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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular SESSION MEETING

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Third Street Fire Station

December 2, 2024

6:00 p.m.

B E F O R E:

KEVIN STUESSI ~ MAYOR

MARY BESS PHILLIPS ~ DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE

LILY DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON ~ TRUSTEE

PATRICK BRENNAN ~ TRUSTEE

JULIA ROBINS ~ TRUSTEE

CANDACE HALL ~ VILLAGE CLERK

JARED KASSCHAUR, ESQ. ~ VILLAGE ATTORNEY

All other interested parties

MAYOR STUESSI: I'd like to  
make a motion to open the regular  
session of our meeting. May I  
have a second?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:  
Second.

THE COURT: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Please stand  
for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon the Pledge of  
Allegiance was recited.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Please stay  
standing for a moment of silence  
for the following:

Lela Ottley Leslie,

Jean LePre,

Colleen Stevenson,

Amy Ellen Hayes,

Marjorie Day,

Alvah "Skip" Goldsmith,

And Caroline Buhler.

Please be seated.

A few of announcements this evening. The annual Parade of Lights and Tree Lighting will be this coming Saturday, December 7th at 5:00. In addition to a visit from Santa and the parade, the Old Schoolhouse, where we are this evening, will be open be with various activities and crafts for families to participate in. There will be photo opportunities for families with winter and holiday themed backdrops in Mitchell Park.

Our Annual Menorah Lighting will be held in Mitchell Park on December 29th at 5:00 p.m. Also, Village Hall will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25th, and New Year's Day, January 1, 2025.

It's hard to believe we're almost day. Village Hall will also close

early on Christmas Eve at noon,  
and on New Year's Eve, the 31st.

The December Regular Session  
meeting will be held January 2,  
2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Old  
Schoolhouse building located at  
Front and First Streets.

With that, the next item up is  
the continuance of a public  
hearing to discuss potential  
Community Development Block Grant  
opportunities for the Village of  
Greenport. The public hearing  
remains open from November 21,  
2024 work session.

Is there anybody who would like  
to be heard on the public hearing  
this evening?

(Audience member indicating.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, you  
can --

MR. HAWKINS: My name is  
Steve Hawkins. I work for North  
Fork Woodworks and I'm here to

talk about the septic system for  
1220 9th Street.

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay, so this  
is a public hearing specifically  
for Community Development Block  
Grants. We'll be hearing other  
items in just a few minutes.

MR. HAWKINS: Okay. Sorry.

MAYOR STUESSI: Nobody on  
this specific agenda item?

(No response.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. With  
that, I'll make a motion to close  
the public hearing. Do I have a  
second?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: The public  
hearing is closed. The next item

is for the public to address the Board. If you would like to address the Board, sir, you could be first up, the gentlemen who stood a moment ago.

MR. HAWKINS: We're building a house on 9th street and I'm trying to tie into the septic system. The health department has asked us to tie into the septic instead of putting like a septic system in. So I was told --

MAYOR STUESSI: You mean to tie into the sewer system instead --

MR. HAWKINS: The sewer system.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- of putting a septic in?

MR. HAWKINS: Yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: So we are in a sewer moratorium that we're actually extending again this evening. We'll be holding a vote at the end of this meeting.

MR. HAWKINS: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: At this time,  
we will be holding a more formal  
discussion at our December work  
session.

MR. HAWKINS: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: We had Bob  
Holzmacher from our sewer study  
company brief us a month ago on  
this. He's finalizing a report.  
He had to take into account some  
other issues relative to FEMA.  
And so we won't be discussing this  
further until December's work  
session. I would encourage you to  
either attend that meeting or to  
watch it and they'll be some more  
information shared then.

MR. HAWKINS: Okay. Do you  
know what date that meeting is so  
I can...

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It is --

MAYOR STUESSI: The 16 or  
17th, right?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It is  
December 19th.

MR. HAWKINS: Okay.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: At  
6:00 p.m.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thursday  
evening?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.  
That will be at the firehouse.

MR. HAWKINS: Okay, thank  
you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there  
anybody else that would like to be  
heard this evening?

(Audience member indicating.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, sir.

MR. HOCKER: Can I just make  
one other note regarding that same  
situation because I'm sure this is  
going to come up again and again.  
I do the excavating work. I'm  
John with Latham Sand and Gravel.  
I do their excavating work and  
septic system installations.



The issue that they're coming into and it's coming into with a few different properties, the health department requires that if there's a sewer main in front of your house, you should hook up to it. That is a Suffolk County Health Department requirement.

Obviously, they're not in cahoots with you, so there's a problem there as far as they're requiring it, you're not -- you know, you're moratorium it, so the house is sitting in limbo. So I'm sure you're going to see it again, so I just figured I'd...

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I understand the situation and at that meeting, we will likely be given further direction from Bob Holzmacher. He did make the recommendation in a prior meeting that the Village look to cease extending sewer connections

outside of the Village for a period of time. That was undetermined in his recommendation. So the Board will be discussing it further in our next work session.

MR. HOCKER: Okay. So there may need to be some kind of kickback to the health department --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah --

MR. HOCKER: -- saying, listen, we're not doing it, so you're going to have to let them put in a sewer system -- septic system.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, so if that's the case, we will do whatever is needed to assist you with Suffolk County in regards to it. Okay?

MR. HOCKER: Thank you.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Sean, was

there somebody from your team who could speak this evening?

MR. MILLIGAN: Sure. Hi, everybody. My name is Sean Milligan. If you don't know me, I'm with Safe Harbor Marinas. We have with us, as an introduction, Mark Ridge who is my replacement as the general manager if you haven't met Mark yet.

MR. RIDGE: Good evening.

MR. MILLIGAN: Don't take him on face value, he's actually pretty nice.

MAYOR STUESSI: We're happier with the change actually.

MR. MILLIGAN: But I'm here tonight to request some action on part of the Village with regard to the entrance of the Stirling Basin. The Stirling Basin has badly shoaled, much worse than it has in the past. I think it's in a record date of being narrowed.

There are four businesses represented here in the room on the Board and in the public who are all potentially impacted by this.

Certainly our business is going to be potentially impacted if we continue to have additional shoaling occur, which is likely over the course of this winter.

And from as I understand, as I recall, there's a permit in place that allows for dredging to occur through the end of the year. So it's a very short timeframe.

The last time this was dredged, it was paid for, 66 percent of it was paid for by Safe Harbor. The other third was reimbursed to us by the land developers at 123 Stirling Street. They had an interest, at the time, in making sure that the entrance was plenty wide for navigation, but it has

become a true hazard of  
navigation.

I escorted a friend this summer  
whose sister-in-law was on the  
boat who had been injured. It was  
a challenge actually to stop  
traffic. It's one-way traffic.  
And to get them into the harbor,  
to the hospital actually required  
some doing. They were not  
familiar with the area. They're  
from Connecticut and happened to  
be in the area. But nevertheless,  
we were able to get to the  
hospital and she was able to get  
medical treatment. But they were  
just in a small boat and that  
alone was concerning enough. But  
I'll leave it at that.

But if there's anything at all  
that Safe Harbor can do to help.  
We don't want to be viewed as the  
piggybank to do a public works  
project. I don't think that's

right, but we are willing to be  
active partners with the Village.  
So thank you very much --

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

MR. MILLIGAN: -- for your  
consideration.

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there  
anybody else from the public that  
would like to be heard this  
evening?

(Audience member indicating.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, sir.

MR. PRIVES: Hi. Dillon  
Prives, 326 Front Street, the  
Greenporter Hotel. I know I think  
there's an item on the agenda for  
the end of the meeting today to  
talk about moving a -- pushing a  
change of zone to a public  
hearing.

But in light of that, I was  
wondering if maybe we'd get some  
clarity on the process for moving  
through the notice of disapproval,

the public hearing for the change of zone, and then the ZBA and the Planning Board. Some of these might be answered during that discussion, so I can wait to speak up.

MAYOR STUESSI: They wouldn't -- if I could interject, they wouldn't be. I had thought our other Village Counsel, Brian Stollar, who is not here this evening, had clarified this for your counsel. If not, Jared, who represents the same lawful can follow up with him tomorrow morning and make sure that they have a discussion and that everybody is on the same page as for as timeline for all of it.

We will be, as you're aware, voting later this evening as the last item on the agenda to hold a public hearing in regards to that additional parcel you guys are

interested in acquiring and  
potentially making it parking.

MR. PRIVES: Okay, and then  
if that gets moved to a public  
hearing or is voted into a public  
hearing, is that a presentation  
that would with be given by our  
group or what --

MAYOR STUESSI: You will  
absolutely have the ability to  
present to the community why you  
believe its helpful.

MR. PRIVES: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: And again,  
you know, I would encourage you to  
have your counsel speak to Brian  
or Jared directly about it  
tomorrow and they can clarify, you  
know, process and what you might  
want to consider doing --

MR. PRIVES: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- during a  
public hearing.

MR. PRIVES: And will that



cover the subsidiaries, all the  
Planning Board, ZBA?

MAYOR STUESSI: Like I said,  
I would encourage you to have your  
counsel talk to our counsel  
directly about that process and  
everything that's involved in  
this.

MR. PRIVES: Okay. All  
right. Thank you. Appreciate it,  
just want to be sure we're  
following the steps required.  
Appreciate it.

MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody else?

(No response.)

MAYOR STUESSI: All right --

MR. HOCKER: Can I just add  
on thing?

MAYOR STUESSI: If you could  
state your name and address again  
for the record.

MR. HOCKER: John Hocker with  
Latham Sand and Gravel with an  
address on Stirling Street in

Greenport. Back to the dredging of the basin. The permits for the dredging of the basin are in the name of the Village of Greenport. The expiration for this year is January 1st.

I did the digging back in 2020. I don't care who does it. Obviously, I'm a stakeholder. I bring a barge in and out of there frequently, but it needs to be addressed pretty quickly to get it done in this season.

That's pretty much it. I just wanted to make sure that everybody realizes the time urgency of it because if it doesn't start soon, it's not going to happen.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

Mayor, can I make a clarification?

MAYOR STUESSI: It's for five more years, correct?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well, the window of dredging is --

MR. HOCKER: Exactly.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: -- is  
what John's referring to.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: You're  
talking about seasonally?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: The  
season. There's a certain time  
period you're allowed to dredge.  
Our Village permit is valid  
until --

MAYOR STUESSI: 2029,  
correct?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: --  
2029 I believe it is. Because I  
have copies.

MR. HOCKER: Yes, it is 2029.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: It is  
2029, okay?

MR. HOCKER: But if it's not  
done by January 1st, it can't get  
done until October 1st next year.  
So the entire season will be --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
It's short window.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: It's a short window, but, Jared, can I ask a question? Because there are two of us here who have businesses within Stirling Creek. That opening does affect us. Are we allowed to make some type of a comment now or should we wait until later about it?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I don't see why you can't make a comment now or -- except if you want to do it during the discussion period. This is an issue that impacts all of Greenport. The fact that you have businesses that are in relation to the -- I mean, you can't help, but avoid that.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I would just like to give some examples since -- of exactly how much it has shrunk over the years from it not being dredged if

that's all right with the Mayor?

MAYOR STUESSI: You're welcome to speak publically. I've already met with your husband and somebody else in regards to it as well.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Right, well, I'd like to put on the record that years ago, the mouth of that pump dredge on Stirling, when we were allowed to do two repair trolling, which is two boats fishing together, Mark would come up with the Katie and Meg at the time, side by side in the inlet and go through that opening.

There's no way -- it's lucky we can get the Illusion to go through now. Actually we can't, without it being extremely high tide and the nozzle hitting the bottom of the sand.

So I understand the window. The

window is important. It has -- it should have -- it should be wider than it is. There used to be a bulkhead that used to be on the Sandy Beach side that kept the mouth open, which has deteriorated, but that's a topic for down the road.

Right now I think it's the window that's important. I think Patrick might want to speak to that too. I'm not sure. That's up to him.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Sure. So I have a business in Stirling Harbor that is also dependant on, you know, safe passage through the inlet there. So to the extent that that keeps shoaling up, that's definitely going to impact my business.

And I understand that the opening has currently been reduced by maybe somewhere between 30 and

40 percent of historic --  
historically, widths. So in the  
past, it's been as wide as 100  
feet.

MAYOR STUESSI: But that was  
back when there was bulkheads  
there, correct, as I understand?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: May I can  
interject?

MAYOR STUESSI: If you could  
please let him finish?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Sorry.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I don't  
know the answer to that, whether  
it was at the time of the bulkhead  
or not. So I understand it had  
been as wide as 100 feet, but I  
don't know the timing. It's about  
65 feet clear now. So we've  
lost -- compared to that 100 foot  
benchmark, we've lost about  
35 percent of the width. It's a  
tight spot and I certainly need it  
open, but it's also a safety issue

with boats coming, two-way traffic  
has to go through there.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

That's the biggest issue.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That's all.

MAYOR STUESSI: Sir, did you  
wish to speak?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'll  
refrain.

MR. MILLIGAN: I will, if I  
may, one more additional detail.  
Just to your comment, Patrick,  
Mark and I were earlier looking at  
the county tax map with historic  
widths of the channel. I believe  
1974 we were looking at. The  
channel might have been about  
140 feet. It's at 65 feet now,  
roughly. So that is a massive  
decrease, over 50 percent, in  
magnification. So it's certainly  
not too navigable now. Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Who's  
first up for resolutions? Lily?



TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

RESOLUTION 12-2024-1:

RESOLUTION approving the  
application for membership of John  
Gouveia to the Rescue Squad of the  
Greenport Fire Department, as  
approved by the Greenport Fire  
Department Board of Wardens on  
November 20, 2024.

So moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion  
carries.

TRUSTEE ROBINS:

RESOLUTION 12-2024-2:

RESOLUTION authorizing Treasurer  
Brautigam to perform attached  
Budget Amendment 6477, to

appropriate General fund reserves to fund the disassembly and new timber at the Carousel directing that Budget Amendment 6477 be included as part of the formal meeting minutes of the December 3rd Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

So moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second and discussion. I have some concerns about what I understand the new timber that's being selected. I'm not sure if it's the right solution for our repair here and I think I shared my concerns with all of you prior.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Were we also going to get more information?

MAYOR STUESSI: So Rick is sending an update based upon what more he has heard from the team, which he just heard back yesterday

that they're prepared to come back out and start disassembly on it. But this is items is purely related to the replacement of the timbers itself.

As I've explained in our last meeting, using the manufactured wood, which is a very common material used in a lot of building these days. My former company related, which is (inaudible) builders in the world is using it in towers right now.

This is recommended by the carousel consulting company who's done this in a number of instances already and they are suggesting it because of the success they've had using it in other carrouseles.

As far as what more is going to happen, we won't know until they disassemble it and start reviewing what else needs to be done, and so that's the next step. Rick just

heard back from them today and is going to be summarizing that and the timeline for that process.

So what would happen is they will be coming back and disassembling everything, numbering it as per their original proposal. That will all go in the -- pardon me, I'm spacing on the word -- the Zamboni shack. And then as part of that, they will then make further recommendations.

But the biggest item is going to be having the mechanical guy, who will be coming back out, to then look at the mechanics of the carousel itself. So the only item up for a vote this evening is for the replacement of that wood because we need to order it.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, just to comment to Patrick's -- I don't know exactly what we're talking

about. And we're not talking about like strand board that is used for joints and stuff like that. I'm assuming we're talking about microllam type of timbers.

I'd like to see it, you know, what we're talking about, but the flammable stuff really is about the stran board that they use to make, you know, trestles and things like that, but...

MAYOR STUESSI: See it meaning you want to see a sample?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, a cross section or something like that. What are they actually using? I mean, because I disagree with Patrick. I don't think there's a fire hazard here.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I don't think I mentioned there was a fire hazard.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Maybe you just said --

2 MAYOR STUESSI: In the last  
3 meeting you talked about the  
4 historical nature of it, to which  
5 I responded with that the carousel  
6 was not really an antique that's  
7 going to be sold as a historical  
8 piece to anybody.

9 It's being utilized as an  
10 amusement piece and we're looking  
11 for strength and continued  
12 operations because it's not  
13 utilized today like it originally  
14 was. It was originally utilized  
15 as something that would be put up  
16 for a very short period of time,  
17 utilized for maybe a couple of  
18 weeks as most, and then put away.

19 This is used continuously and so  
20 that's where the company has had a  
21 lot of success utilizing this  
22 product for replacements.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I can  
24 understand the need to disassemble  
25 the carousel perhaps before they

can finish their analysis. I think that's what's happening here, right, in that --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- it's going to need furtherer analysis and recommendations?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'm not convinced that we need to disassemble and put a deposit down on materials that I'm personally not convinced are the appropriate materials to be used for the job. So I'm feeling like this is a little bit piecemeal.

And, again, I that they may need to proceed to take it apart, but I'm not comfortable purchasing materials without more information about what we're doing and also about what the entire scope of the project is.

I mean, what if they're -- you

know, hypothetically, what if it was so extensive we weren't even going to do it? Why would we bother putting a deposit down on these materials, this one piece, without knowing what the rest of --

MAYOR STUESSI: Because we know we need to replace that timber. That's just one piece of what's going to be eight different pieces of the whole project.

And it all speaks to a timeline. We're trying to get us reopened in time for next summer and you've got the lead time on it. The longer we wait, the longer it takes in order to get that done.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I understand the timing is sensitive. I'm not comfortable with the material that's been selected. I haven't really heard a convincing argument of why



they're using this other than that  
they've used it before.

And, you know, I mentioned to  
you, I'm very familiar with  
engineered lumbar and solid  
timber. And so I know how they  
can be used, where they can be  
used, and without knowing a lot  
about what we're doing with the  
carousel, it's raising a question  
in my mind about whether we're  
really going down the right path  
here.

And I disagree that -- you know,  
I understand it's an amusement and  
it has to be running and safe, but  
it's also a Village asset. So  
just like anything we think of the  
Village, if we're going to put a  
new roof on Village Hall or build  
a new shed at the highway  
department, the way we do it and  
the materials we use are  
important. And I think this Board

has a responsibility to consider that carefully. So I'm not there, and I'll leave it to the rest of you.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well, I have a comment. This is dealing with a budget amendment and it's not -- and it's to fund the disassembly. Are we are currently trying to pay a bill? I have to look at the abstract. Do we have currently a bill that needs to be pain?

MAYOR STUESSI: We have a proposal from them to begin disassembly and a deposit for wood, for the manufactured wood.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay. So the disassembly -- both of them have to have two separate purchase orders, if I know the system the way I think I do. So this is really just putting the money into the line items --

MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: -- so  
that when the PO is issued, the  
money is already there.

MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.  
So there is still the option to  
have the money in to start the  
disassembly and to perhaps provide  
further answers about the timber  
to Patrick and to Julia that, you  
know, that we're not saying no to  
the timber, it's just the PO can't  
get issued right away until those  
questions get answered, correct,  
Jared? Am I thinking logically  
through that for this particular  
resolution? This isn't  
authorizing it to go ahead and  
purchase it.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Yes, that's right.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: It's  
funding it.

2 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

3 It's transferring the money from  
4 the General fund to this -- for  
5 this specific purpose. I don't  
6 believe that you've approved the  
7 disbursement of any funds to the  
8 vender for any particular purpose.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.

10 That's what I wanted to get a  
11 clarification on.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I'd be  
13 fine with funding, you know,  
14 approving the transfer of funds,  
15 understanding that it's for the  
16 disassembly and for a deposit for  
17 materials. But if I were to vote  
18 in favor of this, I'm not  
19 endorsing which material we're  
20 using at this point.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and  
22 liked I had offered ten days ago,  
23 I would be glad to set up a  
24 telephone call and you can discuss  
25 it. We can have a follow-up with

them on it. Like I said, they are extremely comfortable with this product. I am as well based upon my knowledge and we'll be glad to set up a call in regards to it.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Is it partly a budgetary?

MAYOR STUESSI: No.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Like it's cheaper either way?

MAYOR STUESSI: It comes down to strength of material and likely continuity of it versus a raw wood that needs to be kiln dried and then making certain that it's going to last and, you know, hold shape for it.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, these days, I mean, with new-growth trees and stuff like that, structural timber probably isn't the same quality that it was, you know, when carousel was made.

MAYOR STUESSI: That's what

they said they've had problems with, which is why they moved to this. Especially with the amount of rotations and weight. Because those timbers, literally the entire structure of the carousel hangs down from that.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: No, I know what's there. Okay, let's have a conversation, Patrick. We'll keep up with it, okay?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: It's fine with me, as long as we're clear that what we're approving is a funding for materials deposit.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes. So we had a second. I'll call a vote for it. All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion

carries.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

RESOLUTION 12-2024-3:

RESOLUTION authorizing Treasure Brautigam to perform attached Budget Amendment 6480, to transfer funds for the repair and maintenance for the fire department trucks, and directing THE Budget Amendment 6480 be included as part of the formal meeting minutes of the December 2nd Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

So moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion

carries.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Who's up?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think you  
got skipped the last time, didn't  
you, Patrick?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Did  
you get skipped?

(Laughter.)

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: We're  
jumping around.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:  
Sorry.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Shall I go?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Yes,  
go ahead.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: This is  
RESOLUTION 12-2024-4:

RESOLUTION ratifying the hiring  
of Kenneth Marulli as a part-time  
Office Assistant to work for  
Village of Greenport Building  
Department at a pay rate of \$20.00  
per hour, effective November 21,  
2024.



So moved.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I'll  
second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion  
carries.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Should I be  
next then?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I  
think I'm next.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:  
Lily's next. Sorry, guys.

MAYOR STUESSI: All right, so  
you and then we'll go back around  
counterclockwise.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
RESOLUTION 12-2024-5:

RESOLUTION of approving the  
request of the Greenport Fire

Department to host the annual Washington's Birthday Parade and Celebration on February 15, 2025 and approving the closing to vehicular traffic of Village streets for the duration of the Parade and approving the use of Third Street Firehouse for the celebration.

So moved.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I guess I'm seconding it.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:  
RESOLUTION 12-2024-6:

RESOLUTION setting two Village of Greenport volunteer -- excuse

me, Voters Registration Days  
taking place at Village Hall, 236  
Third Street, Greenport, New York  
as follows: Thursday March 6,  
2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.;  
and Saturday March 8, 2025, from  
11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

So moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second. Is  
that me?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion  
carries.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: RESOLUTION  
12-2024-7:

RESOLUTION scheduling a public  
hearing for 6:00 p.m. on Regular

Session, Thursday, January 2,  
2024, at the Third Street Fire  
Station, Third and South Streets,  
Greenport, New York 11944  
regarding the Wetlands Permit  
Application submitted by Dave  
Bergen, agent for the property  
owner, Joyce Kearns, for the  
following property: 300 Atlantic  
Avenue, Greenport, New York 11944.  
So moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion  
carries.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: RESOLUTION  
12-2024-8:

RESOLUTION scheduling a public  
hearing for 6:00 p.m. on Regular

Session, Thursday, January 2,  
2024, at the Third Street Fire  
Station, Third and South Streets,  
Greenport, New York 11944,  
regarding the Wetlands Permit  
Application submitted by Sean  
Gilligan for the following  
property: 1410 Manhasset Avenue,  
Greenport, New York 11944.

So moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: Discussion?

Sorry, go ahead. Second.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: I will only  
make note for the record that I  
think it should have been  
clarified, Sean Gilligan is, I  
believe, on behalf of Safe Harbor,  
correct?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes, sir.

MAYOR STUESSI: So it should

be on behalf of Safe Harbor, not  
you as an individual?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Correct.

MAYOR STUESSI: Unless Safe  
Harbor sold the marina.

(Laughter.)

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion  
carries.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
RESOLUTION 12-2024-9:

RESOLUTION awarding the  
October 2024 contract for the  
removal of trees and tree stumps  
on specified Village streets and  
the grinding of tree stumps, to  
Greenvelvet, Tree, Inc., the  
lowest bidder, at a price of  
\$12,500 per the attached Bid Form

and the bid opening on  
November 13, 2024; and authorizing  
Mayor Stuessi to sign the contract  
between Greenvelvet Tree, Inc. and  
the Village of Greenport.

So moved.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion  
scar's.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

RESOLUTION 12-2024-10.

RESOLUTION authorizing the  
annual solicitation of bids for  
the delivery diesel fuel to  
various locations throughout the  
Village of Greenport and directing  
Clerk Hall to notice the

solicitation of bids accordingly.

So moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion

carries.

TRUSTEE ROBINS:

RESOLUTION 12-2024-11:

RESOLUTION authorizing the  
annual solicitation of quotes for  
a 10-yard dump truck and driver to  
assist the Village with the  
removal and disposal of snow as  
needed and directing Clerk Hall to  
notice the request for quotations  
accordingly.

So moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?



DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion

carries.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN:

RESOLUTION 12-2024-12:

RESOLUTION authorizing the  
annual solicitation of bids for  
the delivery of Number 2 heating  
oil to various locations  
throughout the Village of  
Greenport and directing Clerk Hall  
to notice the solicitation of bids  
accordingly.

So moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Second.

THE COURT: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion

carries.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

RESOLUTION 12-2024-13:

RESOLUTION authorizing the annual solicitation of quotes for a requirement contractor with a unit price schedule for hourly, half day and daily rates for one worker, one worker with a backhoe, two workers, and two workers with a backhoe, including regular time and overtime, and directing Clerk Hall to notice the Request for Quotations accordingly.

So moved.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion

carries.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

RESOLUTION 12-2024-14:

RESOLUTION approving the public  
assembly application received from  
Julie Millard and Justin White to  
host a wedding ceremony at  
Mitchell Park on August 7, 2025,  
at Mitchell Park between hours of  
12:30 and 1:30 p.m.

Julia?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: So moved?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Oh,  
so moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Motion

3 carries.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: RESOLUTION

5 12-2024-15:

6 RESOLUTION hiring of Robert

7 Yeznach as a full-time Laborer to

8 work for the Village of Greenport

9 Highway Department at a pay rate

10 of \$20.00 per hour effective

11 December 3, 2024.

12 So moved.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

19 Aye.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Motion

21 carries.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: All right,

23 RESOLUTION 12-2024-16:

24 Village of Greenport North Ferry

25 Terminal Site Reconstruction

Project, PIN 0761.79 BID Award

WHEREAS, the Village of Greenport has sought competitive bids for the reconstruction of the Village of Greenport's North Ferry Terminal site, located south of Wiggins Street between 4th Street and 3rd Street, for work that includes expansion of the existing ferry queue area, parking lot improvements, drainage and stormwater quality improvements, site lighting, and pedestrian/ADA improvements; and

WHEREAS, the project as designed will provide for the aforesaid improvements related to the North Ferry Terminal; and

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk advertised an invitation to bid from July 11, 2024 to August 1, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.;

WHEREAS, the Village Clerk opened the bids on August 1, 2024

at 10:31 a.m. and read publicly  
the following results. Shall I  
read through each?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: All right.

Bidder:

Galvin Brothers and Madhal  
Contracting Jr. in the amount of  
\$3,166,102 and they met the bid  
bond;

Pratt Brothers, Inc in the bid  
amount of \$3,194,800 and they met  
the bid bond;

Laser Industries Inc. in the bid  
amount of \$2,773,988; met the bid  
bond;

Corazzini Asphalt Inc. In the  
bid amount of \$2,373,001.50; met  
the bid bond; and

WHEREAS, the Village's Project  
Engineer Robert Steele, PE, from  
L.K. McLean Associates PC has  
reviewed the bids and found no

discrepancies in the bids; and

WHEREAS, the Village has funds available through NYSDOT FBP, Ferry Boat Program, 2024 Funds Distribution, which can be appropriated as necessary to cover the project construction; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Transportation has authorized the Village to award the project to the lowest bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that it is the recommendation of the Project Engineer that Corazzini Asphalt Inc. meets all specifications as defined in the bid documents and is the lowest responsible bidder; and further

RESOLVED that pending completion of items called for in the bidding documents, including executing the contract and submitting any insurance certificates and bonding, that Corazzini Asphalt

Inc. be awarded this bid at a cost of \$2,373,001.50 for the renovation project at the North Ferry Terminal as identified in the bid request for Contract Number VOT 2024-1, PIN Number 0761.79; and further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded Corazzini Asphalt Inc., and further

RESOLVED that bid security provided by the bidders shall be returned to the unsuccessful bidders upon Corazzini Asphalt Inc. entering into contract with the Village for the project.

So moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.



MAYOR STUESSI: Motion

carries.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: You sure you  
wouldn't like to do this one too?

(Laughter.)

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay,  
RESOLUTION 12-2024-17:

VILLAGE OF GREENPORT NORTH FERRY  
TERMINAL SITE CONSTRUCTION  
INSPECTION PIN NUMBER 0761.49 BID  
AWARD.

WHEREAS, the Village of  
Greenport will be managing a  
construction project for the  
renovation of the North Ferry  
Terminal, which will be performed  
by the successful bidder under PIN  
Number 0761.79 and the Village  
requires a successful bidder --  
and the village requires  
construction inspection services  
in connection with the project;  
and

WHEREAS the project is a

federally funded project  
administered by the New York State  
Department of Transportation, DOT,  
and subject to the DOT's  
requirements, including the  
appointment of a construction  
inspection service identified on  
the Suffolk County pre-qualified  
consultant list for under the  
County's local design services  
agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Village has  
identified NV5, Inc. (NV5) as an  
entity list on the County list and  
NV5 has submitted a written  
proposal in accordance with the  
County's local design services  
agreement;

WHEREAS, NV5 has submitted a  
proposal under cover letter dated  
October 10, 2024, to provide  
construction inspection services,  
including on-site field  
inspection, construction

administration and construction  
support services in accordance  
with the DOT Local Projects  
Manual;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED  
that subject to entering into an  
agreement with a successful bidder  
for the project construction work  
and receipt of confirmation from  
the DOT that the project can move  
forward, and funding being  
provided, the Village authorizes  
NV5 to provide construction  
inspection services for the Ferry  
Terminal Improvement project  
pursuant to the terms of the  
October 10, 2024 proposal and  
authorizes the Mayor to  
countersign the proposal, subject  
to Village Attorney review as the  
substance of the proposal as an  
agreement for the aforesaid  
construction, inspection, and  
administrations services.

So moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion  
carries.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Lily, you  
want to go?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Sure. RESOLUTION 12-2024-18. Am  
I reading...

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: No.  
It says see attached.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I  
know, but am I reading the  
attached or no?

MAYOR STUESSI: No.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Okay.

So RESOLUTION pending to extend

Village of Greenport sewer district. See attached. I am so moving on that.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion

carries.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

RESOLUTION 12-2024-19:

RESOLUTION authorizing Mayor Stuessi to sign necessary application documents for the NYSERDA Just Transition Site Reuse Planning Program grant.

So moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion

carries.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Me or --

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Back to

you.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

RESOLUTION 12-2024-20:

RESOLUTION to appoint Janice Claudio, as Chairperson of the Village of Greenport Historic Preservation Commission, effective December 2, 2024, for a balance of the one-year term expiring April 24, 2025.

So moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion  
carries.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: RESOLUTION  
12-2024-21:

RESOLUTION approving all checks  
per the Voucher Summary Report  
dated November 26, 2024, in the  
total amount of \$1,081,369.03  
consisting of:

All regular checks in the amount  
of \$946,867.89; and

All prepaid checks, including  
wire transfers, in the amount of  
\$134,501.14.

So moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion

carries.

The next two Resolutions we are going to discuss or we will poll a vote on after Executive Session.

With that, I will make a motion --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Can I ask one question?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Sorry. Go back to the 18 for the sewer connections because it has -- it doesn't have a number of months under number three on the third page. So like the third page of the attachment of number three for a period of blank calendar months.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It was left blank, so is it another six months?

MAYOR STUESSI: It says six



months.

MR. KASSCHAUR: Yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: And obviously  
our goal is to lift it sooner than  
that. We're having a discussion  
with Holzmacher next month.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Okay. I just wanted to make -- I  
didn't see where it said six  
months.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah,  
WHEREAS...

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
Six months restriction.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What page  
are we on?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
(Indicating.)

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is this on  
the back page?

MAYOR STUESSI: It says  
renewal.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Is that the  
first page?

2 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: It's the  
4 same.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
6 Okay. Six months on the third  
7 page. It's just not in number  
8 three.

9 MR. KASSCHAUR: WHEREAS...

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I  
11 just wanted to make sure.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: So I'm going  
13 to make a motion to go into  
14 Executive Session regarding human  
15 resource issues with Employee  
16 number 1204. May I have a second?

17 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:  
18 Second.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
24 Aye.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: With that,

the public meeting is closed while we go into executive session. We will be voting on those two items in probably seven minutes or so if anybody wishes to come back after that point, but we will need to ask you to excuse us in the room. Thank you.

(At this time a brief recess was taken and the Board went into Executive Session.)

MAYOR STUESSI: I will make a motion to go back into the Public Meeting out of Executive Session. May I have a second?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I get

this one. All right.

RESOLUTION 12-2024-22:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Greenport hereby authorizes the appointment of Robert E. Draffin as the Hearing Officer regarding a Section 75 hearing involving Employee number 1204; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby authorizes the suspension, including without pay for up to 30 days, of Employee number 1204 following the service of disciplinary charges against the Employee and pending the final resolution of the charges.

So moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion

carries.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Resolution 12-2024-23:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby schedules a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on January 2, 2025, at the Third Street Fire Station Third and South Streets, Greenport New York 11944 to consider a request to change the zoning district of property designated as Suffolk County Tax Map 1001-004-08-28 and part of 29 from R-2 to C-R.

So moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Second.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Discussion.

The Third Street location is not correct. Didn't the Resolution earlier say that it was going to be --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: The location.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: The location.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is that for public hearing you mean?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I'll confirm that.

MAYOR STUESSI: No. Under announcement, the December Regular Session that it will be held on Thursday, January 2nd at the Old Schoolhouse.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Right, but I don't think that's correct. I don't think there's a conflict at the firehouse. It's a Thursday. Their meetings are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: This says the meeting is going to take place at Third Street.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It says two different locations.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: It says two different locations. That's what I'm saying. So on the adjournment, the first page says Old Schoolhouse. This resolution Third Street Fire Station.

MAYOR STUESSI: Jared, what should we do? Add in, as such location may need to change?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes. I would use the location that was noticed.

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay, okay.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: And, you know, subject to change if scheduling requires it.

MAYOR STUESSI: All right.  
So let me read it again  
RESOLUTION: 12-2024-23.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby schedules a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on January 2, 2025 at the Third Street Fire Station, Third and South Streets,

Greenport, New York 11944, or as  
to be confirmed to consider a  
request to change the zoning  
district of property designated as  
Suffolk County Tax Map  
1001-004-08-28 and part of 29 from  
R-2 to C-R.

So moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Second.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Discussion.

So I am not inclined to  
accommodate this applicant by  
making a zoning change, a zoning  
district change. I just want the  
Board to be aware of that.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well,  
it's my understanding that  
they're -- they've presented an  
application, correct, and that  
we're just scheduling --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

That's all this is.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: It's



to schedule a public hearing.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we're scheduling a public hearing and then we will be voting and discussing as well. But I think Patrick's comment is dually noted. He has a right to express that and we can talk about it further at the time we close the public hearing.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Because this Board is not required to schedule a public hearing. One of our options is to not proceed with this, to not accommodate the applicant by having a public hearing.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: But the application is submitted for scheduling. If you refuse to schedule it, that could be a potential issue.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: All right, that's not my understanding. So

this Board is obligated to hold a  
public hearing?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

For a zoning change? I believe  
so.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: We are not  
obligated to actually consider it.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Well, after public hearing you'll --

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: No. At  
this point in time --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

The application? I don't believe  
so. I think it has to be open for  
a public hearing.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: What  
does the code say?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I  
can let you know.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That  
doesn't sound right to me.  
Because why are we voting on this  
if it's required? Is it not  
digressionary --

MAYOR STUESSI: We have to  
vote to hold any public hearing.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: To  
schedule.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
So the public can appear and, you  
know, speak on it if they so  
chose.

MAYOR STUESSI: We can't hold  
a public meeting without a motion  
to schedule it.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: No,  
I'm going to the Village code  
because the Village code has --

MAYOR STUESSI: There can't  
be any public hearing without a  
vote from the Statutory Board.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:  
Right.

MAYOR STUESSI: And this is  
coming in front of our Board.  
It's not going in front of  
Planning or ZBA; it's coming in  
front of us.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I think what I'm trying to ask is one of the options for this Board is not to move this to a public hearing.

MAYOR STUESSI: I think that's correct. Jared will have to confirm --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I'll have to confirm. I'm not -- I apologize.

MAYOR STUESSI: I'd suggest we call for a vote and see where everybody is on the record if we're holding a public hearing. So who made the motion?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL:  
(Indicating.)

MAYOR STUESSI: I did. So moved. Lily seconded.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I'll say I'm not sure I'm totally for it, but I'm happy to have a public hearing.

MAYOR STUESSI: That's all.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

I'm just saying that for the  
record.

MAYOR STUESSI: So we can  
hear the applicant and the public.  
Yes, Mary-Bess?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: No  
matter how we feel about it, we  
have a responsibility to put it  
out to the public to let them have  
a comment and the only way to do  
that is to have a public hearing.

I understand, Patrick, where  
you're coming from, but you're --  
in my mind what you're doing is  
you're making a prediction without  
listening to the community as to  
how they feel about it because a  
zone change is not just our  
decision. It's to get comments  
from the community too, how they  
feel about it. I -- as I said,  
public hearings are most -- that's  
part of our job is to listen to

the community whether we agree with what they say or what they don't say and then we make a decision from there. That's what I always thought the purpose of a public hearing was for.

MAYOR STUESSI: Agreed. Any other comments? I spoke too soon on the light.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: No, no, I mean --

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: It's a switch.

MAYOR STUESSI: But nobody touched it and I literary just made the comment that this is the first time ever that we've not had the lights flicker.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Somebody is running the hairdryer on Second Street.

MAYOR STUESSI: That's what it is.

(Laughter.)

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I just want to make another comment. I'm all for a public hearing. I agree with Mary Bess. I think the public -- obviously, I want the public to be heard. What I'm not clear about is what our recourse is when a applicant before Planning Board basically appeals to our Board. That's what they're doing.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, the applicant is appealing to our Board for a zoning decision that we're the only ones who can make.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Section 150-35 provides by resolution, it's just setting the matter down for a public hearing. And then they'll be an opportunity, after it's discussed, after the public has had the opportunity to speak, for the Board to consider the actual

zoning change.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So we don't have the ability to not hear the appeal?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
Not that I'm aware. I don't think that makes sense procedurally. I think that you allow the Board to prevent the kind of public discourse that everybody here is in favor of.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: That would a violation of the open --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
It would seem to be a violation of --

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: The code.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
-- the code.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Our code.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: But the other thing is with this, I do believe once we set the public



hearing in motion, do we not have to reach out to the Planning Board and to Suffolk County Planning because they happen to be under 25?

MAYOR STUESSI: They're neighboring communities. Brian said that in an e-mail.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: That would encompass everyone in the public having a comment. So my one question is the Planning Board is going to eventually get their application. So that's where I'm seeing the conflict is the Planning Board having a comment on this public hearing.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, and the other thing before that even happens when -- I mean, they can issue comments to it as well as part of the public hearing. And then once we vote, if we we're voting in favor, it gets referred

to Suffolk County Planning.

Suffolk County Planning --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

For local determination --

MAYOR STUESSI: -- has to  
review it, much like we did with  
the moratorium as everybody  
recalls.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I remember  
that.

MAYOR STUESSI: If Suffolk  
County Planning says no, then it  
comes back to us and if we vote to  
try and pass it, we have to have a  
super majority, so four out of  
five of us, otherwise it does not  
pass.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
Override.

MAYOR STUESSI: If Suffolk  
County says, okay, we're good with  
that, and if it's their majority,  
then it requires a simple majority  
of our Board in order for it to

pass. But, obviously, there's a lot of discussion that's going to take place and multiple periods. I mean, it won't happen before us meeting at least twice, us voting twice on it.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay, thanks. It's clearer to me now.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I'll send an e-mail to everybody with a more detailed analysis.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: That would be good.

MAYOR STUESSI: We had a second. Let's call a vote.

All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody opposed?

(No response.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Everybody is  
in favor. Motion passes. With  
that and the lights above us, I  
will make a motion to close the  
meeting.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:  
Second.

THE COURT: All in favor?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion  
carries. Thank you, everybody.

(Whereupon, the meeting  
adjourned at 7:01 p.m.)

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I, REBECCA WOOD, a Shorthand Reporter and  
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either by blood or marriage, to any of the  
parties in this action; and

THAT I am in no way interested in the  
outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my  
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