets. Is April a more fair measure of what
15 happens on the street on a normal weekday?

16 You know, the model code language that we
17 ultimately would hope to get from them, I would
18 think that we would be able to have that in a
19 matter of, you know, 30 to 60 days, tops.

20 So I think it's something that, you know --
21 and I will say, on top of all of this effort to
22 kind of get to some language and some real
23 scientific data that we can rely on, you know,
24 the other consideration that I have to ask you to
25 think about is the fact that, you know, our

1 businesses in the Village are coming off of a
2 horrendous year last year. So to start to
3 implement some of this more restrictive and
4 uncertain language that's in the code going into,
5 hopefully, what is a recovery year, at least
6 maybe the latter half of this year in any event,
7 hopefully, that will be something that, you know,
8 would allow us at least to have maybe two to four
9 months to try and, you know, really position
10 ourselves, so that we would be absolutely
11 optimally ready to pass something by the time we
12 get to the latter half of the season, or, at the
13 very least, you know, for the beginning of next
14 year.

15 And I will say this. I think, you know,
16 most of the businesses -- we know that there are
17 a few that are kind of the chronic offenders.
18 Most of the businesses also understand that this
19 subject and this topic is important to -- you
20 know, to you, Mr. Mayor and the Trustees, that
21 there -- just simply by asking for more time to
22 do this, it's not saying, "Well, okay, it's" --
23 you know, "We don't have to worry about complying
24 with anything, because we've got more time to do
25 whatever we want." These businesses understand

1 that we have to continue to focus on the fact
2 that we need to have a balance between what
3 happens in the Village between businesses and
4 residents.

5 So, you know, I don't -- I don't want you
6 to interpret the request for a delay as simply a,
7 you know, all-hands-free kind of atmosphere based
8 upon no revision to the code. Businesses are
9 much more engaged, and I'm asking for as much
10 engagement from the public as we possibly can get
11 to really work on figuring out with this
12 professional input to get to a point where we can
13 all agree this is fair, this is fair, this is
14 reasonable.

15 So I'm just saying, to answer your question
16 again, specifically, I would say a maximum of
17 four months.

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, that's fine. Just so
19 we have a general idea where we're heading with
20 this, and that will be up to, you know, the Board
21 to decide.

22 This got tabled because the Board was not
23 happy with the language. Some Board Members were
24 not happy with it, that's why the vote on this
25 was tabled three months ago, and then it came

1 back up, they want to get something accomplished
2 with it. I know I got a letter from one Trustee
3 today that was in favor of tabling it again and
4 redoing the whole code.

5 This is a combination of information that
6 we had gotten from you, from other codes, Sag
7 Harbor's code, Riverhead's code, Southold's code.
8 It was a combination. We morphed everything
9 together into one thing. If you can get -- you
10 know, get some productive information back to us,
11 and we could sit there and modify it and try to
12 put together something that will work, you know,
13 unless the Trustees feel differently.

14 It was tabled before. It's been going on
15 for a year-and-a-half, so another six months is
16 not going to make that big a difference. You
17 know, the only thing that really changed from the
18 model that was out there to talk about last
19 spring where the decibel readings were changed.
20 The other stuff all was in that original draft
21 from the springtime, which got tabled. So --

22 MR. VANDENBURGH: Yep, understood.

23 MAYOR HUBBARD: If the Board is comfortable
24 with that, I don't see -- you know, we really --
25 technically, we really don't even need the public

1 hearing next week, unless the Board wants to go
2 and continue getting input from other people. If
3 we're going to start waiting for Rich's
4 professionals or the experts to get the
5 information, then we have to talk about what we
6 want to do with the public hearing.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mr. Mayor, first of all,
8 I have two questions, and maybe Rich can answer
9 this. The restaurants, they'll still need --
10 have to close -- it was 10 o'clock. Is it now 11
11 o'clock that they have to close by?

12 MR. VANDENBURGH: Yes.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Eleven o'clock now, yes.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Is that going to
15 continue? I would assume that that's going to
16 continue through the summer, or at least for a
17 while?

18 MAYOR HUBBARD: It's all by Executive
19 Order, and that's done by Albany. And so it
20 takes -- Albany deals day to day. They don't
21 look forward for things, they don't tell you in a
22 month from now. They come up with an idea and
23 they pass it. So that's an Executive Order that
24 we have to go by.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So --

1 MAYOR HUBBARD: So I don't know how long --

2 MR. VANDENBURGH: I would say --

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But we still have to --

4 MR. VANDENBURGH: I would say, Mary Bess,
5 assuming that, you know, that remains the case at
6 least through June, you know, I think my
7 involvement with the New York State Business
8 Association know there is an expectation that
9 we're going to continuing to see a lessening, a
10 relaxation of those rules. But if you were to
11 assume that that's the rule now between now and,
12 you know, latter half of the year, I mean, that
13 kind of sets some built in time frames for
14 anything that's going on, because there are a lot
15 of social distancing requirements as it is, you
16 know.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And then the other
18 question is, and in reference to the public
19 hearing, Mayor, I, for one, understand where the
20 business community is coming from. But we also
21 represent the residential areas that may have
22 some comments that they may want to make in
23 reference to some of the other sections of this
24 noise ordinance.

25 So I -- I would prefer to move forward with

1 the public hearing, hear what the comments are
2 for our own, you know, fact-finding basis, and
3 then we can always close the hearing, and then
4 keep moving forward with changes, or table, you
5 know, holding off on a final vote on it until the
6 Business District does their due diligence in
7 what they're saying.

8 But I do feel that we need to give the
9 residents an opportunity at the public hearing to
10 give their -- their opinion on this document that
11 we've put out asking for their -- for their
12 opinion. So that's my feeling.

13 TRUSTEE CLARKE: But, Mary Bess, on a
14 procedural question, wouldn't -- I would assume
15 that the delay in moving forward to vote on the
16 code changes would mean that additional changes
17 would be made. That's the expectation that I'm
18 hearing from Mr. Vandenburgh. So, as a result,
19 would another public hearing be required?

20 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes, another public
21 hearing would be required on the -- if there's
22 substantive changes to the Local Law, a new
23 notice would have to be published for another
24 public hearing on that version of the Local Law.

25 TRUSTEE CLARKE: So I'm thinking, in my

1 mind, from a procedural standpoint, it would make
2 more sense to have a public hearing on a final
3 version, than to have one on the version that we
4 are now discussing changing, unless you just want
5 to have two public hearings. I mean, because
6 the -- I agree with you, that the feedback from
7 the residents is equally as important, but they
8 would have the same opportunity to comment --
9 excuse me -- on the future public hearing as they
10 would next week.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But the whole purpose of
12 a public hearing is to take what we're suggesting
13 and putting it out to the whole community. There
14 were some points in that noise ordinance that
15 really has nothing to do with the Business
16 District. We've heard from residents who have
17 had comments on it. And I just feel that -- I
18 know public hearings are lengthy at times, but
19 they're also a fact-finding for us as a Board to
20 make -- to move forward on creating a code change
21 or a document that is fair and equitable as it
22 can be, or general consensus.

23 And I just don't think -- I understand
24 where the Business is -- District is coming from,
25 and we have the opportunity, after the public

1 hearing is closed, to move forward in a different
2 direction, change as a Board and making a
3 decision. As the Mayor said, it will be up to us
4 to make -- make the outline of how we want to
5 proceed with it.

6 But I still feel that we've noticed the
7 public hearing. We have residents who are
8 interested in making some comments that has
9 nothing to do with the Business -- the Business
10 District portion of it. And I think they
11 should -- they should have that opportunity to
12 say something.

13 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Understood. I just --

14 MAYOR HUBBARD: We've already -- we've
15 already noticed it, we've put it out there, it's
16 on the agenda, so we'll just continue with the
17 public hearing. We'll get the information, you
18 know, anybody that wants to talk about it. The
19 only problem is they're talking about a document
20 that's there that we know is going to be changed,
21 you know. But they could still comment about
22 noise problems and the noise in general, but
23 it's, you know -- and we would definitely have to
24 do -- rewrite the code and do another public
25 hearing on it with the document.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Mayor.

2 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Very good.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Mayor, yeah, I agree that
4 we should have the public hearing. And I think
5 that the information to come out of that public
6 hearing will be useful to the BID as well,
7 because I really do believe that there's going to
8 have to be an alliance between the BID and the
9 residents, you know, to come to an agreement and
10 compromise on what's going to work. And so I
11 think that this will be useful information for
12 the BID, and also for the Board, to see where
13 people are coming from at this point.

14 So I support the public hearing, and,
15 hopefully, we'll get more information.
16 Meanwhile, Rich, I'm sure you're going to
17 continue to work on the information that you're
18 gathering. So all these are positive steps and I
19 support them.

20 MR. VANDENBURGH: Absolutely, absolutely.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Did you have other
22 stuff you wanted to bring up, Rich?

23 MR. VANDENBURGH: Yes. Yes, thank you.

24 MS. WADE: (Raised hand)

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: I know, Randy. Rich has

1 the floor.

2 MR. VANDENBURGH: Oh, I'm sorry. Oh.

3 MAYOR HUBBARD: No, no, go ahead Rich.

4 MR. VANDENBURGH: Okay. With regard to --
5 with regard to the budget, I just -- you know,
6 the BID budget, our budget is approximately
7 \$49,000. I do want to just voice our -- you
8 know, our wish or our unfortunate -- our
9 disappointment that the decision was made to not
10 provide any increased funding for the -- for the
11 BID. Our budget has in that roughly,
12 approximately, \$49,000 working budget, hasn't
13 changed much in the course of probably as long as
14 I've been involved with the BID. It improved a
15 little, we did get a small increase a year or
16 two ago.

17 But I want to, you know, express that we
18 were asking for possibly a \$10,000 increase in
19 our budget to approximately \$59,000. I
20 understand the concerns. I understand the optics
21 of what it means to, you know, increase an
22 assessment that way relative to all of the
23 challenges that everyone has -- is continuing to
24 emerge from, business merchants and property
25 owners included. However, I will say operating

1 with a budget that is that size and relative --
2 in relation to, you know, the approximate
3 \$10 million overall budget that the Village of
4 Greenport works with, you know, the increase was
5 approximately one-tenth of 1% in terms of the
6 request. But we've come off of a tremendous --
7 tremendously challenging year.

8 I understand balancing the fact that, you
9 know, we have a number of property owners that
10 are not current with their taxes. But so
11 incredibly important to understand, that in order
12 to continue the progress that we've made and the
13 accomplishments that we were able to achieve last
14 year with the work that was, I'm humbled to say,
15 in significant measure with some of the BID Board
16 leadership, has had an unbelievable softening
17 impact on the challenges that we suffered last
18 year.

19 I can tell you that I sit on an Advisory
20 Board with the Rauch Foundation. They just
21 completed an Island-wide survey of more than 30
22 downtown districts and villages throughout Nassau
23 and Suffolk County, and that report will be
24 forthcoming and available to the public soon.
25 But I can tell you that out of those 30 downtown

1 areas and villages that this particular study
2 focused on, Greenport Village was the only one,
3 the only village on Long Island that saw a return
4 of pedestrian traffic, visitation to its
5 downtown, visits and, you know, people going into
6 stores and businesses in the latter half of the
7 year, the only one that was up by 28%.

8 That particular report attributes that to
9 the work that was done with the parklets, and,
10 you know, the efforts, the collaborative efforts
11 between this Board and the BID in terms of taking
12 measures to make sure that our Village and our
13 downtown remain vibrant and successful, and that
14 included all the challenges that we faced last
15 year.

16 I mean, we want to take credit for the fact
17 that, you know, the efforts and the fundraising
18 that we had to pursue in order to supplement a
19 lot of those efforts we were fortunate to be able
20 to secure. But to not provide any measure, zero
21 measure of increase to the BID Board -- to the
22 BID budget, excuse me, I think is not an
23 appropriate vision of what is needed for the
24 Village of Greenport to continue to invest in
25 what I think is the core of what makes our

1 Village so incredibly attractive, and that is our
2 downtown area, it is our merchants. That is what
3 we bring to the excitement of people visiting,
4 visitors, tourists, residents alike.

5 And so I would renew my request and appeal
6 that the Board consider at least, maybe, you
7 know -- okay, you don't want to give us the full
8 one-tenth of 1% increase of the amount that we're
9 asking for, but continue to fund, continue to
10 invest in what the future has to hold for
11 Greenport Village, and the great work that I
12 think the BID is doing in terms of coalescing a
13 focal point that, you know, is successful for our
14 Village overall.

15 So that's my comments on the -- on the
16 budget. If there's no questions on that --

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. If I could just
18 comment back on that, Rich. The BID money comes
19 from the General Fund, which is a \$1 million
20 budget, which is what we do our tax levy on, and
21 that's what everything is based on. So the
22 \$10,000 extra is a full 1% of what's allowed. I
23 believe this year we're at 1.94, is the tax cap
24 number for the overall Village, so if anything
25 was going to go up.

1 much better than others.

2 But I think, you know, we've reached a
3 point in the Village of Greenport and in the
4 Business Improvement District that most
5 businesses understand we need to continue to
6 invest in what, you know, those initiatives are,
7 what we're doing to try and, you know,
8 potentially cosponsor and co-fund additional
9 improvements in the Village of Greenport.

10 Part of this effort to solicit expert
11 advice is going to, you know, certainly cost a
12 few dollars. It's just -- to me, it's -- you
13 know, the ultimate increase of what that
14 assessment represents on a per-property-owner
15 basis, I just don't see that as being such an
16 insurmountable, you know, lift from a business
17 owner's point of view.

18 I understand that no one likes taxes to go
19 on up, but I also understand that smart business
20 owners, you know, understand that you have to
21 invest in tomorrow in order to be successful. So
22 I still think it's a reasonable ask. And I would
23 only ask that if it were possible to reconsider
24 accommodating some increase, rather than none
25 whatsoever. So I'll leave it at that.

1 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

2 MR. VANDENBURGH: The third comment is the
3 parklets. I just wanted to offer some input on
4 that. We have been circulating this survey.
5 We've received thus far about 60 responses.
6 We're continuing to promote engagement and
7 responses from residents anywhere, as well as
8 business owners in the Village. There's about a
9 13-question survey, that if you haven't seen it,
10 I think it drives to those specific questions and
11 that are in the responses that we want to see in
12 order to provide as clear data as possible, so
13 that, you know, we, as the BID, can report back
14 to you, the Trustees, as to really what is the
15 consensus of what people want to see.

16 I know there were some wide varying
17 opinions about, you know, the parklets. We want
18 to continue to work with Fire and Rescue to make
19 sure that we have the best possible, you know,
20 integration of those parklets that minimize any
21 risk that may be present. But we are
22 anticipating that we're going to have a
23 significant response for you before we get to the
24 work session in March.

25 And I appreciate Trustee Phillips', you

1 know, suggestion to involve them in responding to
2 that.

3 And, please, there's a -- there's a link on
4 the BID website under the BID updates. So I'm
5 asking and telling, and asking everybody I can to
6 spread the word. Ask people to respond and to
7 engage in that survey, and we will do our very
8 best to give you a very clear picture of what the
9 responses are by the time we get to March.

10 I think the last thing I would just offer
11 as a comment, is my understanding, you know, and
12 I have a relatively short history in the Village
13 of Greenport overall, 12, 12, 14 years as a
14 business owner. But I think it's important to
15 consider reinstating a Code Committee as part
16 of the Village government, because I think if you
17 had a Code Committee, I've seen these before in
18 other jurisdictions that I've dealt with, and
19 been involved in other organizations, a Code
20 Committee I think would be able to really provide
21 some initial and beneficial insight in terms of
22 these codes. And kind of this relates back to
23 the noise code.

24 But I would suggest and urge that there be
25 a greater consideration or examination of

1 reinstating a Code Committee, because I think
2 the Village, and, you know, certainly the Village
3 Attorney, I would have to believe, would
4 appreciate that, you know, to get some additional
5 eyes, and thoughts, and language, and integration
6 of language, and everything else, to save time
7 and be more efficient, and, hopefully, be more
8 clear and effective. So I would just make that
9 comment relative to the -- in the context of the
10 noise ordinance issue.

11 And I think that's all I have, Mayor.
12 Thank you very much.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. All right. Thank
14 you very much, Rich, for being on and for the
15 information you gave to us.

16 Okay. Randy, I know you had your hand up.
17 Also, you have trouble with your microphone
18 there, Randy, because you're breaking up
19 everybody's conversations. What can I do -- what
20 do you want to add?

21 (Video Malfunction)

22 MAYOR HUBBARD: We can't hear you at all
23 right now, Randy. Okay, we lost her. Did
24 anybody else want to comment?

25 (No Response)

1 MAYOR HUBBARD: All right. Let's just give
2 Randy a second, see if she signs back in, just
3 because she had her hand up numerous times to try
4 to talk. So we'll just give her a minute to see
5 if she gets back on.

6 TRUSTEE CLARKE: No one else in the waiting
7 room, Mr. Pallas?

8 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: It does not appear
9 that way.

10 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you, sir.

11 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Well, maybe she's
12 not going to get back on.

13 MR. VANDENBURGH: I just wanted to say, I
14 just -- I saw some of the comments in the chat.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

16 MAYOR HUBBARD: Say that again, Rich, I
17 didn't catch the beginning part of that.

18 MR. VANDENBURGH: Some of the comments in
19 the chat, I mean, where do those come from?

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Whoever K is.

21 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah. All right. Well, if
22 nobody else wants to talk, we've given her three
23 minutes and she's not back on. And her
24 microphone was crackling the whole time she was
25 on, and then she finally gets a chance to talk

1 and we lost her. I will send her a text, and if
2 there's something she wanted to say, I'll have
3 her send a letter around to the Board Members and
4 submit any comments that she wanted to make. So
5 I'll reach out to her tomorrow.

6 All right. Is there any other further
7 business?

8 (No Response)

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I'll offer a motion
10 to adjourn the meeting at 8:58. So moved.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

14 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye. Opposed?

18 (No Response)

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion carried. Everybody
20 stay safe out there. Be careful of the ice and
21 snow and all. I fell, took a tumble myself
22 trying to clear a car off, so it hurts. At least
23 my hip stayed in place, though. Have a good
24 evening.

25 TRUSTEE CLARKE: That's good.

1 MAYOR HUBBARD: Have a good evening, stay
2 safe, and we'll look to get some more information
3 back to everybody. Thank you. Good night.

4 (The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 p.m.)

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