

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

7 Station One Firehouse
8 Third and South Streets
9 Greenport, New York 11944
10 September 26, 2024
11 6:00 p.m.
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13 B E F O R E:
14 KEVIN STUESSI - MAYOR
15 MARY BESS PHILLIPS - DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE
16 PATRICK BRENNAN - TRUSTEE
17 LILY DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON - TRUSTEE
18 JULIA ROBINS - TRUSTEE
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21 IAN R. CONNETT - ACTING VILLAGE ATTORNEY
22 CANDACE HALL - VILLAGE CLERK
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1 (The Meeting was Called to Order at 6 p.m.)

2 MAYOR STUESSI: I'd like to make a motion to
3 open the Regular Session of the Village Board of
4 Trustees meeting. Can I have a second?

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY JOHNSON: Aye.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

12 Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

13 (Pledge of Allegiance)

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Please stay standing for a
15 moment of silence for the following Villagers we
16 lost recently: Halsey A. Staples, Joseph Gene Hollid,
17 John William Nierodzik.

18 (Moment of Silence)

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Please be seated. I have a
20 few announcements. The Greenport Fire Department
21 will be conducting the Annual Fire Hydrant Testing
22 on Sunday, October 27th, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.
23 This will also be coming out in the Village newsletter
24 for October.

25 The Village also encourages the use of biodegradable

1 paper bags for the containment of leaves and brush.
2 Brush pickup schedule is available on the Village
3 website. This also includes grass. As we've
4 mentioned before, we're having significant issues
5 with the stormwater, and the leaves, grass and
6 other debris is getting inside the stormwater
7 drains.

8 The Village of Greenport Deer Management
9 Program Hunting Season will begin on October 1st,
10 running through January 31st, 2025. You can go to
11 Village Hall if you're looking for a permit.
12 Further information will also be shared in the
13 Village newsletter and on the Village website.

14 And, please, also be aware that Village Hall
15 will be closed on October 14th in observance of
16 Indigenous Peoples and Columbus Day. With --

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mr. Mayor, would you also
18 remind everyone that on October 26th will be the
19 Halloween Parade and the Halloween event in the
20 Village of Greenport? The parade starts at 11 o'clock.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

22 CLERK HALL: One more thing, if I may.
23 Permits are closed. The opportunity to get a
24 permit is closed. The people who have been awarded
25 will be able to pick up their permits at Village Hall.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Hunting season permits?

2 CLERK HALL: Yes. They had until
3 September 20th to submit for the lottery.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: With that, I'd like to make a
5 motion to open the Public Hearing to receive public
6 comments on the following State Liquor Authority
7 application: This is an application from Mr. Zach
8 Baba at 314 Greenport LLC, at 314 Main Street in
9 Greenport. May I have a second?

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

17 Public Hearing is open. If you could state
18 your name and address for the record.

19 MR. ERDEM: Good evening. This is Zach Erdem
20 from 314 Main Street, Greenport, Restaurant.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. And if you could
22 just tell the public and the Board about your plans
23 for the restaurant and what you're intending to do
24 with this liquor license you're applying for.

25 MR. ERDEM: Yes, sir. As everyone knows that

1 we are fully a restaurant, open 7 days, from 5 to
2 10 p.m. Pretty much just a regular Mediterranean
3 restaurant.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Are there any questions from
5 anybody on the Board before we take public comments?

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Lily, no?

9 MEMBER JOHNSTON: (Shook Head No)

10 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. You could be
11 seated. Is there anybody from the public that
12 would like to speak in regards to this application?
13 Please, if you want to approach the podium.

14 MS. SHANK: Ruth Shank, 320 Carpenter Street.
15 Just two quick questions. I wondered if the
16 applicant had applied for and received an
17 entertainment permit.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Not to my knowledge have they
19 either applied, and have not received an entertainment
20 permit.

21 MS. SHANK: Because I understand that there
22 was entertainment and music out there on Sunday a
23 couple of weeks ago.

24 And the other comment that I'm confused about
25 when I looked at the application, there's a

1 question about are there three or more establishments
2 serving alcohol within a 500-feet radius, and it
3 looked like the answer was no. So is that something
4 I'm not reading right?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: I don't have the application
6 in front of me, I don't know if anybody does, but,
7 obviously, there are within that radius.

8 MS. SHANK: Yeah. So I don't know if I
9 misread it or -- but he -- it looked like no was
10 filled in.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh.

12 MS. SHANK: So --

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Well, we'll verify that.

14 MS. SHANK: I counted like, I counted like
15 six --

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

17 MS. SHANK: -- places, so that was my question.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Thank you.

19 MS. SHANK: Thank you.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else from
21 the public that would like to speak on this this
22 evening? Yes, please.

23 MS. WALTON: Frances Walton, 171 Central
24 Avenue. I'm a neighbor around the corner, and I --
25 this isn't specific to a liquor license, per se,

1 but I would like to comment and for the Trustees to
2 know that the restaurant has not necessarily been
3 the best neighbor in terms of keeping the premises
4 in order, cleanly. There are issues with garbage,
5 and broken fences, and things like that. So that
6 speaks more to the operations of the restaurant
7 itself, or whatever operations they have there.
8 But it should be on record that they have not
9 complied with some of the things I think they
10 committed to do to maintain the Carpenter Street
11 side of the property.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

13 MR. ERDEM: Can I comment on something on
14 that?

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Let's see if there's anybody
16 else from the public that would like to speak, and
17 then we'd welcome you back up. Is there anybody,
18 anybody else from the public who would like to
19 speak in regards to this application? No?

20 (No Response)

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Mr. Baba, you're welcome to
22 come back to the podium.

23 MR. ERDEM: I just want to clear up, what are
24 you are referring to? Can you explain more? Which
25 garbage can are you talking about?

1 MS. WALTON: Should I be --

2 MAYOR STUESSI: No, I don't know that we want
3 to go back and forth. You heard the comment from
4 the public.

5 MR. ERDEM: Mr. Mayor, you pass by there
6 every day. Do you see any garbage around it?

7 MAYOR STUESSI: It's not --

8 MR. ERDEM: Do you think that it's not
9 maintained well?

10 MAYOR STUESSI: I --

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: This doesn't deal with the
12 liquor license.

13 MR. ERDEM: I'm sorry?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: It's a separate issue. We're
15 here for your liquor license, and so we took the
16 comment from her in regards to it. But I think you
17 heard what she said and then we'll take it into
18 account.

19 MR. ERDEM: I did. I'm very upset about it.
20 Actually, I have full-time employees that are doing
21 the job every day, checking all the garbage and all
22 around it. I'm not sure you've seen the garbage
23 around our businesses or places.

24 MS. WALTON: I would be happy to have a
25 conversation with you at a separate time.

1 MR. ERDEM: Yeah, please, I would love that.
2 Yes, I would love that. Thank you.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody else from the public?
4 (No Response)

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Any further comments from the
6 Board at the moment?

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I know we had the opportunity
8 to aggregate comments.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Correct? And then submit
11 them --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- in response.

14 ATTORNEY CONNETT: That is correct.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. So when will we do
16 that, at our next Work Session, or we do that
17 between now and then?

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: No, I don't have any
24 further comments. I was just thinking about the
25 process, about do we need to provide the Counsel

1 with specific information or --

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes. If there's anything
3 else we'd like to add now, we should, beyond what's
4 been commented in the past already.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. All right. Nothing
6 to add. Thank you.

7 ATTORNEY CONNETT: You can engage in
8 discussion now and then we can aggregate the
9 comments at the next meeting for approval by the
10 Board, and then those would be submitted to the SLA
11 as part of their review of that application.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. Thank you.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Is that within the 30-day
14 time period, though? Don't we have a 30-day time
15 period in which to comment?

16 ATTORNEY CONNETT: The 30-day notice period
17 was for the initial application, I believe.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

19 ATTORNEY CONNETT: We'll check with the SLA,
20 but I believe there may be more time --

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

22 ATTORNEY CONNETT: -- to submit and aggregate
23 those comments.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, great.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. I'll make a

1 motion to close the Public Hearing

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'll second that.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

9 Public Hearing is closed. We will now open
10 this up to the public to address the Board on any
11 other subjects. Is there anybody who would like --
12 yes, sir, please, you in the Yankees jersey.

13 MR. YOUNG: Yes.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: If you could approach the
15 podium and state your name and address for the
16 record.

17 MR. YOUNG: Hi, folks. My name is Don Young.
18 I live over at the -- I call it The Asylum, other
19 people call it Peconic Landing. And I lived two
20 years in -- 20 years in Shelter Island, then just
21 moved over here recently.

22 I have a problem with the traffic on Main
23 Street. Yeah, Main Street. It doesn't seem to me
24 like it's very safe to have two lanes of cars going
25 opposite directions and parking on both sides of

1 the street. And I realized that parking is a
2 tremendous issue here, especially in the summer,
3 when guests from all over the place come and say
4 hello. So I have an idea, and my idea sprang from
5 the Long Island Railroad at Ronkonkoma.

6 And I could think -- I think that I would
7 like to see in the area which is the city parking
8 lot, which is behind the stores, out of the main
9 flow, with the look of the city, but multi-level
10 garage. And then we could -- then you could
11 consider a way to have parking just on one side of
12 Main Street, or no parking on Main Street, whatever,
13 but just so it's -- it seems really foolishly
14 dangerous to me to have on a drunken driving night
15 to have people going two ways to have a little bit
16 of space. Okay? That's all.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for your comments.
18 And you'll be pleased to know that the Board has
19 had discussions and is in the process of drawing up
20 an RFP to do a wider parking and traffic study in
21 the Village this winter, and so that will be coming
22 up in due course. And the public will be notified,
23 and we would welcome your comments as part of that.

24 MR. YOUNG: Terrific. Thank you very much.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for attending this

1 evening, sir. Is there anybody else from the --
2 yes, sir.

3 MR. RATSEY: My name is Colin Ratsey, Ratsey
4 Construction, I live in Greenport. I moved here
5 approximately 40 years ago and I'm still not a
6 resident. So Greenport is Greenport, and that's
7 why I moved here.

8 I think people forget why we moved here. I
9 think they come here and they try to change the
10 Village. I can tell you since day one I came here
11 I never changed anything. I always worked with the
12 people of Greenport and I always tried to keep
13 Greenport.

14 We have homeless people downtown. I went
15 with my dump truck, I threw all their garbage in
16 the dump truck. In the old days we wouldn't have
17 had that. We had the fishing boats, we had the
18 oysters, we had people scalloping. But the new
19 people came and said that the fishing boats left
20 their generators on so we need to move the fishing
21 boats. It's one thing after another. It's the
22 leaf blowers, it's this, it's that.

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.

24 MR. RATSEY: If people don't like Greenport,
25 they need to leave.

1 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes.

2 MR. RATSEY: They need to go back. Now

3 here's the thing I want to say. I just -- the stop

4 signs with the stop bumps, I went around Greenport,

5 I sent Mary Bess Phillips 10 pictures. There's

6 more than 10 stop signs. And I hate -- my sister

7 is going to be mad at me. My sister is a very good

8 hard worker here, but my sister, Jane, lives there

9 and they go through her stop sign. That's great

10 now that she's on the Tree Committee, too. All the

11 trees are at 5 foot, 6 foot, and you cannot see the

12 stop signs. Everybody says you can. If you're

13 driving 25 miles an hour, which I never do, you

14 cannot stop in 56 feet for a stop sign. So if you

15 go 80 feet or 50 feet from a stop sign and you

16 stand on the yellow line, the stop signs are

17 blocked, especially the ferry one.

18 The other thing that's the problem is

19 everybody is parking cars within 25 feet of the

20 stop sign. There's trailers in front of the stop

21 signs.

22 It's all commonsense. We paint the lines, we

23 do what we're supposed to and we have no more

24 problems. We don't need speed bumps, we don't need

25 flashing lights, we just need people not to park

1 near the stop signs.

2 The other thing is the basketball court. The
3 basketball court was put there for a reason. It
4 was for the Police Department and the community to
5 stay together. It was for them to work with the
6 people that were living on Third Street and bring
7 them in and do the right thing.

8 So I made one phone call, took me, I think,
9 15 minutes. I'm going to donate 1500, Angelo
10 Stepnoski, Greenport Docks got 1500, the PBA is
11 giving me 500. And Jack Weiskott, that lives on
12 Fifth Street, I asked him, "Will you draw a plant
13 design?" Now just because the guy's complaining,
14 we're not putting plants there for him. We're
15 putting them there to make it a beautiful spot.
16 We'll buy picnic tables, whatever we have to. If
17 you -- if Mary Bess Phillips can maybe figure out a
18 committee, or somebody can do it, I got the money
19 to do it, let's do it.

20 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'll donate.

21 MR. RATSEY: But we -- all we have to do is
22 put a tree this high (demonstrating). We don't
23 have to put a tree for noise, we're just putting a
24 tree. Let's just do the right thing. That's
25 number one.

1 The other thing is we lost Halsey Staples.
2 Halsey Staples' wife, Janet, worked at Village Hall
3 for 20 years or more. She doesn't have much.
4 She's got a pool in her backyard. I went over
5 there, I helped her out a little bit. I told her
6 we're going to fill the pool in and get rid of
7 everything in the backyard. It's just crazy. So
8 if anybody wants to volunteer, I'll be going over
9 to another local person.

10 But it really is about helping the Village
11 people, it's not about changing them. That's why
12 you came here, let's keep it like that. Thank you.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, sir. Is there
14 anybody else that would like to speak this evening?
15 Destiny, did you want?

16 MS. WACHTEL: Good evening, Board. My name
17 is Tonia Wachtel. I've lived in Greenport for 50
18 years, my whole life. I cannot lie, this is the
19 first Board meeting, town meeting I've ever been
20 to, and I'm here --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for being here.

22 MS. WACHTEL: Thank you. I don't know if
23 there was a final decision made on the basketball
24 court, but that's precisely why I was here.

25 And, as Mr. Ratsey just said, I am here

1 because I feel it's great if everyone wants to move
2 here, but stop trying to change us. It was here my
3 whole entire life, its' been here before that, it
4 brings people together. Over the years, even one
5 of your Board members had brought children and
6 adults to come together, the community, and bring
7 them together from Greenport, Southold, Riverhead,
8 Bellport, Mattituck, Cutchogue. And since she
9 started that, I've just seen people unite and get
10 back to what life is supposed to be about, human
11 decency.

12 And I don't feel like the park should be
13 taken away because people from all other parts of
14 the world want to come here, and move here, and
15 make their fancy houses. And that's fine, we're
16 not condoning you on that and criticizing you on
17 that, but don't change or try to take away
18 something that was here, because when you bought
19 your house, you were aware that it was there. I am
20 a homeowner. When I built my house I respected the
21 people that live in my neighborhood, just do the
22 same.

23 So I don't know what the final decision is,
24 but I don't feel like the park should be removed,
25 and I'm here to advocate for that.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: So just to be very clear,
2 there have been some concerns from some neighbors
3 about noise and other issues that the Board has
4 listened to, but the Board has not considered
5 moving the ballpark.

6 MS. WACHTEL: Okay.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: If anything, we're taking a
8 look at what more we can do to fix it up. You just
9 heard one community member who wants to donate some
10 money as part of that. We've also recently solicited
11 bids to look at what needs to be done to make some
12 additional repairs, because it is cracked, and
13 there's some branches and things, roots and things
14 coming up in it.

15 MS. WACHTEL: And that's understandable. But
16 I'm just making sure it's not just because of the
17 complaints of what they're doing, what they're --
18 what they're actually complaining about, because
19 that's anywhere in any part of this town, in any
20 other city or state or town. It's if you're coming
21 up with a solution and maybe we can do a fundraiser,
22 and as a town together and fix up those things, as
23 opposed to even having to have everyone just donate
24 their money, let's maybe broadcast, "Hey, this is
25 what the Town Board is trying to do, is there

1 anyone in the Town that's willing to come and
2 join?" And just as well as they have the community
3 basketball thing there and everyone joins in and
4 pitch in there, maybe we can think of something in
5 the town, chip in to raise the money to fix that.
6 So that's all. I'm just, you know, so --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: It's an important amenity in
8 the community.

9 MS. WACHTEL: And I'm glad that you're not
10 trying to just take it down, and you are considering
11 other options and are planning to work with it.
12 But I just feel like at the end of the end, I'm
13 glad you are working, and I hope that's what's
14 really happening. And we're just not going to let
15 people come in and take over the town, because the
16 same reason they claim they're moving here, if it's
17 no longer here, then what are you doing here? If
18 you're taking what you love about the town away,
19 what's the point? So that was it.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: It's an important part of
21 that neighborhood, for sure.

22 MS. WACHTEL: Thank you.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. Is there anybody
24 else that would like to speak? Yes.

25 MS. SALTER: Hi. Destiny Salter. I live at

1 62600 North Road, Greenport. I am a community
2 member, I've lived here my entire life, I'm raising
3 my children here now, and I also came here to
4 advocate for the basketball park, after hearing
5 some of the rumors and things like that.

6 And so I am happy to hear that the Board is
7 exploring avenues such as reaching out to try to
8 get resources and things like that. And I'm happy
9 to hear Colin here saying that he's reached out to
10 community members and they're going to be planting
11 things down there. That's all been done before and
12 it hadn't been maintained.

13 So I just want to know exactly like what
14 Tonia said, like what's the follow-through on this,
15 and how can we maintain it? Because right now, if
16 you go down to the little kids park right next
17 door, if you look underneath the swings right now,
18 all of the black stuff, the netting is completely
19 exposed, and that it's a trip-and-fall hazard down
20 there. I don't take my children there ever,
21 because it's just not safe. I haven't taken them
22 there in years. I've complained before, but
23 whatever, it's not maintained. So the same thing
24 goes for the basketball park.

25 And I am one of the team members who have

1 brought back that basketball tournament, along with
2 Candace here, the Village Clerk. And, you know, we
3 reach out to the community every year and we make
4 that thing happen. But, again, there's cracks in
5 the cement down there. We have to get the leaf
6 blowers out. We're blowing things, kids are
7 slipping, you know, it's very dangerous down there
8 and nothing is maintained.

9 So I'm happy to hear that, you know, the
10 community, this is on everyone's radar, the
11 community is coming together, there's donations
12 pouring in. But the Village has to step up and
13 maintain these properties in the same way that
14 Fifth and Sixth Street is maintained, in the same
15 way that I've had the police called on me down
16 there, because I'm there a few minutes after dusk
17 with my children just packing up, because my kid
18 does not want to leave the park, or the beach for
19 that matter. It's not maintained in the same way
20 down here at Third Street. You ride through there
21 any given day, I'm coming through here after
22 getting my daughter from dance class at 8:45 at
23 night, and there's people loitering in there,
24 there's grown men drinking, there's no enforcement
25 around here. So that's something that really needs

1 to be looked into.

2 And then the Village, what's the situation
3 with the Recreation Department? Is there one?
4 Because I look at Southold Town and they have a
5 Recreation Department where they offer things to
6 their kids, and there's stuff that you could sign
7 the kids up for. And then you look at the Town of
8 Riverhead, and, again, they have so many programs
9 that they offer to the youth, whether it be sports
10 programs, art programs, dance programs, cooking,
11 coding, Lego club, chess club, you name it. There
12 are so many options for the children, and the
13 Village has nothing, so I have to pack my kids in
14 the car and we travel.

15 I would much rather give my money to the
16 Village than to give it to the Town of Riverhead or
17 the Town of the Southold. I mean, I love to
18 support all the communities, but, again, I would
19 love to pour into the community where I live.

20 So I would like for the Village, the Board to
21 really consider looking into their Recreation
22 Department and really figuring out what they can do
23 for the youth around here, just the Village. It's
24 not about teaming up what the Town has going on and
25 piggy-back. The Village needs its own Recreation

1 Department, because right now it's truly lacking
2 for the youth around here.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: I think those are all great
4 points, and we are looking at what more we can do.
5 And it's always wonderful to see you and the kids
6 down at the basketball court.

7 MS. WACHTEL: Great. Thank you.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for everything
9 you've done with the tournament over the past
10 several years and on an ongoing basis. Is there
11 anybody else who would like to speak?

12 CHAIRPERSON HAMMES: I'm going to change the
13 topic. Tricia Hammes, 603 Main Street. I'm here
14 in my personal capacity this evening, but a lot of
15 what I am going to say this evening is informed by
16 the fact that I'm the Chair of the Village's
17 Planning Board.

18 So we're now at the end of the second summer
19 and much of the peak season of the second year of
20 the current Board of Trustees as currently
21 comprised and the Mayor's term. From most people's
22 perspective, the election that brought the current
23 Board into office was seen as a change election.
24 With two Trustees' position up for election next
25 March, this seems like an appropriate moment to

1 step back and evaluate where the Village stands two
2 years into the Board's mandate.

3 Without a doubt, the Board has achieved
4 significant milestones in that time. This includes
5 lifting the commercial development moratorium in
6 record time, passing important amendments to
7 Village Code, and tackling a variety of infrastructure
8 challenges around the Village. The Board has also
9 initiated conversations on important issues and
10 challenges facing the Village, such as short-term
11 rentals, the lack of affordable housing, and other
12 important concerns. Considerable thought and
13 effort have been devoted to exploring solutions to
14 these challenges. Additionally, communication with
15 and solicitation of input from the Village community
16 has generally improved.

17 However, earlier this year, the Village
18 Administrator, who had served in that role for 10 years,
19 retired. The likelihood of this retirement was
20 easily anticipated and predictable at least six months
21 prior to his actual retirement. Nearly six months
22 after his retirement, no replacement has been
23 named, and from the public's perspective, it is
24 unclear if an active search or a discussion to fill
25 this position is underway.

1 Although New York State does not mandate the
2 appointment of a Village Administrator, having
3 someone in this capacity is widely considered
4 beneficial. A Village Administrator typically
5 brings expertise in municipal management, overseeing
6 day-to-day operations such as those of the Building
7 Department, planning matters, and Code Enforcement.
8 Furthermore, a Village Administrator provides
9 continuity and institutional knowledge between
10 administrations, and enables the Mayor and Board of
11 Trustees to focus on policy and long-term planning
12 objectives, rather than daily operational concerns.

13 At present, it appears that the Mayor has
14 taken on responsibilities typically assigned to a
15 Village Administrator. Mayor Stuessi's commitment
16 and dedication to this Village are beyond question
17 and commendable. We are fortunate to have him
18 leading the Village in these challenging times.
19 Yet, based both on my experience as Chair of the
20 Planning Board and numerous conversations with
21 various Village residents, it is apparent that the
22 Village is struggling with managing certain
23 day-to-day operations, particularly in respective
24 matters relating to the Building Department and
25 Code Enforcement. In fact, one could argue that

1 the Village currently does not have a functioning
2 Building Department.

3 As one example, Section 65-3 of the Village
4 Code requires the Building Inspector to provide
5 this Board of Trustees with a monthly report on
6 building permits, certificate of occupancies, and
7 code violations, and that such monthly report be
8 included in the Board of Trustee monthly minutes.
9 Historically, this report was included in the
10 agenda for the Work Session. However, since March
11 2023, this report has becoming increasing
12 incomplete, and more recently has disappeared
13 altogether from the agenda. Without this report,
14 the public is blind as to what types of building
15 and applications and code enforcement are taking
16 place in the Village. This is a clear failure of
17 the Board to require compliance with Village Code
18 and provide information, which is important to
19 Village residents.

20 Additionally, the Planning Board frequently
21 submits to the Village requests for information or
22 input on various matters that are pending before
23 it, or relate to the performance of the Planning
24 Board's duties. While responses to these questions
25 are provided from time to time, the answer is often

1 that the matter is being reviewed, with little
2 followup. Many of these inquiries are referred to
3 outside Village Counsel, even when they are more
4 process-oriented or technical in nature, not legal.
5 This suggests a lack of resources within Village Hall
6 to address such issues.

7 I would separately like to thank Trustee Phillips
8 for her attempts last week to follow up with the Board
9 in respect of one such set of inquiries, which was
10 submitted back in July. We look forward, the
11 Planning Board looks forward to receiving input
12 from this Board on those matters.

13 Contractors, architects and residents have
14 also raised concerns about delays in processing
15 requests for building permits, COs, and other site
16 plan reviews, and response -- and when responses
17 are provided by the Village, they are often
18 incomplete or inaccurate. In several cases this
19 year, the Zoning Board of Appeals has identified
20 issues with applications that were not fully
21 addressed in the initial Notice of Disapproval.
22 It is also clear that construction activity is
23 taking place around the Village without the
24 necessary issuance of permits in certain instances.
25 I note that at last week's Work Session, two

1 residents had specifically spoke out with concerns
2 on this point.

3 All of these issues are clear signs of a
4 Building Department that is in disarray. It
5 shouldn't be the case that the Mayor has to
6 personally be involved in every decision made by
7 the Building Department, or ensuring that all
8 necessary permits are in place for proposed
9 construction, site plans or conditional uses. The
10 Mayor is also not a designated officer of the
11 Village for purposes of code enforcement.

12 I would also note that under New York State
13 Law, no member of the Board of Trustees is
14 permitted to also be a member of a statutory board,
15 such as the Planning Board or ZBA, which begs the
16 question as to how much direct oversight and
17 responsibility the Mayor or any Trustees should
18 have in respective matters that are pending before
19 the Planning Board or the ZBA.

20 Furthermore, there appears to be a general
21 lack of enforcement of code revisions, including
22 many that were specifically amended in the past
23 year to address Village concerns such as noise,
24 hosting of entertainment, and mass assembly events.
25 These oversights indicate a pressing need for more

1 experienced personnel, both in and overseeing the
2 Building Department in day-to-day operations of the
3 Village, including in respect of Code Enforcement.
4 I suspect that others that are active in the
5 Village community in Board roles have identified
6 similar issues and have similar concerns as to the
7 current state of operations of the Building Department
8 and of general oversight of day-to-day municipal
9 functions.

10 I want to emphasize that I greatly appreciate
11 the hard work, time and energy that the Mayor and
12 this Board put in to serving this Village. I know
13 that public service is often a thankless task, and
14 I personally want to thank you all for your
15 dedication to improving life in our community. But
16 that being said, I have significant concerns about
17 the failure to appoint a new Village Administrator,
18 or to establish some sort of middle management role
19 at Village Hall that has responsibility for overseeing
20 the day-to-day operations of the Building Department,
21 planning matters and code enforcement. This omission,
22 in my opinion, represents a failure of the duty of
23 care that this Board owes to this Village and its
24 residents.

25 Ensuring that the Village operates in a

1 timely, efficient and transparent manner, and that
2 Village Code is enforced is crucial. Hiring one or
3 more individuals with a background in municipal
4 operations, including economic, planning and
5 community development, as well as code oversight,
6 can only benefit both the Village and the Board in
7 a -- as a whole.

8 I strongly urge this Board to take immediate
9 steps to recruit qualified personnel to oversee
10 these day-to-day municipal operations, particularly
11 in the areas of the Building Department management,
12 planning, and code enforcement. This would also
13 enable the Mayor and this Board to devote their
14 focus to pressing policy issues and more high level
15 community development concerns of the Village,
16 including fundraising support for infrastructure
17 improvements, the adoption of a comprehensive plan,
18 and consideration of necessary or beneficial code
19 amendments.

20 Finally, as Chair of the Planning Board, I
21 would like to take this opportunity to respectfully
22 request that this Board consider reinstating the
23 prior Village policy of appointing separate counsel
24 for the Planning Board and the ZBA from the lawyers
25 that act as general counsel to the Mayor and the

1 Village. I think it would be helpful to the
2 Planning Board, and I suspect also to the ZBA, to
3 have independent representation and counsel on
4 certain issues without having to consult directly
5 with the Mayor and his counsel. Thank you for
6 considering this important matter.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for your service to
8 the community. Anybody else like to speak this
9 evening? Yes, sir?

10 MR. WHITTLE: Ed Whittle, 164 Sixth Street, a
11 40-plus-year resident.

12 First, I'd like to thank the Board and Mayor
13 for all your efforts this past weekend. I'm sure
14 there was a lot going on behind the scenes, but you
15 were all involved in that Maritime Festival. And I
16 have to say, compared to last year, this year was a
17 total success, and I spent a lot of time and money
18 down at the Maritime Festival. But my congratulations.
19 I know you didn't control the weather, but it was
20 two great days.

21 I'd like to reiterate what Colin Ratsey had
22 to say. As a Village walker, there's lots of
23 issues around the stop signs. And we're often
24 seeing branches hanging over that are blocking the
25 view, but, also, the cars parking up close are

1 blocking them as well.

2 Finally, on Sixth Street at the end, there's
3 a sump pump that constantly pumps water into the
4 street, and the end of the block is really being
5 destroyed because of this. And I'm wondering if
6 there's restrictions on that, and why shouldn't it
7 just go into their backyard?

8 MAYOR STUESSI: So we, we are -- we have
9 commissioned a sewage update study, which also
10 includes stormwater. This is supposed to be coming
11 out in the next week, week-and-a-half. One of the
12 things that you're going to see addressed in there
13 is a lot of attention towards the groundwater
14 that's in a lot of folks' basements, and this is
15 something the Board is going to be focused on over
16 the next many months.

17 MR. WHITTLE: So is there any restrictions
18 about that water being pumped out?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: It's something the Board
20 needs to address in a number of areas in the
21 Village.

22 MR. WHITTLE: Okay. Thank you.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, sir. Rock, paper,
24 scissors?

25 AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm not going to fight

1 John Saladino.

2 (Laughter)

3 JOHN SALADINO: John Saladino, Sixth Street.

4 In the interest of full disclosure, for some of the
5 people in the audience, I'm a member of the Zoning
6 Board. But, again, I can't speak for the Zoning
7 Board, so I'll speak for myself. I'm here to echo
8 a lot of what Patricia said. As far as counsel, I
9 also believe that a statutory board should have
10 its -- have separate counsel.

11 Just now we heard, we heard a resident and a
12 member of the statutory board list numerous things
13 that are troubling in the Village, since the
14 majority of what I do on the Zoning Board revolves
15 around doing business with the Building Department.
16 We heard the Board's response to the concern, but
17 I'm asking now. Everyone here knows there's a
18 vacuum in the Building Department. There is no
19 Building Inspector, there is no Building Clerk,
20 there is nobody, except I'm guessing to the Mayor,
21 to oversee what happens there.

22 Being on the Zoning Board, it makes -- first
23 of all, it's improper, and, second of all, it makes
24 me uncomfortable to have to speak to a resident
25 about why their application took a year to get in

1 front of the Zoning Board, a simple application.
2 Backyard deck, a backyard -- an extension to
3 someone's house in the backyard, one year. We had
4 to hear it at an open meeting for the public to
5 hear. I had no answer for them, you know. So
6 maybe now you guys could share with us, or share
7 with the public, exactly what's being done.

8 The Mayor and I, and Mary Bess Phillips,
9 because of my position on the Code Committee, I had
10 access to them up until recently every week, and I
11 would kind of ask these questions and, and you'd
12 get an answer that we're trying to do something or
13 we're trying to do this, but now it's become
14 untenable. You have to do something. You can't
15 you can't say, "Well, we're looking into it." You
16 can't say, "Well, we're talking to some people."
17 You can't, you can't let the Attorney write the
18 Notice of Disapproval, or some architect that you
19 know. You can't do that. You can't hire a guy
20 part-time that may or may not show up.

21 Greenport right now, and I've said this to
22 you guys, Greenport right now is Tombstone, Arizona
23 in 1800. It's like do what you want, because there
24 is, there is no enforcement, there is no -- there's
25 nobody to -- there's nobody to take care of business.

1 And to sit and say, "Well, we're looking into it,"
2 it's not working anymore. It's not working
3 anymore. You know, four months ago you could use
4 that excuse, three months ago you could use that
5 excuse, but here today, tonight, you can't do it
6 anymore. You got to -- you guys got to fish or cut
7 bait. You got to hire somebody, you to take care
8 of business. I mean, the Village is in turmoil.

9 I told somebody this the other day and he
10 called me a liar. I drove down -- it was the day
11 before, it was the day before the Maritime Festival,
12 I guess it was Friday. And I drove down First
13 Street, coming from someplace, I drove down First
14 Street, I past Adams, and between Adams and First,
15 I happened to look to my left, and I looked and all
16 the cars were parked, five cars were parked facing
17 in the wrong direction, facing south. I thought
18 they must have made this a one-way street for the,
19 for the Maritime Festival. And I said, "Well, I
20 don't see any signs or anything." So now, here you are,
21 and it's just minor stuff like that, that there's
22 nobody to say, "Hey, buddy, you can't park there,"
23 or get a ticket, and we'll get that orange, orange
24 ticket out front.

25 There -- and I don't want to sound like a

1 Boy Scout, and I don't want this to sound like a
2 hit job, that we conspired to come here and -- but
3 since you brought it up, I'm going to say my piece
4 also. You got to have, you got to have some rules.
5 You know, you can't run a place without any rules.
6 You can't have people going to the Mayor to
7 adjudicate their problem about a backyard deck, or
8 you can't -- or talking to a Trustee, or a
9 contractor just saying, "Just do it," you know.

10 And we all know contractors do what
11 contractors do, but there's somebody there to say,
12 "Well, no, you can't do that," and they listen.
13 But if there's nobody there to say, "No, you can't
14 do that," then now you got a swimming pool in
15 somebody's backyard that doesn't have a building
16 permit, or you got an extension on somebody's house
17 that has no inspection from somebody from the --
18 that's qualified with the International Fire and
19 Building Code. You know, it's like, "Well, yeah,
20 it's okay."

21 Guys, you got to do something, you know, you
22 just, you just have to do something. And say that,
23 "Well, we're talking to people," I don't want to be
24 disrespectful, but I don't see any results. You
25 got a guy. You know, how long does it take to talk

1 to somebody? Pay the guy, pay whatever it takes to
2 hire somebody that's qualified, or to revitalize
3 what you have to do, or hire a Building Inspector,
4 or hire -- and I'm not saying you should get rid of
5 Alex, I think Alex does a really good job, but
6 right now he's sick, and somebody has to do the
7 job. But you can't just sit on your hands and say,
8 "Well, you know, it costs a lot of money to do
9 that."

10 Instead of spending money on -- sell something.
11 Sell the Camera Obscura or do something. Get some
12 money, sell it. I mean, you know, nobody goes
13 there anyway. Put it on eBay, you know, use that
14 money to hire a Building Inspector. I don't know.
15 And I know I'm being flippant, but it's a serious
16 problem. I'm not expressing myself as well as
17 Patricia did. I mean, it's like following the
18 Rolling Stones.

19 (Laughter)

20 MR. SALADINO: But the reality is, you know,
21 I see what's going on and I pay attention. So if I
22 see it and I bring it to your attention, or try to
23 bring it to your attention, it's going on and you
24 have to address it. Thanks. Thanks for listening.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, it's appreciated.

1 Thank you, John. Is there anybody else from the
2 public? Yes, please.

3 MS. EDWARDS: Sarah Duffy Edwards,
4 163 Fifth Street. What I love about our Village
5 are these meetings, when I'm able to come, because
6 you're able to give credence to the things that you
7 hear, as well as things that you want to bring up.

8 I want to talk about what Ed talked about,
9 which I had no intention of bringing up tonight,
10 but the two houses, and there's two of them at the
11 end of Sixth Street that are pumping water 24 hours
12 a day, 7 days a week out of their basement at a
13 time where we've had no rain for five weeks. Where
14 is that water coming from?

15 From what I understand, we're going to be
16 paving Sixth Street shortly. This pumping is
17 disintegrating the end of Sixth Street. It seems
18 silly and cost ineffective to be paving a road when
19 people are destroying it by pumping water out into
20 it from their basement.

21 So while I understand that things are taking
22 place in the coming months, think about the order
23 of operations if we're going to pave Sixth Street
24 and we're allowing people to just ruin the end of
25 the street. It is so bad in the winter that I

1 won't walk on Sixth Street or walk my dog because
2 it is a sheet of ice from 134 Sixth Street all the
3 way down. So kudos to you, Ed, for bringing that
4 up.

5 Also, John and Patricia, I walk around my
6 neighborhood, your neighborhood, Kevin. I see lots
7 of building projects going on with no building permits,
8 and I wonder what's going on in those houses that
9 require dumpsters and no building permit.

10 I didn't realize that there was this vacuum
11 at Village Hall, and I'm interested to hear about
12 it, and I second what everybody has said about the
13 need to right it sooner rather than later.

14 And I'm here, as always, to talk about the
15 Fifth Street speed hump. Two months ago we approved it.
16 I haven't seen any engineers measuring, I haven't
17 seen any markings. I'd love to get a status update
18 on where we are with this project that was approved
19 61 days ago.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: So that is being looked at
21 together with all the paving, and doing it at the
22 same time for cost efficiency as part of it.
23 Corazzini, who is our contractor for all that
24 paving work, together with the Jitney work, is
25 completing some paperwork. We're anticipating that

1 that's going to be done within the next week to
2 10 days, and we will then have an official start
3 date for all that work.

4 MS. EDWARDS: But I understood from recent
5 conversations that an engineer had to come out
6 first and do an analysis, because --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, so they had already
8 been out. They were supposed to come out for
9 another visit, and I'll be glad to check in on that
10 tomorrow to see if that's backed up.

11 MS. EDWARDS: That would be great. So --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: But it's scheduled with all
13 the rest of the paving. There's -- I want to say
14 it's close to 3 1/2 million dollars worth of paving
15 that we're going to be doing.

16 MS. EDWARDS: So the engineer has been out --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Originally, yes.

18 MS. EDWARDS: -- and it has been acknowledged
19 where his initial thoughts are, where the speed
20 hump is going to go?

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, and they were supposed
22 to come back and do a followup.

23 MS. EDWARDS: So that would, again, be
24 prudent to see if we're going to be doing paving
25 within the next six weeks, that we don't miss an

1 opportunity that has to bring them back out again?

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, it's being done in
3 conjunction with it.

4 MS. EDWARDS: Okay.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Absolutely.

6 MS. EDWARDS: I'd love a followup when you
7 have it.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. The engineer is also
9 the same engineer that's doing all the work for
10 Jitney, reconfiguration and the parking lot where
11 the, where the Jitney is.

12 MS. EDWARDS: So not to put words in your
13 mouth, but your estimation is that when this paving
14 project is done on Sixth Street, the speed hump
15 will also be done?

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, and possibly --

17 MS. EDWARDS: So within the next 60 days,
18 possibly?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, possibly even before
20 that portion of it.

21 MS. EDWARDS: Okay, great. Thank you.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: You're welcome. Anybody else
23 that would like to speak this evening? Yes, sir.

24 MR. MEALY: My name is Wendell Mealy, 407
25 Second Street, Greenport, New York. And this is --

1 MR. BUCHANAN: Shawn.

2 MR. MEALY: Shawn. He lives down the street
3 from me. It's doing -- we're going to talk about
4 the basketball court. What I'm trying to tell you
5 is this. When the people talk -- came to the Board
6 to ask about questions about moving the basketball
7 court, were they given any options of what could
8 happen if the basketball court wasn't moved or
9 moved? Did they get an answer? Did you get any
10 answers of how to improve the property down there
11 where the basketball court is?

12 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How do we improve it?

13 MR. MEALY: Huh?

14 AUDIENCE MEMBER: How do we improve it?

15 MR. MEALY: Improve it?

16 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yeah, how do we improve it?

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Wait a minute. Wait a
18 minute.

19 MR. MEALY: How you can improve it?

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, Mayor.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Gentlemen. Gentlemen, we're
22 not going to go back and forth with this.

23 MR. MEALY: Okay.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay?

25 MR. MEALY: Okay. How do I do this?

1 MAYOR STUESSI: It's appropriate for you to
2 speak to the Board there at the podium without
3 going back and forth with audience members. So if
4 you can --

5 MR. MEALY: I need answers.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon me?

7 MR. MEALY: I need answers from -- I asked
8 them, I asked them did they get any options for the
9 basketball court being moved, or here, or it there?

10 MR. BUCHANAN: Can I chime in for one second?

11 MR. MEALY: Yeah, right.

12 MR. BUCHANAN: Shawn Buchanan, Second Street.

13 I think part of the confusion is, is I've had many
14 conversations with this Board. I've had many --
15 I've had individual conversation with all of you.

16 I have submitted multiple documents, and I was
17 actually praised by Candace and the Board for
18 coming up with opportunities of ways we could
19 improve the court. We never ever said move the
20 court until a couple of weeks ago, when I sent an
21 email to the Board.

22 When I left the chicken barbecue here, which
23 we had run all day long for Standard Hose, and I
24 see Wendell and Frank Swan's backyard, the fence is
25 down, because people in the basketball court

1 knocked down Frank Swan's fence and trashed his
2 backyard. So I helped Wendell put that fence
3 back up.

4 And we had a meeting with the Candace and the
5 Mayor. All of a sudden, the Mayor says there's
6 nothing we can do to deal with noise, deal with any
7 of this if we -- all these issues that we've been
8 asking about for quite some time, and asked Wendell
9 what he wanted to do, and Wendell said, "Let's move
10 it. Let's put three two-family houses here on
11 these residential lots and move this someplace
12 else, because this is problematic," and I agreed
13 with him.

14 And I think we have been hit with so much
15 resistance with all of the things that we have come
16 to this Board and to this community and asked for
17 help. We came in asking for help. Candace, how
18 open am I? Any one of you are welcome to come to
19 my house and sit there and have coffee. We can
20 talk about it. You can sit with Wendell and I. We
21 would love to make that work there. We have been
22 told there is no way to stop this homophobic speech
23 that happens there, to -- I mean, there are so many
24 things that are happening there. There's illegal
25 activity.

1 What's her name? Margaret, who lives across
2 the street, has lived on the block for 70 years,
3 she talks about the cars parked out there. She
4 talks about the fact that she raised kids on that
5 block, and she always knew where her kids were.
6 And when she didn't know where -- if they weren't
7 right in front of her, she knew what was going on.
8 Everybody knows what's going on in that basketball
9 court.

10 And I feel like the way that that story came
11 out that was in The Patch, it was very misleading.
12 It didn't talk about the fact how upset Wendell was
13 and that I was that our neighbor's yard was trashed.
14 And I was the one who said, "Let's not call the
15 cops. Let's talk to our neighbors who are in
16 charge of this and let's see if we can do something
17 about this and fix it." And everything is hit with
18 resistance. Nobody wants to stop any of it or
19 change any of it.

20 And Wendell also said we can put it -- if we
21 do have to move it, we can put it back where it was
22 originally at the north end of this park up here,
23 still on Third Street. I said, "Why isn't there a
24 basketball ball court also at the school?" The
25 most important sport in Greenport, there's not a

1 basketball court outside the school. There's four
2 brand new beautiful tennis courts.

3 So there's just a lot of things that I think
4 are misconstrued, and that there's a lot of
5 frustration from the residents that surround this
6 court, and it's always like there's nothing we can
7 do. And so we would love to find a way to make it
8 fit there and stay there, we're fine with that, but
9 we're --

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Sound barriers, like they
11 have on the Expressway, sound barriers.

12 MR. BUCHANAN: Exactly. Exactly. And we
13 presented things like that. We presented different
14 courts. We presented so many things. I can -- I
15 have a letter. I'm happy to share a document that
16 I presented.

17 I think that we have been misrepresented on
18 Second Street. I think that the information is not
19 out there, and that's the frustration that we have.
20 We have tried to work with the community, and we're
21 just not getting anywhere. So that's why in a
22 moment, in a conversation between some neighbors
23 and a couple of people at the Administration, it
24 came up let's move it, let's put houses there. We
25 have a housing shortage. And still keep it, make

1 something better somewhere else.

2 If you can't fix this, if you can't stop the
3 hate speech, if you can't -- because, I'm sorry, I
4 shouldn't have to hear people screaming homophobic
5 things as a gay man in my house and my backyard
6 every single day. And if somebody wants to tell me
7 that's okay, I'm going to, I'm going to challenge
8 that.

9 I also was told by you, Mary Bess, that that
10 was an opportunity, when I came up here and spoke
11 six months ago, for education. Where are we with
12 that?

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: If you just noticed,
14 Mr. -- Mr. Ratsey, who I have been having
15 discussions with, is dealing with putting some type
16 of sound barriers in the back. Hold on. It
17 doesn't happen overnight, I'm sorry, okay? I'm
18 talking with the PBA.

19 MR. BUCHANAN: We have to have safe spaces
20 for LGBTQ people with this.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. I understand that,
22 okay?

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I don't --

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I don't want to get into,
25 into it. And, Shawn, we could talk about it later,

1 okay?

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Let's not get into a back and
3 forth. And I know, you know, when I was there
4 after the fence got knocked over with Candace,
5 Candace offered to set up a meeting with some of
6 the folks in the community as well.

7 MR. BUCHANAN: Yes.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: And so I would encourage you
9 to pursue that.

10 MR. BUCHANAN: I'm always available.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Separate and apart from that,
12 in the next Village Work Session, we're going to be
13 reviewing some different options for improvements
14 over there, and we're also going to take into
15 account some of the offers from the community to
16 donate some money as part of it, so --

17 MR. BUCHANAN: But, please, just make sure
18 that we don't dismiss what the points are. The
19 points are there is a noise issue that we would --
20 we have asked you to address. And this is 20 of
21 the neighbors who surround that. These are
22 long-time residents and these are newer people like
23 myself, so that is something we have asked for your
24 help with. We have also asked for your help to
25 deal with the slurs that are happening over there

1 and the illegal activity. So I want to make
2 sure --

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Let me be very clear.

4 MR. BUCHANAN: I don't want to push it on the
5 cops only, because I do think that there are
6 certain things that need to happen. One of the
7 things Candace said was it could be closed down
8 earlier, there could be different things. I don't
9 think it's realistic to have members of the
10 community monitor this, and I just don't, I don't
11 think people have time. I think that there's -- we
12 really have to come together and think about a way
13 to do this.

14 I just hope the next time an article is
15 written, that people know -- and I'm happy to share
16 the letters that I've written that says we do not
17 want to move this court, and we want something --
18 we want to work with you to have things change,
19 because I think there's un -- there's unnecessary
20 tension here that didn't need to be here. And I
21 think that if, if it had been appropriately shared
22 out when there were media opportunities, or even
23 corrected when the story came out, I think that
24 that would have been helpful, and we wouldn't be in
25 a place today where people think we're just like,

1 "Move that thing," because, you know, frankly, I
2 feel like I've become the devil of Second Street.
3 And I'm fine with that, because, frankly, people
4 should not be using the language that's been --
5 that's being used, and it should not be dismissed,
6 especially when we are a place that has this pride
7 parade every year.

8 There's a lot of work to be done here, and
9 I'm happy to participate, but I need you guys to do
10 your part and stop putting the pressure on the
11 community to do the work. We can't enforce it.
12 This should be enforced the same way we've done
13 with entertainment permits, and what we do with
14 Airbnbs, and everything else. You have to look at
15 this in the same way.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

17 MEMBER BUCHANAN: Anything else?

18 MR. MEALY: Yes. It comes down to do they
19 have options for the basketball court from the
20 Village to improve it, put up signs, and things
21 like that to keep it decent? And people parking
22 their cars on the sidewalks, doing whatever they
23 want to do and watch the kids play basketball. And
24 now there's different groups, different age groups
25 in there. Do you have a rule to keep them separated

1 when they get a certain age, that they shouldn't be
2 at that time at the basketball court, or whatever,
3 or is it a baby-sitting center? These are the
4 things that have to be asked you, you got to, got
5 to hear it. You got to hear it and listen to it.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for your comments,
7 sir.

8 MR. MEALY: And then there's a couple of
9 other things, too. The Silver Lake, what happened?
10 Why was it backed up? Why was it backed up?

11 MAYOR STUESSI: We're dealing with rising
12 waters, which is a pretty significant issue.

13 MR. MEALY: From where?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: The groundwater is not going
15 down and it's sitting --

16 MR. MEALY: No. No, the drain. The drain
17 from Silver Lake goes on past State, State yard. I
18 worked for the Village.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You're talking about
20 Moore's Drain?

21 MR. MEALY: I went into those trenches myself
22 and cleaned them, because nobody else would do it,
23 and the water flows. That's why people are pumping
24 water now and it's not going anywhere.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Wendell, can I just

1 make -- you're talking about --

2 MR. MEALY: Go ahead.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- Moore's Drain?

4 MR. MEALY: Yes. What about it?

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what you're talking
6 about, is the section of Moore's Drain?

7 MR. MEALY: Yes.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. I just want to make
9 sure they're the same.

10 MR. MEALY: Yes. That's the only drain we
11 have going out to the bay.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. No. Right. No,
13 I --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, this is a big part of
15 our discussion next month.

16 MR. MEALY: Oh, great.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: We have stormwater and sewer
18 system.

19 MR. MEALY: Great. I want to hear this. I
20 want to hear this.

21 And, also, Moore's Lane. When you come to
22 the -- to 48, can you see traffic coming from the
23 left, or you want to make a left turn, can you see
24 traffic? There's a sign down the street about
25 50 feet or more that says, "Welcome to Greenport".

1 You can't even see the sign. I asked the former
2 Mayor, that was George Hubbard here, could I clean
3 it? I cleaned that whole fence at an angle at
4 20 feet or 25 feet so you could see the coming
5 traffic on both sides of the road. Look at it now,
6 you got to look around the corner to see what's
7 coming. It's dangerous.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Let's -- the Town --

9 MR. MEALY: Let's check it out.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: I'll be glad to talk to the
11 Town --

12 MR. MEALY: Oh, great, great.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: -- Road Department there --

14 MR. MEALY: Great.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: -- because that is their
16 purview.

17 MR. MEALY: Great. Thank you.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you

19 MR. MEALY: That's the things we need to do.

20 And I'm agreeing with Ratsey, too. What
21 happened to Greenport? What happens when people
22 born here, raise their kids, but the children had
23 to go away to get an education, and they went away
24 to different states and stuff? Now, if they wanted
25 to come back home to visit their parents for a

1 couple of days, where can they stay at a reasonable
2 price? Where could they stay? Where could they
3 stay at a reasonable price right in Greenport where
4 their parents live? Where can they stay? I have
5 an answer, but I'm not going to tell you.

6 Greenport has lost its charm. It's lost its
7 charm. People had to move here, move out of town,
8 because they were paying high rents and they can't
9 come back now. From Orient Point, Montauk Point to
10 New York City, where is there a decent place for a
11 person to go to a public beach that you could enjoy
12 without paying all this money?

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, you'd be proud to know
14 as a Greenporter, we have the last remaining public
15 beaches down at Fifth and Sixth Street and Fourth
16 Street --

17 MR. MEALY: Yeah, Fourth Street, too.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: -- on the North Fork.

19 MR. MEALY: But Fourth, Fourth Street is
20 actually backed -- blocked off now, because you put
21 that sump in there.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You can still get down
23 there.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: There's still a nice pathway
25 over there.

1 MR. MEALY: Yeah. And, also, all the streets
2 on the side streets, Brown Street, Flint Street,
3 all those streets are blocked off. They're Village
4 property, people have a right to go down to that
5 beach. Can't do it, can't park there, because I
6 worked here, I know the system.

7 And what are you going to do with the tank
8 yard? What's that sitting there for on Fourth
9 Street?

10 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm sorry, what yard?

11 MR. MEALY: The tank yard, Fourth Street.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Do you mean --

13 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Where the Peconic Land
14 Trust is.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, that's, that's Town Land
16 that is preserved.

17 MR. MEALY: Okay. It's preserved for what?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: It's preserved for nature.

19 MR. MEALY: What about the waterfront that
20 the Village owns, the piece, the piece that's
21 blocked off now because you can't go down into the
22 beach, because it's all growed up?

23 MAYOR STUESSI: No, it's open. There's a
24 nice pathway down to the beach over there.

25 MR. MEALY: And the people are using it? I

1 see no parked cars down there.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, no, it's -- I could
3 assure you, it's full of folks --

4 MR. MEALY: All right.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: -- in the summertime.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, Wendell, they're --

7 MR. MEALY: I'm glad to hear that.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The neighborhood uses it
9 as well.

10 MR. MEALY: I hope so.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I know so.

12 MR. MEALY: There's a lot of things we got to
13 do --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for being here this
15 evening.

16 MR. MEALY: -- to bring the people back to
17 Greenport that were born here and raised here.
18 That's my, that's my sentiment. And I'll talk to
19 you about the basketball courts later.

20 MR. RATSEY: Can I just say one thing quick?

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, if you'd like to
22 approach the podium. And, Colin, if you wouldn't
23 mind just restating your name and address for the
24 record.

25 MR. RATSEY: My name is Colin Ratsey, 413

1 Wiggins Street. I didn't mean to start a thing,
2 but here's the thing I want to say. The PBA is
3 going to give \$500 towards the basketball court.
4 We have a new, a new Police Chief and he's a very
5 nice guy. He's been on the route. He, he himself,
6 Kenny Richards, John Sinning, all those guys
7 stopped all the drugs here in this town 10 years
8 ago. He's a very good guy. If we all go and talk
9 to him, he will have the people go play basketball
10 with the guys. That's the way it's supposed to be.
11 You're supposed to play -- the cops are supposed to
12 go and play basketball with the guys on the
13 basketball court. But the problem is somebody that
14 lives near there says, "The police aren't doing
15 their job, you know, they're playing basketball
16 with the guys." Well, that's what they're supposed
17 to do, okay?

18 The Town is flooding, and I can say this for
19 myself, and Mike Domino can swear. Mike Domino
20 yelled that his yard was flooding, so I took 14
21 guys and I went through Moore's Woods, I even took
22 the Mayor through. He's right in what he's saying,
23 and this is what I'm -- what gets me. Every time
24 something comes up, you guys say we got to get an
25 engineer. We don't need an engineer. You have to

1 ask the Greenporters.

2 This gentleman is right, the school floods,
3 and I went there. The school flooded two years ago
4 and I cleaned the whole thing out. Now you're not
5 allowed to go in there. You need a DEC permit, all
6 this crap. John Costello and I did it every time.
7 We went in with chainsaws, we cleaned it out.
8 John Costello was probably one of the best Trustees
9 ever been in Greenport.

10 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Amen.

11 MR. RATSEY: He did, he did the path all the
12 way down, he helped the Highway Department. If he
13 had a problem, he went and fixed it himself, he
14 didn't ask for an engineer.

15 So what I'm saying to you, ma'am, you want to
16 put a speed bump, it's the dumbest thing in the
17 world. Have you ever gone over a speed bump? Do
18 me a favor, go to the Long Island Airport here and
19 go around in a circle for 10 times, and after you
20 go around 10 times, there's 14 speed bumps there,
21 they don't do a thing.

22 You have to go out and cut the tree around
23 the stop sign, that's all you need to do. You have
24 rich people going down to the condos with Porsches,
25 they're not going to be able to go over speed

1 bumps. It's the dumbest thing in the world. You
2 want to come and change -- where are there speed
3 bumps on any other roads in the world except at the
4 school?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Colin.

6 MR. RATSEY: It's 30 miles an hour.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Colin, Colin.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Colin, I don't want to go
9 back and forth.

10 MR. RATSEY: All right. It's 30 miles an
11 hour. To put a speed bump is ridiculous.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Anything else you'd like to
13 address the Board on?

14 MR. RATSEY: No. I just -- all I want to say
15 is instead of us all arguing, you just got to ask
16 one of the Greenporters. I've learned more from
17 the Greenporters than anybody around.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: And thank you for your
19 contributions towards the basketball court.

20 MR. RATSEY: No problem.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else who
22 would like to speak this evening?

23 MR. JACKSON: How are you doing? My name is
24 John Jackson. I live at 331 Fourth Avenue in
25 Greenport, a lifelong Greenport resident, born and

1 raised here, I lived here 60 years.

2 I just want to say regarding the basketball
3 court, Wendell, I know -- I've known you my whole
4 life. I know you have to deal with a lot there,
5 I know, I get it, but it's a basketball court.
6 You're going to get noise there, it's a basketball
7 court. That's what happens. I get it shouldn't be
8 all night. There should be certain hours of the
9 day where you can do it, I get that, but it's a
10 staple of the community. It brings -- it truly
11 does bring people together.

12 My brothers and I, two of them are since
13 deceased, they've been deceased for a while, when
14 they originally -- when we were born, they had the
15 original basketball court on the corner of Third
16 Street there. That was great, right, right behind
17 the firehouse here. We did everything here,
18 volleyball, softball, basketball, kickball, or
19 summertime Olympics, all within the section here,
20 all within the section.

21 Candace's Aunt Jo-Jo, she had the first
22 program for the kids that I can remember here, the
23 basketball court. My daughters took part in it.
24 I'm born and raised here. Now my daughters took
25 part in the events here. It's for the town.

1 I get the people that they move here and
2 new -- things change, I understand that. Times
3 change, I get that. Some things just can't be for
4 sale. It has to have -- you have -- like Colin
5 said, Greenport, it's lost its character.
6 Everything's for damn sale. Jesus Christ. You
7 know what I mean? It doesn't have to be that way,
8 it doesn't, it really doesn't. It can be -- you
9 can have charm and people -- you can have a
10 gathering of people and it's -- like I said, it's a
11 park, it's a park. It's a basketball court.

12 Hell, I've been out there with guys playing
13 ball, I'm 60 years old. Sometimes I have to work.
14 I grab a basketball just to forget the problems of
15 the day, I just want to go down and shoot. I miss
16 a few shots, "Damn." I'll say it loud, and I could
17 get -- you know, you don't mean any harm, but I
18 know some people go down there and they do. And
19 for the people that live down there and they're
20 being -- I'm truly sorry. Maybe we can come up,
21 like Colin said, a sound barrier, something like
22 they have on the Expressway, something maybe to
23 keep the sound in, something, I'm willing to donate
24 to help out.

25 As I said, I'm a lifelong Greenporter here.

1 I'm a lifelong Porter, proud of it. You know, what
2 we do here in Greenport, you know, we're not
3 followers, we try to be leaders, you know what I
4 mean?

5 So thank you, everybody. That's all I got
6 to say.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for being here.

8 MS. SOLOMON: Connie Solomon, 422 Kaplan
9 Avenue, born and raised. Wasn't born, but I was
10 raised here in Greenport, been here since I was
11 five years old.

12 Anyway, talking about the basketball court, I
13 understand you want to make it kind of like a
14 landmark or something because of the kids, the
15 young boys, young men who are all passed, and
16 whatever. And I hear, I hear you, Wendell, and
17 Frank, Frank Swan having their property, property
18 destroyed, and they have to pay for that. But like
19 John said, maybe sound barriers, or whatever.

20 I understand. I talk with you, Dave, you know,
21 that they're going to do some things to improve,
22 improve the park, but I don't understand why there
23 would be -- would have to remove that, move that
24 somewhere else, or whatever, but because where would
25 the kids go, the young youngsters? But I understand.

1 What about putting, putting some lights out,
2 putting the lights out 7 clock and have the po-po
3 enforce?

4 (Laughter)

5 MS. SOLOMON: Sorry. I mean, but enforce it.
6 If someone's out there after hours, arrest them, or
7 get them out there. They shouldn't be out there.
8 And I don't think there would be youngsters out
9 there cussing and doing all that stuff, because
10 they should be home doing their homework.

11 Okay. So I just want to talk in support of
12 the basketball court, and that's all I want to say,
13 and I'm going to go. Thank you.

16 MS. SOLOMON: Thank you.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Good night, Connie.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you very much.

2 (Applause)

3 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Thank you, Zach.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody else like to speak
5 this evening?

6 (No Response)

7 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. Lily, would you
8 like to start on the resolutions, please?

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Sure.

10 *RESOLUTION 9-2024-1, RESOLUTION adopting the*
11 *September, 2024 agenda as printed. So moved.*

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: *RESOLUTION 9-2024-2,*

20 *RESOLUTION accepting the monthly reports of the*
21 *Greenport Fire Department, Village Administration,*
22 *Village Treasurer, Village Clerk, Village Attorney,*
23 *Mayor and Board of Trustees. So moved.*

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: *RESOLUTION 09-2024-3,*

7 *RESOLUTION authorizing Treasurer Brautigam to*
8 *perform attached Budget Amendment #6473, to*
9 *appropriate Light Fund reserves to fund the repair*
10 *of concrete around the garage bay doors at the*
11 *Power Plant, and directing that Budget Amendment*
12 *#6473 be included as part of the formal meeting*
13 *minutes of the September 27th Regular Meeting of*
14 *the Board of Trustees. So moved.*

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: *RESOLUTION 09-2024-4,*

23 *RESOLUTION ratifying the increase in the hourly*
24 *wage rate of full-time Office Assistant Jacy Ross*
25 *from \$20.60 per hour to \$24.00 per hour, effective*

1 September 1st, 2024. So moved.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: *RESOLUTION 9-2024-5,*
10 *RESOLUTION ratifying the increase in the hourly*
11 *wage rate of full-time Office Assistant Andrea Malinowski*
12 *from \$20.60 per hour to \$24.00 per hour, effective*
13 *September 1st, 2024.* So moved.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: *RESOLUTION 09-2024-6,*
22 *RESOLUTION ratifying the hiring of Javon Quintyn*
23 *Walker as a part-time Recreation Aid to work for*
24 *the Village of Greenport Recreation Center at a pay*
25 *rate of \$16.00 per hour, effective September 9th, 2024.*

1 So moved.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: *RESOLUTION #09-2024-7,*
10 *RESOLUTION ratifying the approval of a filming*
11 *permit from Adam Levin on behalf of The Gold Horse*
12 *to conduct a photo shoot on various Village streets*
13 *on September 17th, 2024.* So moved.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: *RESOLUTION 09-2024-8,*
22 *RESOLUTION approving Public Assembly application*
23 *received from the Greenport Rotary Club to host a*
24 *Halloween fundraiser at the Mini Train (Greenport*
25 *Express) on Thursday, October 31st, 2024 from 4 p.m.*

1 to 8 p.m. So moved.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: *RESOLUTION 9-2024-9,*
10 *RESOLUTION approving Public Assembly application*
11 *received from the Greenport Rotary Club to participate*
12 *in the Village and BID sponsored Halloween Celebration*
13 *on October 26, 2024. Light refreshments will be*
14 *served at the Halloween decorated Greenport Mini*
15 *Train (Greenport Express) with various Halloween*
16 *themed activities for attendees to participate in.*

17 So moved.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: *RESOLUTION 9-2024-10,*

1 *RESOLUTION to ratify the approval of changing the*
2 *hours of the Greenport Farmers Market to 1:00 p.m.*
3 *to 4:30 p.m. for September 20th, 2024. So moved.*

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: *RESOLUTION #09-2024-11,*
12 *RESOLUTION amending Resolution #04-2024-30 to*
13 *change the hours of the Greenport Farmers Market to*
14 *2:30-6:00 p.m. for the remaining scheduled dates:*
15 *September 27th, October 4th and 11th. So moved.*

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: *RESOLUTION 09-2024-12,*
24 *RESOLUTION ratifying the approval of the Public*
25 *Assembly application received from Clinton Memorial*

1 *AME Zion church to host Sunday service and a BBQ at*
2 *5th and 6th Street Beach on Sunday, September 15th,*
3 *2024 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.*
4 So moved.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: *RESOLUTION 9-2024-13,*
13 *RESOLUTION approving Public Assembly Permit*
14 *Application submitted by Greenport Skatepark Inc.*
15 *to host a "Community Pop-Up Event" at the Skatepark*
16 *on Moores Lane on October 5th, 2024, from noon to*
17 *5 p.m.; rain date October 6th, 2024. The event*
18 *will include a skating contest, live music and*
19 *vendors.* So moved.

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: *RESOLUTION 9-2024-14, Public*
3 *Assembly Permit Application submitted by Greenport*
4 *High School for the use of Mitchell Park on*
5 *October 1st, 2024 (rain date October 2nd, 2024) for*
6 *a field trip between the hours of 12:45 to 2:30 p.m.*
7 *The school is requesting that the Village open the*
8 *carousel for the field trip participants to enjoy a*
9 *ride while visiting Mitchell Park. So moved.*

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: *RESOLUTION #09-2024-15,*
18 *RESOLUTION authorizing Village Clerk Hall to*
19 *solicit bids for the screw pump rehab project for*
20 *the Village of Greenport wastewater treatment*
21 *plant. So moved.*

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: *RESOLUTION 09-2024-16,*

5 *Resolution ratifying the approval of the Village of*

6 *Greenport signing over the vehicles listed below*

7 *after being previously surplused with the*

8 *corresponding resolution numbers for training*

9 *purposes to the Village of Greenport Fire Department,*

10 *which holds a value of \$0.*

11 *Resolution 01-2020-10 (3GNGK26U7G255172) a 2005*

12 *CHEVY SUBURBAN*

13 *Resolution 02-2020-28 (1B7FL16X42S668712) a 2002*

14 *DODGE DAKOTA*

15 *Resolution 11-2023-10 (1GNEK13Z43J 158959) a 2003*

16 *CHEVY TAHOE*

17 *And Resolution 11-2023-10 (1D7HW48N25S227295) a*

18 *2005 DODGE DAKOTA. So moved.*

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: *RESOLUTION 9-2024-17,*
2 *RESOLUTION authorizing the annual solicitation of bids*
3 *for tree and stump removal services and stump grinding*
4 *services on specified Village of Greenport streets,*
5 *and directing Clerk Hall to notice the bid solicitation*
6 *accordingly. So moved.*

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: *RESOLUTION 9-2024-18,*
15 *RESOLUTION approving the mural design presented by*
16 *The Greenport Skate Park Inc., at the Work Session*
17 *meeting held on September 19th, 2024, and further*
18 *authorizing The Greenport Skate Park to being*
19 *painting -- to the painting of the approved mural*
20 *design in the Spring season of 2025. So moved*

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: *RESOLUTION #09-2024-19,*
4 *RESOLUTION approving all checks per the Voucher*
5 *Summary Report for the Fiscal Year 2024 dated*
6 *September 26th, 2024 in the total amount of*
7 *\$8,605.75 consisting of:*

8 o *All regular checks in the amount of*
9 *\$8,605.75, and*

10 o *All prepaid checks (including wire*
11 *transfers) in the amount of \$0.00.*

12 So moved.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: *RESOLUTION 09-2024-20,*
21 *RESOLUTION approving all checks per the Voucher*
22 *Summary Report for the Fiscal Year 2025 dated*
23 *September 26th, 2024 in the total amount of*
24 *\$860,037.36 consisting of:*

25 o *All regular checks in the amount of*

1 \$783,839.08, and

2 o All prepaid checks (including wire
3 transfers) in the amount of \$76,198.28.

4 So moved.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

12 I make a motion to close the meeting.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye. Motion carries.

20 Thank you, everybody, for being here this evening.

21 (The Meeting was Adjourned at 7:14 p.m.)

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1 CERTIFICATION

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3 STATE OF NEW YORK)

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5 COUNTY OF SUFFOLK)

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7 I, LUCIA BRAATEN, a Court Reporter and Notary
8 Public for and within the State of New York, do
9 hereby certify:

10 THAT, the above and foregoing contains a true
11 and correct transcription of the proceedings taken
12 on September 26, 2024 to the best of my ability.

13 I further certify that I am not related to
14 any of the parties to this action by blood or
15 marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the
16 outcome of this matter.

17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
18 hand this 9th day of October, 2024.

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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

Budget Adjustment Form

Year: 2025 Period: 9 Trans Type: B2 - Amend Status: Batch
Trans No: 6473 Trans Date: 09/11/2024 User Ref: ADAM
Requested: D. JACOBS Approved: Created by: ADAM 09/11/2024
Description: TO REPAIR CONCRETE IN FRONT OF GARAGE BAY DOORS AT POWER PLANT Account # Order: No
Print Parent Account: No

Account No.	Account Description	Amount
E.5990	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	16,520.00
E.0/15.100	REPAIRS - BUILDING..	16,520.00
	Total Amount:	33,040.00