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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WORK SESSION AND REGULAR SESSION

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Old School House

March 27, 2025

5:00 p.m.

B E F O R E:

KEVIN STUESSI ~ MAYOR

MARY BESS PHILLIPS~ DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE

PATRICK BRENNAN ~ TRUSTEE (NOT PRESENT)

LILY DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON ~ TRUSTEE

JULIA ROBINS ~ TRUSTEE

CANDACE HALL ~ VILLAGE CLERK

ADAM BRAUTIGAM ~ VILLAGE TREASURER

JARED KASSCHAU, ESQ. ~ VILLAGE ATTORNEY

All other interested parties

(Whereupon, the following was transcribed virtually via video.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Two today in addition to after the work session we'll immediately go into the regular section. May I have a second?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

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

Jane Wilson Morton

Vincenza "Vicky" Delano Insull

Robert Bruce Reymann

Dorothy Jeanne Corwin

(Whereupon, a moment of silence  
was held.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Please be  
seated. First up we have Chief  
de Kerillis. How are you, sir,  
this evening?

CHIEF DE KERILLIS: Thank  
you, Mayor. Good evening, Mayor  
and Village Board. First of all,  
the chiefs and officers announce  
that Ex-Chief and Phoenix Hook and  
Ladder member Richard Hulse has  
answered his last alarm yesterday.  
He's a very good man. I learned a  
lot from him in my past 20 years  
out of the 30 years and I wish to  
give him a moment of silence as well.

(Whereupon, a moment of  
silence was held.)

CHIEF DE KERILLIS: The only  
thing that I have on the agenda is  
after reviewing the only bid

received for the fire rescue boat approved by resolution is to request the Village Board approve the proposed bid to purchase the fire rescue boat this evening. That would be fantastic thank you.

It was very much a collaborated effort by everybody and it's finally come to fruition and we're really very excited about this. Although it's going to be two and a half years away, but we can plan better and be ready for it. I think Greenport really deserves to have a boat like this especially with the water that we're surrounded by.

MAYOR STUESSI: Copy that. Thank you for your work and your entire department and especially -- (inaudible.)

CHIEF DE KERILLIS: Sure.

MAYOR STUESSI: It's a very important part of our Village.

CHIEF DE KERILLIS: That's  
all I have today.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Chief --

CHIEF DE KERILLIS: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: -- Mayor,  
both of you, tonight. You need to  
make sure that the resolution to  
pass for the point system because  
they have to be filed by the end  
of the month.

CHIEF DE KERILLIS: That is  
correct and the Board of Wardens  
has approved the rolls and the  
roster.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Correct.

CHIEF DE KERILLIS: As  
necessary. Thank you. Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you,  
sir. Next up I will turn it over  
to the Village Clerk, Candace.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Good  
evening, everybody. I have just a  
few announcements here tonight.

The annual required training for

Village staff, our attorney the Board the Mayor has been scheduled. Last year we did this train ago little differently than we had in the past. We've done it in small groups. We're going to continue that process this year where we'll do it in small groups so that no department should be shut down across the Village at any one time.

Next up, the Village brush pickup schedule has been published on the Village website. The five weekly pickup will begin on April 8, 2025. The annual budget hearing will be held at the old schoolhouse on Thursday, April 10, 2025. -- I'm sorry, at 6:00 p.m. The Village annual organizational meeting will be held on Thursday April 24, 2025, as part of the -- I'm sorry, similar to tonight it will be a double header. So there

will be the Village regular session with the annual organizational meeting on April 24th.

I have a few resolutions here. So the first resolution is authorizing myself to go out to BID for previously surplus Village-owned properties -- property. This is a surplus list. All of these items that have been previously surplus. The resolutions are attached to them for reference.

Resolution for the Board to hopefully approve a Written Public Comment Submission Policy. So as the public is aware and the Board is aware, the format for written public comments has changed over the last few years, I'd say actually since the new admission. So we are just looking to formalize this process so that voices are heard and ensure that

they are attached which I have  
been doing, attaching comments  
submitted to me to the minutes.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

Candace, can I -- I just got a  
text from someone that's telling  
us the video -- I mean, the voice  
for the video isn't working.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah,  
apparently there's an issue with  
the audio.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Are they  
go to text you in realtime to let  
you know if it's working?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I  
don't know what to tell you at  
this point. I just got a text.  
What can I tell you?

MAYOR STUESSI: Are you sure  
it's recording, Jay?

THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Yes.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay,  
I'll continue. Okay, next up I  
have a resolution to approve a



Standard Procurement Contract.

Just going forward with, I believe this is for all purposes with the Village of Greenport.

Next up is a resolution to ratify -- I'm sorry, this is not a ratification. A resolution for Mayor Stuessi to sign the proposed Parsons School of Design Research and Design Agreement with the Village of Greenport. This is regarding the Camera Obscura. I believe Trustee Lily is working on this. So if there are further questions, then you can ask Trustee Lily.

Next up, a public assembly application was received. So the first public assembly we received is for the -- or from the AgroCouncil and the Greenport Business Improvement District for the Annual Cherry Blossom 5K fundraising. The date of the 5K

will be April 26th from 8:00 a.m.  
through noon.

Next up is a resolution  
approving the public assembly  
application on behalf of the  
Friends of Mitchell Park for the  
use of a portion of Mitchell Park  
from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. every  
Saturday beginning May 5th through  
October 25th for the Tai Chi  
instruction that has been going on  
for a few years as well. This is  
a free course that's offered to  
Village residents or really anyone  
who's looking to join.

Next up I have a public assembly  
application submitted by the  
Greenport Athletic Booster Club  
from Greenport High School to host  
a 5K fundraiser on May 31, 2025  
from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Next up, this is a resolution  
that is -- was requested by the  
Board last month, the Pride Parade

and Festival. The date was approved by the Board, but there was some additional questions and details left out of their application. So this resolution is to approve the alcohol waiver for the Annual Pride Parade and Festival to be held on June 22nd from noon to 5:00 p.m. Again, they are looking to allow their vendors, as they have in previous years, to sell alcohol, similar to Maritime Festival.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Candace, a question. I thought that the last couple of times they were selling alcohol on the street, not in the park. But I thought this assembly permit was asking to serve it in the park, certain vendors.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So from what I saw in their application, it did not differentiate between where they would like to sell it.

But you are right, in the past they have sold -- the vendors were all set up on the street, on 1st Street. I think the first year they had Main and Clark Street closed down. So this year they're going to do Front Street. I didn't -- you know, I didn't get specification on that. Unfortunately I don't know how the Board want to handle it being that there is alcohol served in the farmers market in Mitchell Park. So it's really up to you guys how you need to handle it with this applicant. I'd be happy to reach out to them and let them know what you all decide.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'd like to know a little bit more about what their intentions are in terms of serving alcohol.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So -- sorry go ahead.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: No, that's...

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well  
what I would kind of ask the  
question on is the farmers market  
is giving out samples, they're not  
selling alcohol or serving drinks.  
If my understanding is correctly  
that they're permit is for  
samples, that's how it's worded.  
Mayor is that not correct.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, samples  
and sell. They're not selling  
large drinks like at maritime  
festival.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: So I  
think that's the difference.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.  
So would you like it to be -- this  
resolution to be amended to say  
that you would like it to happen  
as it did in prior years only be  
sold --

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: On  
the street.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: -- on  
the street?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: As per  
Maritime Festival, similar.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, but  
during Maritime, we've just  
historically always allowed people  
to drink open container in the  
park as well.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: They can  
wonder in, but we're not selling  
it there. The I think that's what  
the difference was is that they  
were asking to sell alcohol at  
some of the vendors in the mark.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I don't  
think they have their location for  
all their vendors set. So I think  
this would be the time to set the  
parameters that you guys see fit  
which I'm happy to express  
whatever is decided here.

MAYOR STUESSI: Lily or  
Patrick do you have an opinion on

this?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I don't think it's a big deal to ask them what their -- like asking them to continue how they did it last year.

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It seems a bit -- I don't think so it's a big issue, but do see there is a difference between sampling and like buying a bottle of wine at a place for a drink in the park.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I like the idea of treating it the way we treated other events. So if we serve alcohol on the street during maritime, I think we should just stick with that.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I think -- I think the Board has agreed it's

not appropriate to sell alcohol in the park exactly. I know it's -- (inaudible). I think we're better off just sticking with protocol.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: That resolution is a part of the Regular Session. So we'll just have to make sure that we amend the wording when it's read, okay?

Next up is the second part of this resolution is for the parade route. So just solidifying the parade route, to just make sure with the Board. I'd like to thank Andrea in the clerk's office for working very diligently with Chief Grattan to iron out the kinks for this.

And then finally I have a public assembly application received from U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Southold Flotilla for an event to be held on May 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a rain date of



May 18th, for public information on boater -- safe boating and educational opportunities. This applicant is asking for a waiver of the \$250 application fee.

Next up is just a list of legal notices that have gone out over the last month or so. And then a list of attachments and that concludes my report.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: One item on the --

(Whereupon, there was an audio interruption.)

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: -- is for the fire department. They're asking for an event in April for recruitment day.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I -- in speaking to Chief Nyce this morning, he mentioned that he was going to be purchasing banners.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: And I asked him to contact you to amend the application or to make you aware of the fact that they want to have, over-the-street banners on both entrances to the Village. And I told him that that needed to be part of the mass assembly application to state that so that we're aware of it.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: So if you don't mind, I would really -- I see the resolution is on here for tonight. Do you mind if I amend that to --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. There's -- thank you Mary Bess. I'm sorry, I misspoke. There are -- I guess we should discuss, there are three additional public assembly applications. The reason that these three were added on is because the event -- the desired

date is before the next Board meetings. So the first one is what Trustee Phillips just went over for the fire department. Let's see --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
There's one I did late, which I apologize for.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's okay.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It's really not different than we've done in previous years. We just weren't actually making --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Formalizing.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
We weren't doing public assembly applications, which we should have been.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: And thank you for doing that because it helps us track it. So yes, so that's the second of the three additional resolutions for public assembly.

And then the final one is a resolution for an application from Sarah Burnes to host a Hands Off rally in support of a nationwide day of action in Mitchell Park. They are hoping to host this event on April 5th from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. That's it.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you Candace. Adam?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I have a number of resolutions this evening I'll be talking about.

To start, my first resolution is to approve the attached Railroad Dock application reflecting new fees for seasonal and transient docking. Unfortunately, I believe we will have to table this resolution as the attached documents do not encompass the latest version. It's since been added in to add language to

further project the Village which is not present in the current attached document.

The second resolution is to approve the attached electric forms reflecting new fees and new fees for new or upgraded services. This was tabled last month, so I would just speak briefly on it. Essentially the form is the same as last month except we did make edits to include the contractor's insurance information. Other than that, it is the same form that was presented last month that was tabled.

To continue, my next resolution is to approve the attached credit card policy for the Village of Greenport Carousel. It's my understanding there's been mixed opinions on it. I will just say that as the treasurer, it's my stance that the decision to

transition to credit card only payments aims to streamline our operations, reduce risk, and enhance the safety and convenience of our customers and staff. A lot of time is needed to collect, count, book and deposit the carousel funds and during the summer months that's done twice a day. Cards are quicker, safer, and easier to track daily transactions and the less time Village staff spends on cash, the more time we can focus on other day-to-day operations.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Adam are you -- are you going to classify this policy as credit card/debit card policy? Because I'm assuming people would be able to use their debit cards as well as a credit card?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
Sure, you can use -- it's a card

policy, yeah. So we can definitely change the wording to reflect that.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Yeah, because I know it goes one in hand, but I think just to be clear about it, okay?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure, absolutely.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can I ask question to clarify? Today cash is brought to Village Hall, is that what you mean?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah, so the carousel, during the summer months because of its hours of operation, there's two separate shifts. So the register is Z'd out twice a day resulting in two cash deposits that need to be separately booked, counted, and deposited.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Do you have an idea of like how

much is cash versus how much is  
credit card and also what we pay  
in credit card fees?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

I believe the credit card fees are  
right around one to one and a half  
percent. That was a calculation I  
did some time ago. If those  
numbers are still accurate, it  
should be one to one and a half  
percent. As far as how much is  
used with cash versus card,  
without having that information in  
front of me, I believe it's about  
50/50 right now.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Adam, does  
this policy allow for a digital  
pay like Apple Pay?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

No. No, it's just cards.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Is  
that something that we want to  
discuss? I mean, is that  
something you think that's --



MAYOR STUESSI: We need a different system in order to do it and this is the same system that we were able to train off of last year. The same policy was in place for the mini train, ran very successfully.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Without digital pay?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So what I've noticed -- so my engine company does the carnival in the polo grounds and we sell tickets there, a booth. What I've noticed over the past few years that I was involved is the amount of cash transactions are dropping a lot.

And so many people, whether they're with their parents or with just groups of kids that are paying with the card and a significant number of people are paying with their phone. Like

half the people. The it really surprised me how much it's shifted in just a few years.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

I would have to check to see if the credit card terminal that we currently use allows for access to pay with the phone. If it does, that's definitely something that can be added. There's no problem with postponing this as the carousel's not open right now.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well,

I think the discussion should be, you're right we should table this and take a look and see what it would cost to see if we could make either that terminal that you have will accommodate it or it will bring us a little bit further into the 20th century on some of the paying methods, okay?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Sure. So I will inquire regarding

paying with phone, as well as  
altering the credit card policy --

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Is  
that Apple Pay Patrick.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Well, I  
think there's different ones.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah --

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I mean  
they're all credit card based I  
believe, but the interface is  
different.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
Sure.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, the  
issue is the cash handling, which  
takes a tremendous amount of work  
and there's also loss of cash that  
doesn't match up with receipts.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
Yes. I'm more interested in  
eliminating the cash. As far as  
debit cards or phones, that's  
perfectly fine.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: So

let me ask a question. Is it possible to purchase tickets at Village Hall? In other words, carousel tickets ahead of time at Village Hall and, you know, parents could come in and get how many of the tickets they need for their children and then take it over there?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

No, we do not sell tickets at Village Hall.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: It's point of sale, right?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: It's point of --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: It's point of sale.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Is that what it is?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Right.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay, all right.

MAYOR STUESSI: They sell the books of tickets at the carousel itself.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay, all right.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
To continue with my resolutions. My next resolution is for myself to attend the NYAPP Business Meeting in Saratoga Springs at the end of April. Briefly, the Village has been involved with the New York Association of Public Power for quite some time. We believe its important that Greenport stays involved with the association as we try to combat rising utility prices for our customers. It also let's the power suppliers know that we plan to stick together and help each other as many of the other association members from other

villages and municipalities face similar struggles that we do here in Greenport regarding the electric prices.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Adam since you brought NYPA (sic), Mr. Mayor, I believe Engine Number 5 at the power plant needs to have parts and repair in order for us to continue doing the DMC test that we have an April 15th deadline.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I'm going to speak on that when we get to the administration portion.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay great.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: My next resolution is to appoint Ryan Farrell as the Village of Greenport Business Improvement District for the remainder of the current term to expire April of 2025. Ryan has been involved with the BID for quite some time now

attending the monthly meetings and actively participating. My decision to put his name forward as a candidate is based on his strong local knowledge, genuine interest in the group, and ability to provide meaningful insight into current challenges. Ryan has demonstrated an understanding of the issues at hand and has offered valuable perspectives that will contribute to effective problem solving within the BID District. So I'm happy to put his name forward as a candidate to sit on the BID.

My next resolution is to approve the annual renewal for the Dockwa system at Mitchell mark marina. Myself, as well as the marina manager, rely heavily on Dockwa. We think it's a great system. It definitely helps streamline and improve day-to-day operations at

the marina and at Village Hall and this is just to renew our existing contract for a term of one year.

My next resolution is to approve the software agreement between the Village of Greenport and DebtBook. DebtBook and I've spoken at other public meetings and I've kept the Board in the loop as well, so again just briefly on DebtBook, I believe it's important that the Village has an accurate way of tracking leases as it is a major revenue stream here. DebtBook is a software that allows us to track leases, as well as subscriptions, that the Village is involved with. It also helps to streamline the production of necessary reports related to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board or GASB as it's known.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: The other -- I brought to your



attention and Candace's this morning about a lease that needs to be updated for the Perry Day Care for the -- and I'm assuming that you're program will help you have that brought to your attention --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

That's exactly what it will do.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: -- instead

of my cheat sheet reminding me that it's due.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Yes. Yes, yes, this software will send notifications when stuff like this is due.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

My next resolution is to approve the attached budget modification to appropriate light fund reserves to fund the monthly power invoice.

And the last two resolutions are related to the fire department boat. Stipulations related to the

grant require that the Village show avenues for full funding to continue with the grant process and this resolution will do just that. Once this is approved, this resolution will be forwarded to the granters for further -- to continue with the grant process.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: My understanding, this is the last piece we needed in getting the information from what you and I put together and what from Trustee Brennen put together in the description of the boat. I believe this is the last piece that we need to show that we financially can pay for the boat. Even though the fire department has the 500 -- for this \$500,000 and then they will continue to fundraise or continue to come up with dollars for the remainder of the boat. And what was that,

Patrick, was it two years for the construction of the boat?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Two and a half, I think.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: One and a half.

MAYOR STUESSI: Two and a half?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: It's two and a half.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes, correct Trustee Phillips. This was done -- I believe this is the last bullet point from what me and you reviewed in my office with input from trustee Brennan's information he provided.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: That's the end of my resolutions. To continue --

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Didn't you say you had two?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Oh, I'm sorry. Oh, one's related to the SEQRA. So they're both related to the fire boat.

Utility billing is on time.

Significant collections:

Rent collected in February 2025, total is just over \$137,000.

Property taxes collected through -- I apologize this should say February, not January.

Property taxed collected through February 2025, \$1,373,808.28.

We also received part one of the East/West Fire District monies totaling \$437,212. The second portion will become available to the Village in the middle of May, 2025.

And I also have the Altice franchise fee here. We did receive 19 thousands \$892 from Altice. That is a fee collected from Altice for letting them operate on the Village

right-of-way. It is eke wall to  
five percent of their grows  
revenue within the Village. That  
is a new form of revenue this year  
which we are all very pleased to  
see.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: How did  
that come about?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
I believe it was something that  
the Mayor put together with Altice  
and it was approved several months  
back.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah this is  
when we all voted on this last  
year for a new contract with  
Altice.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So they  
weren't paying in the past.

MAYOR STUESSI: Nope.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
Correct. And the rest of my  
report is attached. That  
concludes they work suggestion

report.

MAYOR STUESSI: We're going  
to speak on paid parking.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
Sure.

MAYOR STUESSI: Provided for  
that too right.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
We can speak on paid parking. For  
paid parking, last year we ran a  
45-day study, if you will, to see  
the effects of the paid parking.  
We raised approximately \$21,000 in  
45 days.

This year I am projecting  
revenues totaling approximately  
\$125,000 dollars. That would  
allow for the signs to hang the  
weekend before Memorial Day  
through the middle of October,  
Indigenous People's Day.

I believe that the revenue of  
\$125,000 is absolutely achievable  
and possibly more depending.

Obviously this will be the first year, full year, where we will be reviewing this information. I don't think \$125,000 is a stretch at all. Those signs as it sits now with Board approval will hang on front street and main Street although we do have a number of other lots within the Village that we have yet to approve to hang the signs for.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So that's the same for the trial -- the same areas it was for the trial and also the same pricing you're basing this on.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah, correct. Actually the pricing we tweaked a little bit. Previously what was happening it was \$4.00 an hour plus 15 percent to cover the fee that the Village incurs. So it was approximately \$4.60 for every hour of parking.

We actually lowered it to \$3.50  
and now the Village is going to  
incur the 15 percent fee. So with  
that, from every hour parked for  
\$3.50 the Village will see  
approximately \$2.97 cents of that.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

And you're total numbers are based  
on that \$3.50?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: So that's  
just Front and Main Street right  
now?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Right now that's just for Front  
and Main Street. Although I'd  
love to see it hung elsewhere.

MAYOR STUESSI: Mary Bess I  
know you're working with the  
Business Improvement District on  
some recommendations for loading  
zones and short term loading and  
unloading.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Yes.



MAYOR STUESSI: Where do you think they are on timing relative to get something --

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: We had a site visit yesterday down in front of the marina office. We also have had some discussion about lower East Main -- lower Main -- East Main Street. They would like a park and takeout spot that's maybe only 15 minutes. And the discussion was that they thought it was a good idea as there is one spot there that's 30 minutes and not the two hours.

There was also some that they were looking at that perhaps there would be, if it's possible, and there's a discussion of having certain parking spots become loading zones in the morning and then converting to park spots later. I know there's a discussion going on. We're

supposed to have another  
discussion on Monday.

The goal is to work really  
fast -- you know, really quickly  
to get done before this deadline  
date of the Memorial Day. So I'm  
hoping before next work session to  
have something.

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Would  
Ryan be presented again likely at  
the next work session?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I  
believe that's the goal. We'll be  
putting another PowerPoint  
together with the suggested code  
changes and some suggestions of  
down the road when we get through  
the summer season.

MAYOR STUESSI: Great.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay?

MAYOR STUESSI: Adam, do you  
want to talk a little bit more  
just sorts of high level with the  
budget? I think it's important

for the public to understand.

Obviously we got the hearing coming up, but there are number of things that you've seen increased costs on and one of the reasons why we're trying to look at where else we can generate funds for the Village --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- and deal with that.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure.

I didn't prepare anything on it, but I can speak briefly on it. I'm sure I don't need to tell everyone that the cost of everything is increasing substantially. With that, increases specifically to insurance, retirement contributions, healthcare, salaries, made it a tight -- made it a tight year for the general fund budget this year.

You can see that in my tentative budget that I presented to the

Board and the Mayor, as well as, I believe, it's for pickup at Village Hall, as well as on the website. But we just did -- we just made it work based on those figures. Specific to the general fund, I don't believe we're seeing an increase in any of the recreational fees this year. However, this paid parking will definitely help with that, as well as hopefully the increase of the Railroad Dock and -- oh, and the Altice as well. That was a big help when calculating the budget to help balance it. We're expecting approximately \$40,000 in revenue going forward from Altice every year. So that definitely assisted in the revenues for the general fund.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Since you brought the topic up, I do know that the Business Improvement

District had some questions as to the funding that we're going to gather from the paid parking.

Their concern is that it's going to go back into road repairs and sidewalk repairs and not into the paying salaries and whatever.

Their concern is that they'll be encouraging the parking meters, but they want to make sure that it's being spent wisely on things that -- you know that they see, that the residents see as well as far as road construction and some things in the Village that people are looking for to see done but the budget Interim TASC has not always been able to take care of.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Sure.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: So that's one of their concerns and I think that probably might be the residents concerns as well as

they'll be paying to go park in  
some of the spots, so...

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

I do have expense lines this year  
in the general budget specifically  
for repairs to sidewalks and road  
repair as well, which is going to  
be partially funded by this -- by  
this. Not to mention, just  
because we -- since we're  
receiving new additional funds  
now, we also have new debt in the  
form of bond payments for paving  
curbs and sidewalks, which we did  
recently.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well,

that's another issue is that it  
should go -- you know, I think  
that the Board should have a  
discussion about a little bit more  
of where that should be funned a  
little bit.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Sure. I will just say that the

projected revenue for the street signs will go to an expense line where we have expenses for just general maintenance and repair of roads and sidewalks and the remainder of that monies will be used to pay the bond back for the roads that we have already repaired and continue to repair as soon as spring comes around.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: For the public, do you know how much we have out, currently out, for over the years that we've bonded for roads and sidewalks?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: How much we have currently out for roads and sidewalks? I might have that available.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Thank you.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Let's see, road improvements paving. Outstanding currently

still due is approximately  
\$1,450,000.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: That's for  
the most recent paving and  
sidewalks and everything?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
That's included in that as well,  
yes. We also bonded in 2017 for  
Road improvements as well, which  
we're still actively paying off.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: So we have a  
little bit left to finish up on  
that paving project that didn't  
get done last fall, correct?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
Oh, yes definitely.

MAYOR STUESSI: There's quite  
a bit left actually.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Are  
you in contact with commune Hnis  
stat recently to see what the bond



market is doing as far as if we could possibly go back and try and re-bond those bonds at the moment to get a lower rate? Because that's what we did with the Mitchell Park bond. We went back and refinanced it to get a lower rate.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Okay. I wasn't aware of that, but I can definitely reach out to them and see if --

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

Because my understanding is if we can show to the community a benefit of even a dollar, I believe it is then the New York State Controller will allow us to go out and re-bond. That's what we did with the Mitchell Park bond and I think its something that we should all be looking at.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, we would have to watch the bond rates too. I mean, they're kind of

volatile right now and --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- so we  
need to be careful.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
Yes, but that's a good point,  
Trustee Phillips, and I'm happy to  
look into that.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Adam in  
your commentary that came with the  
draft budget, I think you  
mentioned projecting increased  
revenue for the mini railroad as  
well?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
I do have increased revenue for  
that as well. Yeah, we had a  
great -- a great partial season  
last year for the mini railroad.  
We're expecting great things this  
year. A lot of that revenue will  
just offset the expenses  
associated with the mini railroad  
as well as the contract we have

with the rotary club as well.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Are we near -- I'm sorry have you met with the committee that you're forming Trustee Brennen?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: We have a meeting coming up. It's on Tuesday I think next week.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: It's a -- Rich Israel requested the meeting hoping to talk about, you know, planning for the summer and events and staffing and all kinds of operational things. I'll reiterate the same thing I say every time, I'm concerned that we haven't formally accepted the railroad facility.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well, that was my question is where that stands.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Well, it stands as the same place it stands

before. It's not done. So I really want to get that done before we start another season.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Do we need to --

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- press on that.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Do we need to renegotiate a contract with them? I can't remember. It's been a while since I reviewed it.

MAYOR STUESSI: There might be a few tweaks on it. We can circulate it again, but it really comes down to a final walkthrough and then noting anything else that needs to be done. You know, we went ahead and scheduled the Village crew to remove the -- I'm sorry, I'm forgetting the term for that.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: The silk barrier?

MAYOR STUESSI: The silk

barrier, which wasn't removed by them as well. So they may have started that already today.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, I had other comments on like life safety issues and sign-offs and building department inspections and things like that. So we should really wrap that up.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Do they want to open like Memorial Day or did they want or -- or that's all sort of fluid?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: We have a date in the contract, I believe, to open by I think --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Memorial Day.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: It's Memorial weekend?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Weekend, yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Just one more point, Patrick, is when

they start to be discussing events --

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: -- that's something that needs to come towards the BID because we need to negotiate some of the holidays because they -- when they have an event there, they maintain the sales. We don't receive anything off of that. So we want to make sure that it's coordinated with other things going on in the Village.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, that makes a lot of sense. Certainly just coordinating with the Village in general because of all the other events that we have going on; Moore's Woods and the Polo Grounds as well as the fire department since they --

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well that's --

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- they run summer events as well.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, my recollection from their agreement though is that there's quite a bit of latitude in their favor for pick county dates for those events, you know suggest to coordination. But you know we're taking a look at a time.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: So the committee that's coming together it's going to be two individuals from the rotary. Rich Israel is one of them. I'm forgetting who the other one is and then there was some discussions about some other community members, potentially, hopefully, a parent of younger children who enjoys joining committees.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, I reached out to that person just this week and I haven't heard back yet, but hopefully that will work

out and then we can finalize that.

MAYOR STUESSI: Right. Did you have anything else Adam.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: No, thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: All right. A couple of things before we get to a couple of other points. Mary Bess, you brought up the electric plant. Doug is out on a personal issue right now, but I will be sending a summary here in the coming days of the two recent incidents that we had and some bids that we have on equipment.

We're working with the State on scheduling a test as part of that. But as some of the Board were made aware, we had an incident with water getting into one engines. It's going to require parts of a not insignificant sum of money in addition to workers coming to do that work on it.



There was also an issue that came to light, as part of the electric outage that we had recently, where the truck hit the power line on the North Road and the power plant did not come to function and start up as one would expect. And evidently this is the first time that it's ever been needed to turn ou without any supply of electricity. And so this is something that goes back it when all the work was done on the power plant, approximately, I think it was what, ten years ago?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

Uh-huh.

MAYOR STUESSI: And so this -- one of the teams that had done that work is scheduling time to come out and visit us as well and do an evaluation on that.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: But we had an

update from the State today.

They're taking a look at  
scheduling an out-of-sequence test  
with us as well as part of that.  
So working with Doug and the team  
on that.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: The  
out of sequence --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is that the  
one on the 15th, the DMC test, the  
regular one?

MAYOR STUESSI: April 15th.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: April 15th.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah.

MAYOR STUESSI: So we're  
working with them on doing an  
out-of-sequence test.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay,  
but out-of-sequence, at times --  
we've had this situation before  
and we were given a large fine.  
So I just want to -- I would  
encourage that we get the parts  
and get it fixed and get the test

done before April 15th.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I'll be glad to share the information with you and, you know, there would be a summary that's going to be coming out.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay, great. Because, as I said, Julia and I have lived through this before when the previous director of utilities was late on doing the DM&C tests and then he completely didn't get one done and NYISO kind of nailed us. So it was a big fine. It wasn't -- we had to pay it over a period of time.

MAYOR STUESSI: In regards to the other items on the list, I know everybody is aware that we are proceeding forward with the contract for installing new lights throughout the Village. That did go out to BID through the State. They are doing the final checks on

a vendor for that. We anticipate seeing that here shortly. Don't have a timeline for it yet though, but we anticipate from what they'd said last week that they should be able to give us more information here in the next couple of weeks.

Obviously that's going to be a big benefit to all the residents of the Village. Every single streetlight in the Village is going to be replaced with a new LED light that can be controlled literary by an iPhone to set the lumens on it.

In addition, there's going to be a significant electrical savings, obviously an important issue for taxpayers, and energy efficient. It will also work as part of the Dark Skies Ordinance. And so in certain neighborhoods where you might have trees blocking lights that needed to be a bit brighter

or other ones where you need to turn it down, we'll be able to adjust, you know, throughout the Village. Doug and the team in the electric department have been working on this and are really excited about all the work as part of it.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

Mr. Mayor, I also understand that for those who have had concern with the 3rd Street basketball court with the lighting, that Doug did include that area in this lighting grant for everyone to know.

So hopefully that will help with some of the situation down at that park that I have had a discussion with some of the members of the community as well as you have. So I think that's a plus to thanks -- kudos to Doug for thinking about that and putting it in the project.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, he's got every light in the Village and, you know, the lights over there for the kids that are playing in the park and I think that's an important thing. And we want to make sure that those kids that play in the park continue to have lights over there as needed and that they go off after a certain time at night.

The ferry project is making great progress. This is the realignment of the entire ferry queue. This is something the Village has been working on for well over eight years. Construction is about 60 to 65 percent complete at this point. The vast majority of all the curbing and sidewalks are in now. All of the drainage has been put in in the ferry queue area, as well as over at the edge of the Long Island Railroad and

into parking lot two.

The next step is all of the grading which is currently being done in the queue area. There's a significant amount of underground utilities that are being relocated out of the air moving poles too. In addition to that, Long Island Railroad is working with us on -- they've already removed all the track from behind the Maritime Museum and we're going to have a nice park space back there. We're going to be having a meeting here with the Maritime Museum soon to work on something to bring back in front of the Board as part of that.

Paving. As most folks should be aware, can't be done until the weather I am proves and it warms up. We're anticipating that paving will start in that area about mid April. There will be a

five-day period where the Jitney and Long Island Railroad lot will be closed. We are taking a look with the Jitney as to whether they relocate properly to another site or they just ask folks to go over to Southold Town to pickup the Jitney over there.

In addition to that, as you may be aware, Long Island Railroad already replaced the crossing at 4th Street, which was in really bad shape when they removed that third rail over there. In about two weeks they are going to be coordinating the removal of the crossing at 5th Street as well and putting in those new larger concrete blocks as part of that crossing just like they did at 4th Street. That's going to be a significant improvement for everybody that drives, walks or bicycles across that going over there.



We are finalizing work with the state and federal government on our DEC as well as our federal grant through the housing and urban development on the bulkhead. As you can imagine, there's a lot going on in the federal government right now and we are working through that with them at the moment.

There's also a portion of the bulkhead that's going to be replaced as part of this whole ferry queue project which is down over by the Railroad Dock. That's being done separately over there and working with all the different entities on timing for that.

In addition, the bus stop over at the Jitney is going to be replaced and moved over to the edge of the park as part of that whole reconfiguration. There's a couple of trees that hopefully

will be able to be moved and saved over there. Then there's a significant amount of planting that's going to come into that entire project over there.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

Mr. Mayor, just one thing on the abstract, I noticed that Corazzini's has presented, or the consultant has presented, the first billing of \$247,000 for their work. Is that containing any change orders is that --

MAYOR STUESSI: No.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: That will be in the next --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. There is a pending change order of some items that are related, as we had discussed in a prior meeting, to the reconfiguration of the lanes and all of that is being finalized right now.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: And we will have it on next month's meeting. You'll have it in advance of next month's meeting.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: There's one remaining item that's being confirmed right now with some concrete stanchion blocks as part of the overhead arm that the ferry company wants to add for some additional lighting and we're waiting on costs for that, which, you know, they're going to be absorbing the cost of that overhead arm.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay, so the change orders, we have to do resolutions for those. So that will be on next month.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: Campground is getting up and running here

shortly. That's in the report.

Rick's been doing an amazing job  
in the park and the marina.

Unfortunately we lost the very  
large door at the Camera Obscura,  
which was a large metal door that  
was on a pivot that had rusted  
out. If anybody's been by in the  
last week, you'll see that there  
was a good amount of work  
happening over the past couple of  
days as part of that. We're putting  
in a new one that had been funded.

The carousel update for the  
community. We don't yet have a  
date on reopening, but we will  
know a lot more next week. The  
main center structure, which  
basically supports the entirety of  
the carousel is currently being  
rebuilt.

I made mention in our last meeting  
that we were very fortunate that  
there were repairs that could be

done to that without having to go to a foundry and look at literally, you know, creating entirely new pieces and parts on that.

All of the horses have been repaired. Not restored, but repaired so that they are structurally sound including all of the bases for them to remount them. The entirety of the horses, there were a number of them that were in the wrong spots on the carousel.

And much like, you know, if anybody's been on a plane and they tell you to seat in certain areas and balance it out, that needed to be done. That was one of the things that had caused the carousel to fail in some ways was the horses not being balanced on it. So that will be fixed as part of it.

We are anticipating, next week,

a schedule that will go to the Board and then we'll make public on a whole reassembly of the carousel. And then I'm excited to say too, you know, we're looking to work with the Carousel Committee, which Julia sits on and Friends of Mitchell Park, so potentially raise some funding to restore the horses themselves.

As we had mentioned prior, there was a lot of work needed on those horses which, you know, just have not -- other than a little touch up here and there over the years. It would be wonderful to get them back to, you know, how they looked originally.

And so the carousel company that we hired did a restoration, they're actually completed it right now, on one of the horses, which would be an example horse. And, you know, the goal would be

to work with Carousel Committee  
and Friends of Mitchell Park to  
potentially show case this  
somewhere and show what a restored  
horse would look like and raise  
funds from the public to work on  
that over the long term.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I was  
going to ask you and Trustee  
Robins if the Carousel Committee  
is planning on perhaps doing a  
grand reopening or some type of  
get into the news that the carousel  
is back and plan something for  
that to get -- so that perhaps the  
business community could get it  
out on their website or help work  
with it or do some type of a  
celebration that, you know, the  
carousel is fixed and we're back  
and we're open, and I just didn't  
know if there'd been some  
discussion on that.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, well

we're meeting next week on Tuesday for our next April meeting. And we had discussed already the potential for some fundraising. We don't have a timeline yet. I've been updating them the reports from WRF and the progress of the repairs and stuff like that.

So I would say that in terms of working with the BID, we haven't contacted them about it yet. But items for discussion this coming meeting would be a good idea I guess.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well, I think it would be a positive as it's been down for a while and everybody's anticipating it. And I just think that it would be -- it would be a real positive for this Village Board to help create a celebration for reopening it.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, before



that happens, actually we -- the Carousel Committee, before we had the incident, was looking into celebrating the 100 year anniversary of the carousel. You know, so that could be coordinated as well.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: We'll have to discuss it at the next meeting. We'll come up with some plans and I'll report back at the next work session.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Do we have more information on repair costs or that's what's going to be coming?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: We don't have those yet really.

MAYOR STUESSI: I mean we know what we've spent on everything and then there was a certain amount of work. The last

part of it will be summarized as part of this report, which is to be going to the Board next week on the last parts of the reassembly of it. The vast majority of the work has been done already as part of it.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well, that also brings up that we do know -- I think you've mentioned in the past, the celebration for the anniversary for Mitchell Park.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes. So I had mentioned it, whether it was our last meeting or the prior one, putting together a committee for the Village through friends of Mitchell Park and others to celebrate not just the 25th anniversary of Mitchell Park next year, but also the 250 birthday of America next year.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Right.

MAYOR STUESSI: So we'd like

to talk about that more in our next work session. There's been some interest from folks in the community and I think we have ability to put something really wonderful together for next summer.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well, I know that Julia and I have worked on Tall Ships events before. So I would hope and encourage that discussion starts to formulate a committee to start moving forward because it takes a little time. And as I said, Julia, you and I have lived through two Tall Ships events.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Tall Ships took a year to plan actually.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Yes. So I think it's great for the community and I think it would be something that we should really get starting soon.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Julia, when's the 100 year anniversary of the carousel?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think it's already passed.

MAYOR STUESSI: It has passed.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Oh.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, it's already passed. But since we really shut down, it might be an opportunity to coordinate with the reopening as well.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Well, it made it to 100.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yep. Pretty good for a carnival ride.

MAYOR STUESSI: The last item I have before we take public comment and then go into the resolutions of the regular meeting, I'm going to go ahead and read a couple of announcements we have first.

Village brush pickup schedule has been published, as Candace

noted. That's on the website.

Biweekly pickups begin on  
April 8th.

It was also announced the Annual  
Budget Hearing will be held at the  
Old Schoolhouse on Thursday,  
April 10th.

The Village Annual Organizational  
Meeting will be held on Thursday,  
April 24th at the Greenport  
Firehouse.

And Village Hall will close  
April 18, 2025, in observance of  
Good Friday.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: The  
MS4, did we need to do a  
resolution tonight for the MS4?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we have it.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: We have it.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: We  
have it? Oh, okay, all right.  
Okay.

(Whereupon, the following was  
transcribed with the reporter in

person.)

MAYOR STUESSI: So there's been a lot of talk in the community about a number of things recently. What is important to me and I know to the rest of the Board members as well is that we not only earn your trust, but we keep your trust. And in many ways there have been some failings recently that we have taken steps to address as part of that.

You will see several resolutions at the end of our meeting this evening to address some issues of debt to the Village, which are being taken care of, as well as make willing changes to some of our policies as part of how the treasurer takes care of things from the Village for all payments that come to the individual.

As part of this it's also important that all of you have

faith in us to know that it's each of our individual responsibilities to disclose anything where there might be a potential conflict. Each of us have a responsibility as an elected official and a member of this Board to keep that public trust, disclose if there's an issue where we might have a conflict, and potentially recuse ourselves from a vote if there's a conflict that reaches a certain level as part of that.

As part of this as well, we are going to be updating our ethics policies. There's a number of resolutions, as I said earlier, which address some of these issues as it relates to the Village debt and some of the things that were discovered recently and we worked with Village counsel on and the Board, but our ethics policies are quite old. I want to say it was

1975 that they were last updated.

So that will be a discussion for next week's meeting.

I come to you, hat in hand, as I know many of our Board members do, and this is an awkward moment to talk about these issues, but it's important to be transparent with them. And, again, you voted for the three of us two years ago, nearly two years ago, I guess it will be next week that we will have been in office two years, and Julia and Mary Bess last week, who have both have been on Board for quite a long time.

As part of this, I want to make sure all of us work together hand-in-hand to regain any trust that was lost as part of some of these recent events. You will also, in the coming weeks, be learning that we will be making some potential changes to



committee compositions  
significances. The Board and I  
are having individual meetings and  
we will be discussing, as part of  
the organizational meeting, some  
changes on potential committees.  
We'll also been naming a new  
deputy mayor here shortly as well  
and having conversations with  
anyone who have not spoken with  
yet as part of this, and there  
will also be some changes as part  
of both the budget to fund a  
administrative position in the  
Village that really focuses on  
infrastructure.

One of the biggest challenges we  
are facing is dealing with aging  
infrastructure, then, of course,  
climate change, and the inundation  
from water and all of that. There  
are a couple of candidates who I  
have already met with for this  
role, which would be an appointed

role in the Village as part of our budget that we will be discussing here as a Board here in the coming weeks and I'm committed to making certain we have somebody in place to be able to hand these items off to because we've got a lot of things that we have done in the last 23 months that I know I am enormously proud of, as I would imagine many of the other Boards members here are too.

We were able to take the need of getting the ferry project to -- brought to the level that it needed to to get construction started and get it fully funded. That was done. We had a significantly aging stunting of the bulkhead from 2018/2019 that hadn't been addressed. We went out, took the effort that it took to work on getting funding for that. That is in place and we'll

be moving forward with that work there. There's a significant amount of paving and sidewalk work that has already been done over the last 23 months. And as soon as it gets warm here in the next couple of weeks, there will be a number of other roads that are going to be paved and a continuation of some last sidewalk work as part of that too. A number of spots over by the library; 6th Street, which has been in a bit of disrepair for many years, and there's more that we have to do.

And so it's important for all of us to be able to work together in order to move things forward. And speaking for myself, I want to make sure that we are as transparent as we absolutely can be on anything and everything, even when it's awkward and

uncomfortable. And this is one of those moments, and so we have done what needs to be done to make the corrections in order to move forward on this particular debt issue and make certain that it doesn't happen again and also make certain that we're going to be able to collect the funds. And then if there is ever an instance, moving forward, on accounts that this comes to the Board immediately over a certain dollar threshold, which you'll see in a resolution later on.

Is there anything that anybody from the Board would like to add?

(No response.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Lily?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I don't think I have anything to add. I mean, it is a hard conversation, but I think it's one, yeah, we need to have. And I

want to take responsibility for us  
not being -- following our own  
policies and that in the future --  
and it's all like a work in  
progress is all I can really can  
say is that we we're trying our  
best and we're trying to take  
steps to do that. So that's all  
for now that I have to say.

MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, are  
we going to -- so we're running  
right out of time here. Are we  
going to start our next meeting or  
are we going to continue on this?

MAYOR STUESSI: I think we'll  
take public comments and then move  
into resolutions.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Take public  
comment for this meeting and then  
move into --

MAYOR STUESSI: And for the  
other one as well if anybody has  
public comments. Otherwise it's

going be a late night by the time  
we're done with anything.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. So I  
want to proceed carefully here.  
So if -- I'll ask counsel to  
interrupt if you think I'm veering  
into some place I shouldn't be.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
Speak slowly, please.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I'm also  
deeply concerned about what's  
transpired over the past few weeks  
and many months and really several  
years. I think our residents'  
trust in this Board has kind of  
hit a new low. I'm embarrassed  
for myself and my colleagues. I  
think you all deserve better.

I only have two priorities right  
now and I'd to say the number one  
priority is to try to restore the  
public's trust in the Village  
government.

My second priority to would be

to ensure that Village Hall is fully functional, fully staffed and capable of meeting your needs. All other initiatives in my mind are a distant third at this point, a third priority. Because none of those other initiatives are going to be successful unless we can accomplish the first two goals I just laid out.

So I do think we need to talk about this. It's uncomfortable. I think the mood on the Board right now is a little less than collegial. I'm not sure how much time we want to spend on this. I had hoped that the Board would be able to come to this first public meeting with a joint statement and I had put forth some suggestions about what we might include in that statement, but we weren't able to really get that together as a group.

Yeah, so I've got a lot more I want to talk about and I don't know if this is the time. I think, Lily, you were saying we should talk about this. Did you mean now?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

I'm not really sure. I mean now is a good time. I think like if we're talking about ethics, I think we already -- I know I did talk a little bit about -- like we don't actually have that in front of us, like an ethics policy. I would suggest that to the lawyers. I think that might be a further conversation also.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I want to talk a little bit about a timeline of what's happened over the past two weeks because I think the public is interested to know this and I want to do it -- I want to talk about this in this setting



because I think this is the most straightforward way to talk about things rather than on social media or the press. It also gives everyone an opportunity to speak up and speak their part and speak their mind.

So I think it was March 11th, the Trustees, Trustee Dougherty-Johnson, Trustee Robins, and myself, were informed by the Mayor, via an e-mail, that Trustee Phillips was significantly indebted to the Village. After that initial e-mail, I think it was the next day, we had a group call. We were seeking counsel's advise. By the 18th of March that was the Village election. On the 20th of we cancelled our joint Village and Town meeting. We cancelled our Board Work Session. Again, the Board sought counsel.

On March 24th we had a meeting,

seeking counsel again. And then today, March 27th, is the first time we're together in front of you all to talk about this issue. Am I speaking slowly enough?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Yes. Thanks, Trustee.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I want to talk a little bit about roles and responsibilities and what I consider to be a debacle. Based on listening to numerous people, speaking with them, and carefully reviewing a substantial amount of Village financial records notices, payment plans, I want to let you know what my understanding of the situation is.

First I'm going to talk about the Village side of this, which I'm going to start with Treasurer Brautigam. Treasure Brautigam was new to this job, I believe, in spring of 2024; is that correct?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And, you know, I think the treasurer quickly -- or had already known that, you know, Greenport has many challenges. I understand that he was already familiar with utility billing because he had worked on that in his prior capacity, correct?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So he was quick to recognize, when he took over the job of treasurer, that there was a problem and he needed to address it head on. And he began by notifying trustee Phillips with some disconnect notices and then trying to reach agreement on multiple occasions by executing payment plans, which was normal process for the treasure office. The treasure is tasked with not only paying the bills, but also, you know, accepting or

handling our revenue streams as well, so income as well as expenses, correct?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

(Nodding.)

MAYOR STUESSI: So after executing several payment plans, which were all subsequently voided because of failure to pay, I believe the treasurer tried to resolve this matter within his office over a few months during the summer of 2024, but I think he was just unable to compel Trustee Phillips to catch up on her many accounts.

He had one tool in his toolbox, which I also feel the treasurer was unwilling to use. The treasure has the ability to order that customers electric service is disconnected. And I don't know how often that gets used, but I would imagine that it's -- when

it's used, it's probably quite effective and I believe you had related some anecdotes to me where in cases where you had to disconnect someone's service for failure of payment, they would often be in your office within an hour or so trying to work out a payment plan.

So he was unwilling to use that tool. By the fall of 2024, he had turned the matter over to counsel or to the Mayor or to both, I'm not really sure. And he also decided not to inform the trustees of this significant development.

I kind of chalk this up to the treasurer wanting to do the right thing for the Village. I think his heart's in the right place. I think he's doing a great job. But he couldn't make it happen and I'm a little unclear to this day about why he didn't take the opportunity

to inform the other trustees of  
this matter because I feel like  
that is exactly in our wheelhouse.

I'm going to move on to counsel.  
So we have counsel, Jared  
Kasschau, who is here today.  
Sometimes you see Brian Stolar,  
and there's others involved with  
their office. I believe -- well,  
my understanding is that counsel  
had advised the Mayor to let  
counsel handle this matter or  
perhaps the Mayor had asked  
counsel to handle the matter.  
Counsel also decided to forego the  
opportunity to use electrical  
disconnect as a tool to compel  
payment, and then embarked on the  
many months of negotiation with  
Trustee Phillips.

They decided to keep the matter  
mostly private, I believe, between  
counsel, the Mayor, and Trustee  
Phillips. This encouraged a

significant expense for legal services for collection. My understanding, to date, the tally is about \$10,000. Counsel also decided not to inform the trustees, which I'm not happy about. Maybe that's not your place to do that. I think it could have happened. I feel like that was a disregard for the Village trustees' role and governance of our Village.

Next I'm going to move on to the Mayor. As I said before, upon learning about the issue from the treasurer, I believe he turned the matter over to counsel. He also forego the opportunity to use electrical disconnect, which is sort of a no-cost, but light highly effective tool. By going to counsel, he was also incurring significant legal expenses for collections.

He decided not to inform the trustees until about five months later. That was like six or seven days before the election. I'm really confounded by the Mayor's poor judgment in the handling of this matter. And I can't see the timing of this release of information as anything other than a political matter.

If that's the case, I think that his conduct is really unbecoming of a Mayor, but also conduct inappropriate for someone who is operating as a Village administrator or fulfilling a role of a Village administrator.

So now I'm going to move on to Trustee Phillips. From what I've learned and what I can see, Trustee Phillips has exhibited a really troubling pattern of behavior over several years. She has repeatedly either ignored or



delayed personal financial obligation to the Village and I believe she's taken advantage of her position and title for her personal benefit. I see that as conduct as unbecoming of elected official showing poor judgment, poor leadership. I think it came from a sense of entitlement, seeking advantage and being given advantage.

More troubling to me is the fiduciary responsibility of a trustee. I feel like this conduct is disqualifying as a fiduciary. And when I talk about a fiduciary, what I mean here is with respect to financial matters, a fiduciary must, must put the public's interest above their personal interest. And I feel like this behavior was done in direct opposition to a fiduciary's responsibility.

So I'm deeply troubled by  
Trustee Phillips' conduct. I feel  
that she has failed to meet her  
responsibilities as a trustee and  
I'm concerned that she's lost the  
ability to distinguish between  
what's in the public interest and  
what's in self interest.

I just want to put a little bit  
of context around what the  
magnitude of the indebtedness is.  
We're talking about something in  
excess of \$100,000. That's the  
equivalent of almost one percent  
of her Village annual budget.  
That's probably two times the  
annual Village resident's -- the  
average Village resident's annual  
income. It's also about the  
annual compensation the Village  
would need to hire a full-time  
building inspector. It's similar  
to the cost that the fire  
department would need to buy two

automated stretchers for the two ambulances.

There's an issue here that the treasurer would be very familiar with, which is the time value of money. You're familiar with the time value of money, right?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
Sure.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You accept money, you pay bills, right? So in a case where a customer is delinquent, how does that impact the time value of money to you? What does that mean to you?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
Well, it can definitely hold up the cash flow. As invoices are coming in and out of the Village, whether they're expenses or revenues, obviously, that had hold up cash flow.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So cash flow, I'm sure, is always an

issue, right? I'd imagine things at different times of the year can be very tight.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
Sometimes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Sometimes expenses can lumpy, income can be lumpy?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You feel pressure sometimes?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
Pressure is a strong word, but there's definitely work that needs to be situated in order to have it all run smoothly.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So when I talk about the time value of money, what I'm talking about is money collected now is more valuable than money promised in the future, right? Because there's an opportunity cost that's lost. So to the extent that

someone delays payment, they gain.  
And the party that is required to  
wait for payment loses. So I  
understand that when you're doing  
the utility billing, you attach a  
penalty for late payments?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: How much is  
that?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
One and a half percent every month.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.  
What's the rate of inflation right  
now about?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Seven.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Three.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
Three, sorry.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: About three  
percent. So we attach a penalty  
of one and a half percent,  
inflation is three percent. So  
who gains and who loses in that  
scenario?

AUDIENCE MEMBER 1: One and a half percent per month.

AUDIENCE MEMBER 2: That's 18 percent per year; one and a half percent per month is 18 percent per year.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you for correcting that.

AUDIENCE MEMBER 1: So you're better off.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You're better off.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're better off getting the penalty.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I was thinking about that incorrectly. But as trustees, we're still obligated to try to make the Village whole, right? These are Village resources. These are your funds. So we have to make a decision to try to recoup as much money as quickly as possible, even if the Village is not whole here.

I want to make clear that the Village is not a bank. So New York State prohibits municipalities from acting like banks and there's a reason for that, because they do a terrible job at it and they get taken. So as a Village, we don't have the ability to lend, gift, extend credit, or allow for forbearance. We can't forgive a debt.

So that puts us in a difficult position in a case where we have tried and tried to recoup funds. We've spent a lot of time over the past couple days time over the past couple days trying to work out a new agreement. I feel reasonably confident that Trustee Phillips will be able to reach -- to satisfy the agreement and you all will have your funds restored.

I think I've covered enough on that for now. Hopefully I didn't

go anywhere I wasn't supposed to.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: (Nodding.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Julia,  
anything you would like to add?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Just  
reflecting on a comment you made  
earlier and that is, you know,  
that we need to update our ethics  
policy. I don't think ethics  
change. I don't think being an  
ethical person changes. There's a  
moral way to deal with things  
ethically and, you know, I don't  
think that's the proper term to  
say that we need to update it.  
That's all.

MAYOR STUESSI: Mary Bess?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I  
have apologized. I have worked  
out for the last year and a half  
refinancing things. As trustee  
Brennan said, there is funds that  
are now coming in that weren't  
available. The Mayor knew I was



trying to work things out. As I said before, we've had some financial issues since COVID.

And at this time point, I have always worked to do for the Village. I don't feel that this was an entitlement. This has been a burden on top of my head since quite a while. But in the meantime, we could have taken another option and that would have not really served anybody's purpose.

And as I said, I have given my heart to the Village of Greenport along with my family. We are trying to stay here. But as far as feeling entitled, I don't think so. I think I've done a lot to do in keeping things moving forward and doing checks and balances within the Village.

But I do not feel entitled. I feel part of a community that's

trying to stay here. And my family and I are committed and always have been to working towards keeping our home here. We could have left when the fleet left years ago, but we stayed here.

But as far as feeling entitled, no. Maybe you -- I'm glad that, you know, you have -- you've said what you've had to say, Patrick, and I don't disagree on some things, but feeling entitled, no, no, no. No, I have worked for the people of the Village of Greenport for a long time.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I would really like to move beyond this unfortunate incident and work with all of you to serve our Village. So I'm committed to that.

MAYOR STUESSI: As am I. Thank you. I think, you know, in the rearview mirror, one often

takes a look what you could have done differently. Just to clarify a couple of points. I can assure you that the moment I found out late last year, which was deeply troubling and it only occurred because I got a red notice on my utilities. We had consolidated two houses and the one changed addresses. I ran to the treasurers and wanted to understand what the period was and wanted to pay and etcetera, etcetera, and he made me aware of a large number of accounts. And so this doesn't become ordinarily viewable to any one of us because of the way it's all spread out and it had been longstanding.

One can imagine my personal discomfort. I immediately spoke to legal who started working with the treasurer to collect the funds. I was completely hands

off. I made the statement I didn't want to be involved and, you know, they needed to proceed with that. There were additional payment plans put in place. I was aware they were working on it and then those failed again.

And in retrospect, I wish I had made a point of going to counsel and saying we need to talk to the Board further and make them all aware of what is going on because of the extremely close nature of this with the Deputy Mayor, it was extremely uncomfortable. It's not an excuse. It's just a fact, which is why I level in counsel's hands with the treasurer to try and work something out that had been ongoing for many, many years.

It's now been put in a place with legal agreements that we are going to vote on tonight that offer a different level of

security for the Village if payments aren't made as part of that. So to Patrick's point just a moment ago, and know the rest of the Board, this is about moving forward, but also putting in place things such that nothing like this ever happens again.

And so as I mentioned earlier, there's a number of resolutions that address that, as well as require transparency from the treasurer's office on debts over a certain amount. And then, yes, I do believe it's important for us to review an ethics policy moving forward that's an update on the one from 1975. So we will hold a discussion on that. Legal is gathering some best in class examples of it. We welcome you at our next work session to be here when we are discussing it.

With that, I am going to move on

to our first public hearing. We have a public hearing regarding a proposed local law amending Chapter 65 of the code of the Village of Greenport to add provisions regulating plumbing, electrical work performed in the Village of Greenport. May I have a second?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: The public hearing is open. Is there anybody who would like to speak on this issue?

(No response.)

MAYOR STUESSI: No? Is there a motion to close this public hearing from anyone on the Board,

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I make the  
motion to close the public hearing.

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there a  
second?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion  
carries.

The next item is a public  
hearing regarding a proposal of  
the law amending 65-10 of the code  
of the Village of Greenport to  
amend penalty provisions with  
respect to violations of  
Chapter 65.

I make a motion to open it. Is  
there a second?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: The hearing  
is open. Is there anybody who  
would like to speak on this item?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Yes. May  
you read the amendments so we know  
what you're talking about?

MAYOR STUESSI: It's attached  
to the back of the --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: There was  
no copies when I came in.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Actually  
there are copies here in the front.  
They've been here since 5:00.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can you  
read what the amendments are?

MAYOR STUESSI: Would  
somebody like read this? Patrick?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah. I  
have to get to the right page



though. So where are we?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So if you look in the regular session agenda.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: VOG Bill 25-03.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Those are the -- yeah, the bills are attached. They are attached to the... Patrick, it should be a separate, stapled together of all of the public hearings.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Got it.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I see the first one as 6-25.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: This one is 6-10.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: It says Bill 25-03, on the top.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: All right, Village of Greenport Bill 25-03; a local law to amend 65-10 of the code of the Village of Greenport;

to amend the penalty provision  
with respect to violations of  
Chapter 65.

Section 1:

Section 65-10 of the code of the  
Village of Greenport is hereby  
amended to read as follows:

65-10, Penalties:

A. The performance of any  
construction work without a  
building permit, the occupancy of  
a building or structure without  
required Certificate of Occupancy  
or completion as applicable and/or  
the performance of any construction  
work without permitting and inspection  
required by this Chapter is a  
violation of this Chapter and  
shall be punishable by a fine of:

1. \$1,000;

2. \$1,000 to 2,500 for a second  
offense within 18 months period;

And 3. \$2,500 to \$5,000 for a  
third or subsequent offense within

18-month period.

B. For purpose of multiple offenses within an 18-month period, any person or entity that is a member of a limited liability company, professional limited liability company, or limited liability partnership or partner of a partnership or an officer of a corporate entity shall be subject to the increase in penalties in the same manner as an individual subject to the increasing offenses occurring within the 18-month period.

C. Each and every day that any violation shall exist shall be a separate violation punishable as a separate offense of this Chapter with a separate fine in accordance with Section A above.

Section 2:

Any local law or provision of the code of the Village of

Greenport in conflict with this local law is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict except that such repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of such local law, ordinance, or resolution prior to the effective date of this local law.

I don't think it's actually relevant to read Section 3 and 4. Is that -- Jared, do you agree?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

If that language hasn't changed, then I agree.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

It's -- that's boilerplate. That's usually used in regular law, so, you know, in any adopted law. So I don't know that it's important.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I think the

portion that I read is  
what's substantively important.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's not on  
the agenda that I have, none of  
them.

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there  
anybody who would like to speak --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- none of  
that is available to us in these  
agendas.

MAYOR STUESSI: It's on the  
website. If you scan the QR code,  
you can pull it up as well.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: When I  
looked at the website, there  
wasn't even a list.

MAYOR STUESSI: It's all on  
there.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I was there  
just an hour ago.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
It's on the website?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I'm  
looking at it right now.

MAYOR STUESSI: It was there.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can you  
just explain what the --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Explain  
what you're doing.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm curious.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: We didn't  
vote on the prior one. We just  
opened and closed the public  
hearing, right?

MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: There was  
no vote.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: But I do  
think if people don't understand  
what is being discussed, to open  
and close the hearing without  
people understanding the topic  
upon which the hearing is open, is  
really -- is not helpful to allow  
people to make comments, if you're  
trying to elicit comments.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: It's not on  
this agenda. I looked through it.

You referred it me to this. None  
of it's on there.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I take your  
point --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: And then  
you say it's the website. I'm not  
going to look at the website. I  
just want to know what you're doing.

MAYOR STUESSI: We can keep  
the public hearing open if you  
want --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Just  
explain to me --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It's basically  
requiring that plumbing and  
electrical work be done by --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Licensed.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Licensed plumbers and electricians.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's all  
I wanted to know.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
That was the previous one. The

when we just read is about --

MAYOR STUESSI: It's updating  
the fines for doing work without a  
permit.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: For  
violations, who's going to be the  
administrator?

MAYOR STUESSI: We're not  
going to do the back and forth.  
If you want -- we're going to have  
public comment in a minute. If  
you want to make a comment on  
this, you're welcome to go up to  
the podium.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: The public  
hearing is open.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, you  
can come up there.

MAYOR STUESSI: At the podium  
is what I'm saying.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: You're  
welcome to --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Did we actually vote to open the



hearing?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes.

MS. MILLER: Leueen Miller;  
424 4th Street. I'm sure I will  
have other occasions on other  
topics I want to comment on  
because frankly I am appalled,  
embarrassed, and shocked by what  
has been going on recently by the  
Village trustees, but we'll deal  
with that later.

But with regard to this specific  
modifications, I would like to  
know -- so it all sounds really  
good, but who's going to determine  
the violations? Who's going to  
monitor what happens with the  
violations once they're accepted  
or addressed? Who's going to be  
in charge of this and will there  
be a report to the public on  
violations determined, feedback,  
what's happened? How is all this

going to be run out?

MAYOR STUESSI: So this will be managed by the Building Department. We have two individuals there now and we are hiring four full-time positions that have just become available.

MS. MILLER: Okay. When will these new people come on board?

MAYOR STUESSI: We're just going forward with the posting. We have two that are already working.

MS. MILLER: Full-time?

MAYOR STUESSI: Two of them each half time, so one full-time.

MS. MILLER: Okay, thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: You're welcome.

MR. MURRAY: Hi, my name is Dave Murray. I'm a resident at 332 Fifth Avenue, also a business owner at Murray Design and Build on Main Street in Greenport. This code has everything to do with me,

just let you know. Okay? I have a stop work order on two projects and I've been trying to get the Mayor to call me back for three months and you refuse. You say legal counsel every time.

These fines have everything to do with me. He wants to stop me and I have not moved forward. I have been trying to reach this man for three months. He refuses to call me back. Legal counsel. Legal counsel means two things to me. One, you don't know anything about the building department. Two, it's costing me and everybody here a fortune.

MAYOR STUESSI: I think with all --

MR. MURRAY: You know damn well. Don't come at me saying legal counsel. You can tell me everything you want to say about this, but you refuse to call me.

MAYOR STUESSI: I did reach

back to you. I've sent you  
multiple --

MR. MURRAY: E-mails.

MAYOR STUESSI: I've sent you  
multiple e-mails.

MR. MURRAY: And you will not  
call me.

MAYOR STUESSI: This is a  
building department issue --

MR. MURRAY: Kevin, you are  
acting administrator. Act like it.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay?  
Everything is coming out now.  
Call me back. These penalties, he  
wants to stop me from moving  
forward. Have I moved forward?  
No. I'm waiting for counsel to  
give me advice.

MAYOR STUESSI: You're pretty  
familiar with these two stop work  
orders. Do you have an opinion on  
this?

MR. MURRAY: Nobody has

opinion on this because nobody called me back on this Board, okay? I should have had my permit back in October. So for you to come up with these codes and restrictions for plumbing, for forcing on stop work orders right now is ridiculous, guys. You are not in a position to make codes.

MAYOR STUESSI: The facts of this, as you're well aware, is you went ahead, built an entire --

MR. MURRAY: Because you had no building department, Kevin.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's true.

MR. MURRAY: Nut up. Call me back. Quit being that way.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: No building department, man.

MR. MURRAY: Right, no building department whatsoever. I had all approvals from Historic, Zoning. Don't even go there, Kevin. You are so wrong it's not

even funny.

MR. BOLANOS: But you're  
laughing in his face.

MR. MURRAY: And you're  
treating me, as a Village resident  
for 22 years, a business owner on  
May Street for 14, treat me with a  
little respect. Give me a call.

MR. BOLANOS: Thank you,  
David.

(Applause.)

MR. BOLANOS: Good afternoon.  
Alex Bolanos; 9395 Main Road, East  
Marion, New York 11939. I'd like  
to thank everybody here for coming  
today and I just like to reflect a  
little bit.

For everybody that doesn't know  
my story, I was wrongfully  
terminated while on medical leave  
because I tried to expose everything  
they're trying to cover up and  
expose and lie about, because  
these are all lies to me. I

worked with them. I was here before them and I'll be hereafter them.

Let me explain something, I contacted everybody here looking at you and talking to you, I contacted them -- let me calm down -- on a personal note. I e-mailed them all, so I can document it.

They're acting as oversight.

They're supposed to make sure he doesn't do what he did. They failed you. They failed you. And I tried to work with them and bring it to their attention to avoid all this.

All I wanted was to come back and continue serving the Village. I was wrongfully terminated. I have four kids. They took my pay. They took my insurance. And they're sitting here and Mary Bess wants your sympathy? Let me tell you something, she said she's not

privileged? Okay, go look at her properties. There's a ton of the violations and the penal codes that they're setting.

When I got fired on February 20th, she was walking about wetlands permits. Ask her if she's gotten one wetland permit at 222 Atlantic to do any work. And through GPS photo stamps I can show you her property growing without permits. And that's waterfront, you need three types of permits, all right? So she is privileged. Go look at the other place over here on First, diagonal. I called for bridge scaffolding. I called --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Mayor, Mayor --

MR. BOLANOS: Counsel, I want to work with you --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

It's supposed to be in relation to



this --

MR. BOLANOS: -- not against you. All right, I'll stop. I'll stop. I understand. Counsel, I'm looking forward to working with you, not against you. There's a lot of fire safety issues that pertain to everybody here, their safety, and their life.

MAYOR STUESSI: You're welcome to come back up during regular --

MR. BOLANOS: Thank you, sir. No problem. Thank you. I got a little bit in there and I'll try to get more. I hate using Facebook. I like this forum better where you're all here, you're looking at me and you can see I'm saying the truth, and they're lying.

MAYOR STUESSI: So this is --

(Applause.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Colin, we're

only doing the public hearing now  
on this one item.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: When we take  
public comment afterward, we'll be  
glad to have anybody speak on  
anything. Is there anybody that  
would like -- yes, please. And  
again, this is just on the public  
hearing for this one item.

MS. MORAN: Hi, my name is  
Julia Moran. I live at 902 Main  
Street. Just one thing for the  
Board to consider as talking about  
the penalties. When I hear the  
feedback that people are not  
getting permits, it does seem to  
me to be completely unfair for  
someone who can't a get a permit  
to then get penalized for not  
having -- to get these fines for  
not getting permits.

So as a technical matter, I do  
think that if the permits haven't

been granted as a result of delays for whatever reason, you know, there's not enough staff or whatever, that that should be an exception. That it should be -- if to the extent that you're going to consider a penalty for people not having a permit, you should carve out if the person doesn't have the permit because they were not able to get it from, you know, whoever was supposed to be granting the permit, and as we can see there's a lot of reasons why that might not be, why people might not be getting permits on a timely basis. So that just doesn't seem fair. So please consider that.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

MR. BOLANOS: On this topic I would just like to mention something to counsel. If you really -- I would like -- the

people that you have working now,  
are they CEO, code enforcement  
officials; are they BS -- building  
safety investors BSI?

MAYOR STUESSI: We're not  
going to engage.

MR. BOLANOS: This has to do  
with exactly what you guys are  
talking about, the new codes.  
Who's enforcing your code? Is he  
a BSI, building safety inspector  
or a CEO, code enforcement  
official?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
Mr. Bolanos, you can make  
a statement.

MR. BOLANOS: I'm asking a  
question, not making a statement.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
They don't have to answer your  
questions. You can make a  
statement about --

MR. BOLANOS: Okay, I would  
just like to note to counsel to

please verify that the standard -- the licensing agency is Department of State. They have requirements. A building inspector can only inspect -- and I'll send it to you, sir. A building inspector can only inspect existing buildings. They cannot issue permits on extension, new construction, or anything of that nature, okay?

So if you have building inspectors giving certificate of occupancies and giving permits for new construction and extension, they're all voided and nulled because he's not recognized by the licensing agency, which is Department of State, and I can verify all that for you. Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else who would like to speak on this one public hearing

item?

MR. MACKEN: Hi, my name is Frank Macken, Sterling Avenue. So I've been an contractor for over 40 years and I'm just wondering about new this new proposed adjustment to the code. Like I work on my own house. I just replaced my kitchen in the summer, last summer, and it involved plumbing and electrical work. I am competent and skilled in almost every facet of construction, but I'm not a licensed electrician; I'm not a licensed plumber.

So I'm just wondering how this is going to effect like regular homeowners, people like me who can do their own work, people who have experience. How is it going to -- I mean, it pretty blanket. I mean, I would understand -- I mean, I would understand -- I'm trying to understand it as if it

only applies to work that requires permits, and presumably that's the case. It's not for, say you want to replace your kitchen or you're replacing -- you know, this is for something that's fairly substantial; is that right?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

It is --

MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick, you want to speak on this? I know you had some of the same concerns. We talked about the last work session.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So a couple point. I understand what you're saying. Is it going to unnecessarily restrict a homeowner from doing some electrical work? I would just say that my understanding of what we're doing here is not in -- does not exceed what New York State already requires for plumbing work. It does not exceed what the national

electric code requires. So we're trying to move the Village ordinance up-to-date. This is a life safety matter.

MR. MACKEN: Sure.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So if someone working on installing their own backup generator at their house, that can have tragic consequences for someone working on a utility pole.

MR. MACKEN: Yeah, I mean, that's substantial work.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That's substantial. So we're trying to look out for the public's interest here and the life safety issues served by building construction. There are people operating in the Village who are using unlicensed subcontractors. And I understand that you're talking about a different thing here. I'm just trying explain that --



MR. MACKEN: Sure.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- that's what we're trying to get at. And you're really talking about the first public hearing, but I'm going to use this opportunity to also talk about the second public hearing.

MR. MACKEN: Oh, I'm sorry, there were two.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So the Village has been engaged for many months now in trying to look at all of our fee structures throughout our codes so that we can bring them up so date. They're woefully behind. And I take the point of the speaker who came up earlier and said it doesn't seem fair if you raise fees and you don't provide the service. We have to do both, right? But bringing the fees up is also part of providing a

service. And we don't want to penalize people and not provide service. We want to do both.

MR. MACKEN: Sure.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And the fees are an important part of making it financial viable to have a properly staffed building department, at least in my mind.

MR. MACKEN: Yeah.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: But also wants to discover dangerous behavior. So I can't speak to exactly what your situation is here. I understand what you're saying. I would just say that the Village is not in a position to make exceptions for someone who has some remarkable skills, but they're not licensed. I appreciate what you're talking about. I feel the same way. I've done work like that before myself. I feel fairly competent. It's not

this Board's position to make exceptions in this case.

MR. MACKEN: Right. Well, I'm just looking for a clarification more than anything else. And certainly if I was installing a backup generator, I would have a licensed plumber do it. I mean, anything of that nature. And I totally get your point. I mean, I'm big on safety, always have been. So I think that's very important.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: We did -- we did have a back and forth with -- so counsel was helping us draft these revised regulations and we had a back and forth about this very issue and I believe there are a few exceptions for --

MAYOR STUESSI: Self performed work that doesn't make the threshold.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah,

there's a certain threshold. If you're replacing an exist fixture like a faucet.

MR. MACKEN: Yeah.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Things like that. But if you're extending your plumbing system and it involves an extension of gas, sewer, waste lines, that triggers the compliance.

MR. MACKEN: Sure.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Well, to clarify it, as far as I understand it, is only for things that need a building permit. And I think there was also a legal issue. If we're giving a building permit, but to an unlicensed, like we're almost allowing -- it's not really allowed to do that plumbing or electrical work by an unlicensed --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I'd say the biggest generator of concern was from the electric department

who often gets called out to situations and they very quickly determine that somebody did work or had somebody do work by an unlicensed electric.

MR. MACKEN: Right.

MAYOR STUESSI: And more often than that not, fortunately, they're able to determine what the issue is and let the homeowner know you have a problem with this. But the frightening thing is the worse case scenario when a fire starts.

MR. MACKEN: So it's -- so what you're trying to do is establish like if there's plumbing work involved, it has to be filed by a licensed plumber?

MAYOR STUESSI: It's really to Patrick's point of meeting basic state building --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: New York State.

MR. MACKEN: Well, yes, but I mean, you're saying like the problem seems to arise when you have you a contractor who comes in and is doing everything from soup to nuts and then is having people, unlicensed people, doing that work, doing whatever the plumbing and electrical work within that whole span.

So what you're -- I think what you're saying is that the -- if there's plumbing work involved above a certain threshold, electrical work above a certain threshold, separate permits have to be filed by a licensed plumber and by a licensed electrician; is that it? I think that's the clearest way to go. I mean, that's what they do in New York City.

MAYOR STUESSI: It's part of the main permit. You just need to

identify who the licensed plumber or electrician is and make sure that they have all the appropriate insurance and licensing.

MR. MACKEN: Right, so you'll have to show that information --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

MR. MACKEN: -- rather than having them file a separate permit in, you know, in addition to the overall permit?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, it's not so important, in my mind, that it's ties to the building permit requirement. We have to prevent bad actor's who are doing dangerous work in the Village. We didn't come at this thinking Mr. Macken is doing wiring in his home. That really wasn't the impetus.

MR. MACKEN: Oh, no, I know. I was just looking for clarification. But I get what

you're saying now. So it's just that -- so the contractor now has to include the license -- the information for the licensed plumber and the licensed electrician and their insurances within the overall application as an addition to the overall application.

MAYOR STUESSI: Depending on the scope of the application.

MR. MACKEN: Yeah.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I mean, there's a model for this. I was a building contractor for many years, okay? The Town of Southold had a building application permit and at that time you had to put down the names of the contractors who were going to be working for you and that they were licensed, you know, and it all led to eventually the completion of the project and the Certificate of



Occupancy. It was straight forward; it works, you know, and I think that's what we're all really trying to do here is bring us up to the current code and be compliant with the New York State Building Code.

MR. MACKEN: And then licensed plumber or electrician --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Absolutely.

MR. MACKEN: -- their name is on it.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: They would be on the application for the permit.

MR. MACKEN: So their reputation is tied to the work that's done. Okay. All right, thank you very much.

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else that has any comments on this specific item?

(No response.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody on

the Board like to make a motion to  
keep this open or close it?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I  
move that we keep it open just  
because it seems like there's --  
people were a little confused;  
there's a lot going on.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Can we also reopen the previous  
one?

MAYOR STUESSI: Why don't we  
deal with this one first and then  
we'll go back to it.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there a  
second to keep this one open.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Lily, would you like to make a motion on the prior one?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah. I'll move that we reopen the public hearing regarding the proposal of the local law amending Chapter 65 of the Village of Greenport to add provisions regulating plumbing and electrical work performed in the Village of Greenport.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So moved?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So moved, yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

So the next item on here is a public hearing regarding a proposed local law amending Chapter 65, Fire Prevention and Building Construction of the code of the Village of Greenport. Is there a second?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick, would you mind reading that one as well, please?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, so this is the one on the first page here?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: All right.

This is Bill Village of Greenport 06-25, a local law to amend

Chapter 65, Fire Prevention and Building Construction. The code of the Village of Greenport to repeal a provision of law relating to being inspector duties.

Section 1:

Section 65-3B is hereby rescinded.

Section 2: Severability.

I don't think it's necessary to read this, but... If the Court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation or circumstance is invalid or unconstitutional, the Court's order or judgment shall not effect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of the local law -- of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph,

subdivision or part of this local law or its application to the person, individual, firm, or corporation or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment or order shall be rendered.

Section 3: Effect date.

The local law shall take effect immediately upon the filing with the Secretary of State. So...

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I can read 65-3B for the benefit of the public if you want.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: This is a section that is being proposed to be rescinded.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
So B is: The building inspector and his duly authorized assistants shall have right to enter any building or enter upon any land at any reasonable hour as necessary in the execution of their duties

provided that:

1. The building inspector shall notify the owner and tenant before conducting any inspection.

2. The building inspector or his duly authorized assistants shall display identification signed by the Village Clerk upon commencing an inspection.

3. Inspections shall be commenced in the presence of the owner or his representative or the tenant.

That was all of it. I believe counsel, when we talked about this, it violates some...

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
Privacy trespass, those kinds of issues.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So it was proposed to be rescinded as kind of a clean up to come into compliance?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: That's

right.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you  
for reading that.

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there  
anybody from the public that would  
like to speak on this item?

(No response.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Nobody?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I make a  
motion that we leave this one --  
oh, I'm sorry.

MS. MORAN: Sorry, I'll come  
up. Julia Moran, 902 Main Street.  
As with the sort of spirit of what  
I'm hearing people discuss, it  
sounds like a technical amendment  
where this one section is being  
rescinded and perhaps because  
there's good reason. But I guess,  
as a person sitting in the  
audience, I'm wondering, okay, so  
now we're not going to allow a  
building inspector to go in and do  
a fire inspection under the



circumstances that were just discussed, that were outlined, and the portion that's going to be rescinded.

I don't understand though, I don't have a bigger picture of what they can do. And so I guess I'm trying to understand, as a member of the public listening to, okay this is going to be rescinded now. Is there -- are there other things that are still in place? You know, especially given recent events where, you know, there was a fire safety issue that was a recent topic.

So just to put that in context for us to understand that this one provision is being rescinded, how does the rest work, would be a helpful thing for us as members of the community to understand, if you are looking for public feedback. So just put that out

there.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: My understanding -- and Jared or anyone else correct me if I'm wrong -- I believe we were rescinding something that had limitations on the inspector's ability to make an inspection. So we actually, by rescinding this, I think the inspector is less constrained to make the inspections.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah, what it voids is issues where you have unlawful searches and seizures where all of a sudden the building inspector demanded access to your house. That would be a problem, right? That would be a problem for the Village in terms of as liability.

Now the process, as I understand it, is the building inspector is part of an applicant seeking a permit for work would have to, as

part of that application, allow the building inspector inside of the premises in order to make sure that the work was done correctly. So it's voluntary.

Now if they refuse do that and there's a belief there's untoward conduct going on, there would be nothing stopping the Village from to go to court and seeking a court order to allow access for that kind of inspection.

MS. MORAN: Okay. That's very helpful. That's the only sort of thing I was looking for. And if there were an emergency situation, is there something that would also allow a building inspector to go in?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
If it was a life safety issue, the fire department would be called or police or, you know, those kinds of first responders.

MS. MORAN: Okay, thank you.

MR. BOLANOS: Do I need to repeat my name and address?

THE REPORTER: No, it's okay.

MR. BOLANOS: So just to clarify on that, we did have a protocol in place where we never entered anybody's property or anything. What we did especially when it was illegal -- for legal purposes and I'm glad to see an attorney here that I worked many years with, Pat Moore, what we actually do is we send a request to inspect and we give them a date. If they do not contact by that date, we've always enforced in a court. That gives us the ability under life safety to go in. But we've never entered, we never barged in. We don't -- you said search and seizure. We don't seize anything. So that doesn't apply. I basically see this as a

big waste, again, of the tax payers money changing all these laws that we've always worked around. So we've had it. It was good.

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else from the public that would like to speak on this item?

(No response.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Lily, you want to make a motion?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I would suggest maybe we keep it open also.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, agreed.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So I move that we keep open the public hearing on chapter -- regarding a proposed local law amending Chapter 65.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion  
carries.

You want to start with  
resolutions or do public session  
now, guys?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: A  
normal meeting we would start with  
public comment so why not?

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Is  
there anybody from the public like  
to speak on any matter?

MS. HAMMES: Good evening.  
Trisha Hammes, 603 Main Street.  
Before I read my comments for the  
evening, I thank you for the  
discussion earlier tonight. I  
think it's really important to the  
community to hear these things.  
In any way -- in any event, I have  
some thoughts I want to share with  
the Board on recent events. Our

Village has endured a tumultuous couple of weeks. Recent press stories have alleged ethical breeches, selective enforcement, preferential treatment, and other concerns about the functioning of the Village administration.

Additionally, we just experienced our second consecutive election marked by drama and political intrigue. For a small community like Greenport, this is overwhelming. Two years ago when the Mayor and several members of the this Board were first selected, many of the Village community hoped for a course correction that would bring increased transparency, improved communication, and fair, unbiased administrative -- administration of Village affairs.

Unfortunately instead of progress, we now face a crises of

confidence in our government.

Various community groups have become entrenched in combative positions further dividing us.

This must stop. Our Village spans just one square mile and is home to fewer than 3,000 resident yet we're facing serious infrastructure, demographic, and economic challenges that demand our collective attention. We cannot successfully address these issues if residents lack confidence in the Board or if the Mayor and trustees themselves fail to align on a common purpose to serve the Village's best interest with transparency, fairness, and effective communication.

I first voiced by concerns publicly in September during by my own experiences and frustrations with the Village and the lack of full-time professional management



within the Village to assist with matters relating to the Planning Board and the Building Department.

It is now imperative that this Board take decisive action to hire a professional city manager or administrator. Such a manager would provide crucial expertise in budgeting, project management, and oversight of day-to-day operations of the Village including ensuring code enforcement in a professional and unbiased manner. Beyond that, a professional manager would ensure continuity and consistency of Village operations, even as the composition of this Board may change in the future.

Equally vital is the urgent need for at least one full-time code enforcement officer that's versed in the code of this Village. The recent allegations of selective enforcement and preferential

treatment demand that we have a dedicated individual who understands both our community and our code.

To further promote accountability, we should reinstate delivery and publication of the monthly report required under the Village code that details issuances of building permits, certificate of occupancies, notices of complaints, etcetera. That was seized well over a year ago.

Effective code enforcement should not merely involve issuing cease work orders when unauthorized construction is detected. It must also ensure that all of the Village's code is applied uniformly, fairly, and without bias. At present, the Village clearly lacks the resources to uphold these standards effectively.

Hiring a professional Village manager and full-time code enforcement officer, along with reinstating the monthly building department report is essential to restoring public trust in our government. These actions will also help shield the Village from further allegations of selective enforcement or political interference in administrative matters.

All of the trustees on this Board, not just the Mayor, have a fiduciary duty of care and trust to our community and are equally responsible for collectively ensuring that our Village government operates effectively, transparently, and without bias.

I am calling on each of you today to take such actions as are necessary to ensure that there are appropriate posting notices made

for these positions and to work to diligently fill them with qualified professionals as soon as possible. I would also call on this Board to provide at least monthly updates on the status of hiring to fill these positions.

Finally, I understand that the Village's Communication Subcommittee was disbanded. I urge this Board to reinstate this committee to ensure timely updates and communication to Village residents regarding Board actions and ongoing infrastructure projects. Again, transparency and communication is crucial to rebuilding public trust.

It is my sincere hope that this Board will embrace these steps to reset the Village and avoid future political turbulence and loss of confidence in our leadership. I am confident that I, along with

other candidates who ran for trustee and concerned residents and other members of various statutory boards, are willing to collaborate to move forward.

Together we can create a stronger, more vibrant and fair community. We must transcend the us versus them mentality that has taken hold in our politics and across the Village and find a common ground. There is much that we ask agree upon and we all share a common goal, to ensure the wellbeing and prosperity of this Village that we all call home.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these important matters and for your continued service to the Village.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you and I'll just --

(Applause.)

MAYOR STUESSI: I want to

make a public announcement that  
the Planning Board next Friday --  
next Friday, correct, Trisha.

MS. HAMMES: Yes, correct.

MAYOR STUESSI: Is going to  
be discussing codes and inviting  
the public for any input on  
suggestions, as well as what  
people like about the existing  
Village codes, what things they  
think might need to be changed  
relative to all the work that's  
been done over the last 24 months  
by the Code Committee and to build  
off of that.

Mr. Ratsey?

MR. RATSEY: My name is Colin  
Ratsey and I live 413 Wiggins  
Street, Greenport. I want to hand  
out this (handing).

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Thank you.

MR. RATSEY: So in April of  
2018, two local businessmen made a

committee and volunteered to enter into a contract with the Village of Greenport. This contract was the to extend the sewer line that I designed. This sewer line ran through Moore's Woods to the pump station. After I hooked this line up, I was turning over the sewer to the Village. I have a contract from 2018. You've cost me over \$100,000 and if I have to, I have to sue my local town. It's ridiculous. I've been fighting with this since you guys have got in. I need a signed contract.

I think the problem here is that the Mayor is a great guy, but you're micromanaging everything. I honestly think that you have a problem running a business. From day one the police chief got sworn in and you didn't stand up and wish him everything. You didn't wish him anything. He sat out

here for Maritime with a full uniform on and you never stood up. You never said anything. People that were in the Tree Committee and everything stood up and said something.

We also pay \$6,500 for a grant writer. You're missing the grant for Mitchell Park; you're missing the grant for the ice skating rink. What about the bulkhead grant? Where is it all going? You have to stop micromanaging.

In this town, we always help the fisherman and we always helped everyone else. There's more people in this town that have more money that'll lend people money every day. And I'll tell you right now, Mary Bess probably got about six phone calls.

She knows more than everybody in here and I was one of them. She's going to pay whatever. This is



what happens. In the old days you used to go down to the bank, they give you a napkin and I went to -- my first loan I went to the duck farm and they wrote me an IOU on a napkin. I went to North Fork Bank and I got a loan for \$10,000. The Village has totally changed.

There's a sign over here at the Ferry Depot that's on a fence. Maybe somebody should go read it. Because all you guys are doing is ruining the Village. You're not helping it. I donated \$4,500 towards the 3rd Street basketball court. No one followed up. You're not following on anything. You're going to ruin the Village and you're not going to have a recall Village to ride a bicycle around. It's really ridiculous.

The other thing is -- the other thing is that the town, with a building apartment, all we have to

do is have a engineer sign off, a legal engineer. I do it all the time with Southold Town. We have to follow codes.

But if we ask an engineer that's licensed in the Village and licensed in area and New York, he can sign off. The only thing that he has to sign off on generators, additions, and whatever. But we need somebody to write the permits. I have three jobs in the Village that I want to get permits and I'm not even starting them because I can't get a permit. Thank you.

(Applause.)

MS. MOORE: Good evening. Patricia Moore on behalf of two of my clients that you've had applications for sewer connections for the past three to four months. The houses are nearly completed. These are families. They have

fought. They have loans. They are relying on being able to close out their permits and we're getting absolutely nowhere.

Every time I get a response from the Village attorney, we respond immediately. We answer whatever it is that they request. I have, from hearsay, because I've not received a copy of it, but the latest was a request given to your sewer superintendant as far as a recommendation. I've been told -- I haven't seen it -- that the recommendation was to connect, yes, we should be able to connect to the sewer. Please. We have two families.

You've talked about the fact that you've spent a lot of money on legal fees. Let me tell you, the reason you haven't seen me here is because I don't want to keep charging my client to sit

through your meetings to have a moment to remind you that we're still here and we're waiting for the sewer connection. It costs you money to have your Village attorney to deal with me and it cost my clients money to have me here.

So, please, somebody, anyone of you, that you would please communicate with whoever it is at the sewer, give us the letter that says, yes, we can connect because the houses are ready to connect. It's gotten to a point --

MAYOR STUESSI: My understanding is that those two houses are good to go. Village counsel -- the other partner who is not here this evening, had sent an e-mail earlier and it sounds like they are, but we'll be sure to call you tomorrow.

MS. MOORE: Please. My

clients don't know this.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, there was actually e-mail on this --

MS. MOORE: They send me here.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- earlier this afternoon.

MS. MOORE: Wonderful, thank you.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Can you tell us which addresses you're speaking about?

MS. MOORE: Yes. One is the 520 Madison Avenue; 520, 550 --

MAYOR STUESSI: Rich residence and --

MS. MOORE: Yeah. And the other one is 1220 9th Street.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I thank you.

MS. MOORE: Good, thank you. And I know I've been here before and there can be solutions to your sewer problems. Mr. Domino was

here and offered it to you and  
Mr. Ratsey was here reminding you  
of it. There are easy solutions.  
Please, take the opportunity to --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Use their  
knowledge.

MS. MOORE: Listen to them.  
Thank you.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Actually I  
was involved in that original  
agreement to give them the sewer  
and I continue to -- I think I've  
supported them and told them, by  
all means, I support a letter.  
And I'm probably going to ask for  
a resolution next month for us to  
lift the sewer moratorium. That  
would be my -- I agree to do that.

MS. MOORE: Great. That will  
help your economy.

MR. STAPFF: Manfred Stapff,  
117 Sterling Street. I have a  
comment to the rental code. It's  
on the agenda, so I guess I can

make a comment here. So first,  
thank you for bringing that up  
again. Since a year or so we're  
talking --

MAYOR STUESSI: You're  
talking about short-term rentals?

MR. STAPFF: Short-term  
rentals.

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

MR. STAPFF: Or the code  
includes interm rentals and  
short-term.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

MR. STAPFF: But my main  
comment is about the short term  
rentals. And I just want to thank  
you for bringing that up again and  
really providing a time where we  
can still give feedback because  
it's really important.

My taxes, for example, increased  
last year by 20 percent. The  
insurance, the house insurance, by  
20 percent. I can certainly

understand every homeowner who needs a little bit of additional income to maintain their house and the short-term rentals are, of course, an easy opportunity.

Not everybody has a house or two-family house where a part of the house can be rented out for the whole year. It may not be possible because of floor plan; it may not be possible because of privacy concerns. There are many, many reasons.

So the first comment is to legislative intent. With all the discussions, which have been -- and presentations, have been over the time, I still have not understood why short-term rentals need to be banned. So maybe I missed something. Are there data; are there studies; is there proof that banning short term rental increases the availability of



long-term rentals? I think the contrary is the case, but I'm just asking, do you have any studies, data to support the legislative intent that this really helps the housing?

The reason why it's so important is that further I ask of this 27 pages code includes a lot of invasion in privacy. It is, in my opinion, constitutionally questionable anyway. So if you have not clearly proven legitimate intent, why you have to forbid short-term rentals? The whole code is on a very, very weak basis.

And I give just a little bit of this examples, domestic partner definition, for example. Should be the only domestic partner, there must not be another domestic partner. They should not be married to another person. So you

cannot move in with your lover,  
for example. You have to declare  
that you stick together for the  
indefinite future. You have to  
prove that you are financially  
independent. Owner/occupant  
should be spouse or domestic  
partner.

Short term rental is now defined  
by 14. Half a year ago it was  
30 days. Two weeks ago in the  
schoolhouse meeting, where by the  
way, this was a excellent  
contribution by someone in the  
audience, who showed how much  
short-term rentals contribute to  
the economy. Short-term landlords  
are small businesses. They  
support small businesses. They  
have cleaners. They have  
gardeners. And, of course, the  
weekend tourists also bring  
business into the Village.

So now we are with 14 days; and

2 weeks ago in the schoolhouse,  
3 days, we also discussed this as  
an option. So this tells me, if  
you don't even know what is a  
short term rental; 3 days,  
14 days, 30 days, this is very,  
very arbitrary. So you don't even  
have a basis to define short-term  
rentals.

What else do I have here? Yeah,  
rent tenant -- rental tenant is  
defined as someone who exchanges  
any compensation. It could also  
be a provision of service. It  
does not have to be cash or money.  
So if a friend of mine comes over  
the weekend or week and helps me  
gardening or helps me cleaning my  
boat, do I need a rental permit  
because he provides a service and  
he sleeps overnight in my house?

And there's the transitional  
rent. I did not understand why  
the transitional rent, which is

14 days to 30 days, why this suddenly came into the code, but it's understood -- understands.

Then we have, in my opinion, a serious issues because it's the reversal of the burden of proof. Normally you are innocent until proven guilty. The presumptions, the rebuttable presumptions, they turn it around. There are several presumptions which say, oh, this is a rental and then the owner has to prove this is not a rental. So this is, for example, if the utilities and the cable is paid by two different people or if a neighbor tells you rumors, this is also a point in the Village of Greenport, it creates this anonymous reporting of what's going on in suspected code violation. It create a climate denunciation. It is something, which is really, really bad.

MAYOR STUESSI: I'm going to interrupt you, please --

MR. STAPFF: Yeah.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- just so you understand where we are on this. The Village has had numerous public hearings, and to your point, the original legislation the Village considered which came from the Code Committee, was with a 30-day minimum. The Village Board met several times, then decided to issue new language, which has been changed multiple times down to two weeks.

We did close that public hearing. The Village Board will be discussing more next month. There have been numerous ideas from individual members. So I would encourage you to come to our next work session on it. And before we go forward on even

voting on anything, we would have a new public hearing with it as well.

MR. STAPFF: So it's why I ask, is it now an appropriate time? Because it's on the agenda of the 5:00 meeting, that's why I assume and that's why I came.

MAYOR STUESSI: And you're welcome to speak. I'm just telling you, we're not voting on this. We're going to be discussing it further.

MR. STAPFF: Yeah, I make my statement and I'm almost through. I need another two minutes and then I don't have to come next time and I can give you this.

MAYOR STUESSI I'm sure when you see new language you're going to want to opine on it.

MR. STAPFF: Again?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, absolutely.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: The public

was closed --

MAYOR STUESSI: That's what I just said, the public hearing was closed.

MR. STAPFF: That's why I ask. It was on the agenda. The agenda is upside down today anyway, so... So there's another -- and I can give you this because I have my notes here -- there are other issues which are clearly questionable. For example, if there is an unimpeded access to a part of the building, this is sign that this is a rental.

So I have a lot of -- I have a health condition. I have a lot of medication to take. So, of course, I lock my little pharmacy so to say away and the door is locked. So that requires as a rental, just because not all rooms are accessible to all occupants? So I think I will be little bit

shortening here. Yeah, two utility meters, two doorbells, two mailboxes, all of this are signs of rental and the owner has to prove that he is not renting. This is turning around the burden of proof.

Together with the denunciation clause, it really reminds me East Germany before 1990, of what my grandparents told me about the time in Germany from 1935 to '45. The number of mattresses in a bedroom. Okay, is this enforceable? And you have to designate someone who is not farther away than 60 minutes driving time and has to be available 24 hours by 7 days in case something is happening. So this -- you don't even make it to Manhattan in 60 minutes.

So, in general, the legislative intent -- this is most likely the



important -- needs is be proven by data, by studies. Because we hear always, yeah, it's because of the housing crisis we have to crack down on the short-term rentals.

It sounds to me much more that someone wants to protect their local hotel industry and wants to get rid of Airbnb because I don't understand how short-term rentals can be connected to long-term rentals. Different real estate. Different owners, different tenants, unless you have data which proves that. It's in my -- in my eyes, it's unconstitutional because it's an invasion of privacy. It's unenforceable. It's against due process by the reversal of the burden of proof. It's government overreach. And how do you call it, something if you are allowed to have a property privately, but the government

determines how you can use your property and who sleeps in the property, who stays overnight in the property. So you can own private, but the government determines what you can do with it. That's called socialism. That's all I what have to say.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

MR. STAPFF: Just one comment.

(Applause.)

MR. STAPFF: Trustee Brennan, I know you're argument also from one of the last meetings, one need protect people because bad players are abusing the system. You said that or you also said it today a little bit.

So let's just assume there are 5 percent bad players. It means that because of 5 percent bad players, 95 percent of good people get the bureaucratic burden of a

code and have to deal with it.

And the 5 percent bad players,  
they don't give a shit anyway.

They do what they want.

You see that also with the leaf  
blower ban. You have a leaf  
blower ban. The bad guys, they  
blow. It started this week again  
and it blows and blows and blows  
and you cannot even enforce it or  
you don't even enforce it. It  
will be so easy to enforce it  
compared to that one. This one is  
not enforceable because you cannot  
go into the houses without a  
warrant. But for the leaf  
blowers, you just open your ears,  
take your bicycle, and go where  
the sound comes from and issue a  
ticket. That's easier.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well --

MR. STAPFF: The 5 percent  
bad blowers, they don't give a  
shit anyway.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I hear you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

We'll welcome you back when we have new language to consider.

MR. STAPFF: Okay. Does anyone want this (indicating)?

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else from the public that would like to speak?

MR. LIVESEY: Paul Livesey, 150 Sterling Avenue. I haven't prepared any points, but these last couple of weeks have been problematic. And I appreciated the update on the outstanding debt. What I wasn't clear on was when exactly it started, when exactly it's -- under the payment plan, this is going to be resolved, and, to Patrick's comment earlier, whether there is an interest element in this as well. So I wasn't clear on any of those points.

I just -- and this isn't a personal, in anyway a personal attack, I just think we elect you as officials, you should hold yourself in a higher regard and higher position as we expect you to be.

You all have personal issues that you have to deal with, whatever it may be. If it impacts the Village, I think you shouldn't be serving as a trustee for the Village. That's just my personal opinion. And I find it -- I put myself in a position, if I have to come up here and seek approval for something, and I have to listen to comments from someone who isn't abiding by what I'm supposed to abide by, that's a very difficult situation to be in. Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. OSINSKI: Michael

Osinski, 307 Flint Street. With regard to a private individual's indebtedness to the Village. That individual -- correct me, Treasurer. I don't pay my taxes. My understanding is that someone else pays my tax for me and then I now owe that person one percent and the Village is made whole immediately; is that not correct?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

MR. OSINSKI: So the Village is not losing any money if I don't pay my taxes. You get your money and then I have to negotiate with a private individual who then took my tax. And if I fail eventually to pay that, that individual has first call on my property; that's how it works.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes, more or less.

MR. OSINSKI: Okay, so --

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: With

Say

respect to taxes.

MR. OSINSKI: With respect to taxes. Now with respect to electrical, if you're charging one and a half or 18 percent a year, that means that that indebtedness there's something called the rule of 72, if anybody is familiar with that. You divide the coupon into the number 72. And in this case, it will be in three years that indebtedness doubles. So the Village makes out, assuming -- and I don't -- assuming that at some point the debt is repaid.

But you know -- that's rather onerous. These are rather onerous interest rates. And if an individual decides instead of paying either electrical bill or their taxes, that's their -- that's their decision, that's the law. They decide I'm going to take this, instead of selling

property to pay the debt, I'm going to take on the burden of onerous interest and that's a financial decision they make.

And in the -- rather in the last 10 years in the Village of Greenport, say in the last -- I've lived here 25 years, that has been the right financial choice.

Because, you know, in the last 25 years, things have gone up by a factor of 10. Not 10 percent, but a factor of 10. So, you know, these -- everybody makes these financial choices and that's up to them. I don't see how -- the Village imposes onerous penalties and the person who's indebted decides to take that and that's their choice.

The only thing I disagree with in this thing and listening to Mr. Brennan, it's very obvious that the treasurer was intimidated



by a member of the Board because he allowed this to go on and didn't choose the cheap and effective method of turning off electricity. Instead, there was a dance between the Mayor and the treasurer and \$10,000 of electric fees. Who's going to pay that? Well, we're going to pay that.

So I think what you've got to address is that there's a special case for the members of the Board, that they cannot negotiate with people whose pay and whose jobs that they control. The member of a Board -- if a member of the Board is indebted to the Village, they can only negotiate with the other Board members and the other Board members need to be told about it.

You can't -- the treasurer is appointed by the Board. He was intimidated and it's obvious. The

Mayor even danced around it.

Right? He decided to call -- he has completely control over this. He decided to pass it off to a lawyer and let us pay for it. So you've got to address the question -- the special case when, you know -- all right, so who's the number two debtor to the Village? What's that number?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

I don't have that in front of me.

MR. OSINSKI: \$5,000? Well, what is it, \$5,000; \$10,000?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

I don't have it.

MR. OSINSKI: It's in that range, is it not?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

I don't have it, I'm sorry.

MR. OSINSKI: It's not even close to \$100,000; is it?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Probably no.

MAYOR STUESSI: We don't have any other payment plans currently, correct?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: No.

MR. OSINSKI: So it's obvious to everybody that there was intimidation here. And the way to resolve the intimidation -- and I think that, to be honest with you, Mary Bess made a good financial choice, to hold on to her properties and pay exorbitant interest. But instead of negotiating with the treasurer who she appoints or any member, not just her, it's got to be with the Board, her equals.

The Board members have a special situation here because you can't negotiate with people whose jobs you control, that just can't happen, alright? It's to the detriment of the Village, potential. But, you know, in the long run,

everything gets repaid, the Village has made out on this case and that's a choice that people make. And in the economy, you never know what the future is, but in the last 10 or 20 years, it's been a good choice, okay, facially.

So that's all I want to say about this and, you know, and I hope that everybody, you know, we don't have to address this again. And I understand there's been no discussion of the news story about the subpoenas. You're not going to talk about that? Is that -- we're not going to talk about that? What's that about?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Grand jury -- I've read the paper. So grand jury --

MR. OSINSKI: Okay.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Grand Jury subpoenas are secret

under law. So my recommendation to the Board is, if a subpoena were to exist, they should not comment on because it is a secret proceeding.

MR. OSINSKI: Okay, that's fair, totally fair. There's another thing and for years it's bothered me and it's a -- I never brought it up because I myself was intimidated, okay? I'm a landowner, property, you know, we're not poor people, but I was intimidated.

The topic -- and I know in New York City, a couple of City commissioners had websites where they, you know, talked about what's going on in the City and they were forced to shut them down because those commissioners had the ability to censor who was on the website, who was on the website and what they said.

There's, you know, the basic tenant of this country, the number one amendment is congress or legislative body shall not abridge the freedom of speech.

So there's no way that an elected official or a member of the legislature can choose who can be on the public forum or what they can say, unless it's totally open and totally uncensored.

Okay, so you're a private individual, you can have these chat groups or whatever and everybody can get on and he can censor or she can censor whoever says what. But a public official is different.

You can't go on and have, you know, discussions about the community that you then censor and then you limit to certain people because, as we know, Bill Swirsky used to come over my house all the

time and say, you know, I can't get on that website. They won't put me on it. You know, maybe there was a reason, maybe there wasn't.

But you can't run that kind of thing and I would ask the Village lawyer to look at this. I know it happened in the City. I read an article, I don't know, if was a journal or whatever and they were forced to shut them down. Not that we don't want freedom of speech. I mean, we do want freedom of speech, but you can't sit on a legislative body and censor what people say or who can say what. You can't do that, alright? Just like anybody can up here and whatever they want. You may not like it, but we have that right.

And lastly, and I heard this and I'm glad to hear it -- and I'm

glad to hear all these things are getting resolved and I think we'll all get passed this, okay?

Because we all know each other a long time. The moratorium, this moratorium, on sewer. Now I just hear the two people out of the Village are getting sewer hookups. I think by Village code, I as a Village resident who owns property, have a right to sewer hookups stating law. So if you're giving them to --

MAYOR STUESSI: Do you have an application in?

MR. OSINSKI: I haven't. I am just potentially. Okay? I've been told many times there's a moratorium, you can't get one. Do I have that right to get a sewer hookup on an empty parcel that I own within the Village; is that moratorium going be closed or do I the right -- if people outside the



Village are getting it, do I have that right?

MAYOR STUESSI: If you make application for it, it would be heard by the Board. But as was noted earlier, we're going to be preparing to lift it, but with likely some restrictions.

MR. OSINSKI: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: There's a lot concern how about how much we can handle so we'll be discussing.

MR. OSINSKI: Right, but, you know, I don't know that my understanding of the mechanics of this problem, it's not the sewer plant per se, but it's the infrastructure --

MAYOR STUESSI: Distribution.

MR. OSINSKI: The distribution.

MAYOR STUESSI: There should not be any issue for you if --

MR. OSINSKI: But there are six zones within the Village and

six different distribution centers  
and I don't think all of them are  
equally impacted.

MAYOR STUESSI: There's  
various issues throughout the  
Village, but to your question,  
there should be no issue for you  
moving forward if you make an  
application for it.

MR. OSINSKI: Okay, that's  
all I wanted to say. I wish you  
all the best. You know, the  
people have spoken on this matter.  
It was public knowledge and I  
commend the two trustees who were  
reelected. They've done a long  
service and they will continue to  
do that, okay?

This is something we're all  
going to get through and I think  
that, you know, there's only a  
minor, the minor thing of  
appointed the officials  
negotiating with people that

control their very jobs. That  
should not happen. Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, Mike.

(Applause.)

MR. MACKEN: Frank Macken,  
138 Sterling Avenue. Just on,  
quickly, as regards to the short  
term rental issue. I mean, talk  
about government overreach, I mean  
that thing is what, 20 something  
pages long? All you need is four  
lines of code and it's got all  
these things in it like, you know,  
enforcement this and that and what  
you need to show.

Like it's, you know -- I don't  
know, what are you going to say,  
(in audible). You know, I mean  
it's just like -- it's just  
totally over the top and I'm  
concerned that the Village is more  
interested in banning things than  
in encouraging things.

I think the downtown of

Greenport needs to be developed. Housing density, we have the sewer system that can handle density and this is a huge issue that's not been addressed. It's been talked about for years getting apartments downtown. Trustee Phillips has a very large property that would be ideal. Could put something like 12, 24, 36 apartments on that if she chose to develop it.

Which brings me to the second point. Well, what we were all talking about earlier on. So I totally agree with everything, pretty much everything, that Trustee Brennan said. He anticipated several things I was going to say myself.

I think on the fiduciary issue, I don't see how Trustee Phillips can actually serve as a trustee currently. I don't think she should have been allowed to run as

a trustee with that debt hanging over. I think entitlement, yes.

I think deference, whether intimidation or not, certainly deference from the people who should have enforced the rules and that comes from the lack of term limits. Now I was surprised when Trustee Phillips chose to run again having been in for four terms already. And then when it came out about debt and stuff like that, it sure looked to me like she was running to protect her position and herself and her interests and that's not a good look. It doesn't -- that actually destroys trust.

I know some other speakers have addressed this in terms of trust is the thing that we need. And whatever Mr. Osinski, I take his point about it being a small community and we have to move on

and this and that. But really I don't think we can properly move on from this. I think if there were -- without it being addressed.

And as I said, disqualification, I think, has been proven. I think that there are legal issues that if there are any legal fees, whether they're enforceable or not, they should be paid.

Sometimes legal fees cannot be enforced, I understand; certainly in housing cases.

But I think that the -- I find that the Village attorney was derelict his duties, the trustee was derelict in their duties certainly in not informing the trustees of this situation. And had it come to light and had it been properly disclosed by Trustee Phillips, as should have been done, not post facto, I think the election might have been -- might

have been -- might have run a little differently and we might have gotten -- we would have got other people. A rising candidate stood and got 118 votes in the space of two days.

So I mean, I think there is a thirst for a new -- new blood. I think that if -- there definitely should be a third term that should be looked at. I think there aren't enough voters in the Village. I think that the -- and I've spoken to former Mayor Nyce about this. He said he had explored it in years past, the idea of expanding voters. The people who are eligible to vote in the greater --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

MR. MACKEN: -- greater Greenport area, they're on sewer system, they're in the school system, their kids go to our

school, and I think that that should definitely be looked at. Because obviously, you know, we just don't have enough people to -- some people are doubling up on committees and stuff like that.

Now there's a lot there. There's a lot covered. There's a lot that needs to be talked about and those are my thoughts. Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. BOLANOS: I just want to make this quick. In defense of my good friend Adam Brautigam. He did have to be scared and intimidated. I spoke up, look what happened to me. That's why he was intimidated because they've demonstrated if you speak up and you don't agree with them, you're terminated. So that happened.

And really quick on the subject of, you know, the permits and the



fees and the penalties, my first meeting with the Mayor, Kevin Stuessi, was in Court. He had building with no permits and renting with no permits. That's the first time I had the pleasure of meeting the Mayor. We're all entitled to making mistakes, but we need to not make them again. Unfortunately he keeps making them. You know, so that's the first time we met.

(Applause.)

MS. MILLER: Leueen Miller 424 4th Street. I have to say that I support many of the comments made by the previous gentlemen, I didn't get his name.

MAYOR STUESSI: Frank Macken.

MS. MILLER: Okay. And I appreciate Trustee Brennan's remarks which clarified certain things for me, but also highlighted the dysfunctional

aspect of the -- of the Board of Trustees.

One of the things that I think I would like to recommend going forward is that we need to get a lot more information and background history on those who are running for trusteeship and mayoral positions. And I think had we known some of the information that has emerged, maybe we would have voted differently or we would have at least had the information to make the decisions we made.

So I would recommend going forward that there's some sort of a questionnaire where background information is requested from candidates who are running for the position of trustee. Trustee is a very serious, responsible position. You need to have the character, both in your personal life, as

well as in your professional life.

Is isn't that, you know, when you don't pay your taxes to the Village that you're a trustee of, that's not the same as owing Macy's \$2,000 that you don't pay. That is your personal business. Not a great reflection on your management of your finances, but it's personal.

But when you owe money to the Village that you are a trustee of, when you have control over salaries and other decisions that reflect the economy of the Village, the management of the Village, that is another issue and that is why I think to be trustee you have to have some relevant experience that makes you qualified, you have to have integrity, you have to show that you're fiscally responsible, that you have a history that's at least

somewhat decent.

And one of the things that strikes me too as strange is that I've been in Greenport for quite a long time, every year the Suffolk Times issues a list of people who default on their taxes; every year. And I have to say Mary Bess Phillips has been on it, I'm guessing, 20 years, and other people in the Village as well. People that I know who are not exactly poor who could well have paid their taxes. But obviously this formula Mike Osinski seems to know about, makes it more advantageous basically not to pay your taxes on time and to take advantage over this formula that allows you to default on your taxes.

Now granted the amount we're talking about now, \$100,000 or more, and I don't know what it

will emerge as when you pay the fees and the interest and the legal fees that have been involved and the lack of resources to the Village. That is kind of an extraordinary amount and obviously evolved over many years.

Also I would question, where were the auditors? I mean, I don't know the code exactly, but most organizations require an annual audit. How was this not picked up? And then also having had some experience in managing boards, I can't imagine not sharing information like we've had publicized recently with the rest of the Board. I mean, that is somewhat outrageous to me and, to me, lacks the ability to manage a Board, to fulfill your responsibility to the Board and to the residents of Greenport. Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MR. REARDON: Jack Reardon,  
512 Front Street. And, wow, did I  
hear a lot of good things from a  
lot of people tonight. So  
everybody who had the gumption and  
the balls to stand up here and say  
something, good for you. You  
know, it's not an easy thing to  
say.

Now the first thing that I want  
to say on my own is to thank  
Patrick Brennan for articulating,  
in his opinion, he stated it was  
his opinion, but I presume it's  
within a lot of inner knowledge of  
what's going on, articulating to  
us what's going on so we have an  
idea, you know.

It does not answer all of my  
questions. Everybody's got these  
questions of who, how much, and  
this kind of that and the other.  
And I even jotted them down, but I

don't really know if it's worthy to go into the specifics. I do have one question for, maybe two, for the treasurer. Like and let's just use numbers. In a percentage basis or not -- let's go back one step. How many utility payers are there in the Village?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Approximately 2100?

MR. REARDON: And of that

2,100, what's the percentage of delinquencies every month?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Delinquencies every month? Under one percent if I had to, without calculating anything.

MR. REARDON: Okay. And

that's all I wanted to know.

People can draw their own conclusions from that data. I appreciate that. And I also think what Leueen just articulated about trustees needing to have a the

character to stand up for  
themselves in public is certainly  
credible. We all have problems  
I'm not throwing any stones  
because my house has got a lot of  
glass kind of thing.

So we all come with certain kind  
of limitations and I wouldn't be  
holding anything against anybody  
here except for the fact, it's  
a -- you know, it's a solid  
product that's generating and, you  
know, like I'm footing a little of  
that bill. But, like Mike said,  
we'll get over this.

And I will say this, I voted for  
every single one of you guys,  
maybe two times, maybe three  
times. So I have a belief that  
you're either standing up for what  
I believe in, your agenda and my  
agenda are somewhat alike, or I  
think you're going to do the best  
job for the Village in what you



do. And I still think that's true regardless of, you know, what's been going on.

But looking at the professionalism of what goes in -- and I'm looking at the Board members right now who's making eye contact with me. That's what I was looking at in the audience. How serious are we about ourselves? If you're not going to make eye contact, I know what you're doing.

So, please, I have not attended a whole number of meetings. I'll be the first to say I've lived here 20 years. I've probably attended this many Trustee Board meetings (indicating). So I don't have a lot of credibility up here, but nonetheless, like Mike said, I can say what I want to say.

(Laughter.)

MR. REARDON: But I spent a lot of time in a classroom in

administration and that feeling  
and that environment and I know  
what people are thinking then  
they're looking at what they're  
looking at and I know what eye  
contact means. And I know if you  
do your research, we're going to  
get through this reel quick.

So I'm all about expediting and  
getting to the answer. I'm not  
going to ask how is this going to  
be paid back or when is it going  
to be paid back, but dammit let's  
make sure it is paid back.

Otherwise 50 people here, we're  
all going to be in the same boat,  
you know, whether we're all  
footing the bill or we're all  
choosing the same business plan.  
I think I've overstayed my  
welcome. Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, Jack.

(Applause.)

MS. OSINSKI: I'm Isabel

Osinski, 307 Front Street.

Regarding the merry-go-round, if you want funding for the merry-go-round, perhaps you should offer people could donate and get little plaques on the little horses and that might raise some funds. And on the matter of fundraising, you have a Greenport jail that you could turn into a debtors prison or a prison for --

(Laughter.)

MS. OSINSKI: -- or a prison for our officials and raise funds there. Like they could go into the debtors -- the jail and people could pay money to see them in the jail. And it would also be very therapeutic for us as a community to get through this and, you know, have a way to work through and make money and with our officials. Thank you very much.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else that wanted to speak this evening?

MR. SALADINO: John Saladino 6th Street. I got a softball for ya. I read -- I read the Resolution Number 33 -- am I getting it right; 33? Resolution 33. I know the Village -- I know the Village incorporated a new fee structure. I don't see the fees in the resolution. I know it's not common to kind of put them in the resolution, but what I read with the fee structure is is that there'd be one fee charged for transient and one fee charged for seasonal customer. And the fees are dramatically different. I think the seasonal customer \$20 a foot per year.

MAYOR STUESSI: You're talking about the Railroad Dock. That's currently \$10 a foot for a

year. The proposal is \$20.

MR. SALADINO: \$20.

MAYOR STUESSI: And Patrick  
and the treasurer can speak to  
this.

MR. SALADINO: As soon as I  
finish, you can speak?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Maybe.

MR. SALADINO: If you want  
to. So I'm curious how you  
differentiate. So a seasonal  
customer is going to be \$20 a  
foot. I think you voted it in. I  
think you voted the new fee  
structure in, I'm not sure. No?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

(Nodding.)

MAYOR STUESSI: No, that's  
why --

MR. SALADINO: Right, so  
you're even making my point  
better. So a guy with 70-foot  
boat pays \$700 a year to dock at  
the Railroad Dock. With The new

fee structure, he'll pay \$1,400 a year. But a transient will pay \$200 a day. How are we differentiating between a transient and a seasonal customer?

I understand the difference in meaning in the two, but how does the harbormaster, who's giving out permits, decides who's a transient and who's a seasonal customer?

Because what guy that docks his boat at the railroad is not going to apply for a seasonal permit and spent \$1,400 as opposed to staying there for five days and paying \$1,000?

So I'm curious how somebody is going to decide who gets -- and it says here that there's no number of permits. It's first come first serve, but you don't say how many spaces there are. But you go on to say that you can raft, you can berth elsewhere. So it's kind of

ambiguous here.

I don't want to piss off any fishermen in the room, but I kind of think if you use a Village asset, you should pay for it, you know, and I think it should be an honest price. So, Patrick, maybe?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So let me address some of your questions. So with the issue of who's transient and who's seasonal, I don't have an answer for you. I'd have to defer with Rick Albanese on that.

I had a meeting with Rick and with Treasure Brautigam to discuss writs and policy issues at the Railroad Dock. I don't recall that we actually spoke about the difference in seasonal and transient, so I can't answer that right now.

MR. SALADINO: Did I get that wrong? I'm sorry, Patrick, did I

get that wrong? Isn't that part of the new fee structure?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: It may be. I'm just --

MR. SALADINO: Okay, I'm not holding feet to the fire.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'm not familiar with that piece, but what we're trying to do here is to bring the Railroad Dock rates up because the Railroad Dock is a Village asset. It takes money to maintain it. Our rates were very low. My understanding was they had not been updated in about 13 years.

We're charging \$10 a foot for the season. The season in this case is a year. So it's outrageously low or it's very generous. We asked Rick Albanese to do some -- look up some comps. So comparable type commercial docks with similar type



facilities, they're not that common. You may have to look at Bedford, Massachusetts; Montauk. I forgot where he looked.

MR. SALADINO: Sure.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: The going rate is somewhere in excess of \$100 a foot for the season. We're charging 10. We talked about the need to generate more revenue for the Village. We talked about the what the actual cost of maintaining the dock is. We had come up with a budget of about \$25,000 a year for maintenance.

And through around a couple of different numbers nothing that we had room to come up in the marketplace right. So we only came up to \$20. It's a doubling. It's 100 percent increase in the current rate. I was not personally satisfied that we can come up enough and I had some

other thoughts about how this resolution should be adopted. I think we need to agree to step into constant rate increases over the next few years until we get closer to market.

Now we do have to allow the harbormaster or the marina manager, Rick Albanese to have some discretion in terms of he knows that he wants to keep it full and he wants to keep it viable for the Village.

And I think Adam correct me if I'm wrong, but he had some sensitivity about increasing too quickly. I think Adam would prefer to increase it fight away.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: It would certainly help the Village finances.

MR. SALADINO: I vote for Adam.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: As far as the --

MAYOR STUESSI: He was pretty

vocal about it.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: As far as the number of spaces, so it's really dependant on the size of the vessel, right? So we have a certain amount of linear for the dock. Vessels come in different sizes, so I don't think we have an absolute quantity of spaces. I think it depends on what the mix of vessels are at the time.

MR. SALADINO: Well, you allow rafting and anybody who's been to different places, Montauk, Block Island, you know, rafting is common.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah.

MR. SALADINO: So a dock that would normally accommodate 5 boats all of a sudden has 15 boats on it. Because -- but that's not --

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: If we can safely accommodate rafting at the discretion of the marina manager,

that's good for the Village.

MR. SALADINO: Well, it's in the resolution.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, but he has to decide on the conditions whether he's going to allow it and in what circumstances. Okay?

MR. SALADINO: Okay. Thank you. Thank you for that. I -- I'm just not sure -- I understand we're a seaport village. I understand we want to support the fishing industry. The boats that are there for the most part -- I would say aside from the two charter boats, aside from -- I don't even know who owns them anymore. It used to be Dave Brennan. Whoever owns those boats now, aside from those people it's hard for me to understand what benefit the accommodation that the Village makes to the commercial guys, to the draggers, and to the

scallops, to warrant the reduced rate. They don't -- they don't pack out here. They don't load in here. They don't ice here. You're not allowed to do repairs on the dock. Most of them do. I believe that should be done in the shipyard, but they do it in the dock.

So I'm not sure, I'm not sure what the benefit to the Village is. I had a previous Mayor once tell me -- listen, some of ya's that know me, I've been whining about this be for 25 years. It's what I do best. And a previous Mayor, a long ago Mayor had told me he kind of felt the same way and his opinion was it's a photo op. It's a photo op for people to take pictures of the boats at that -- when they packed out here when they iced here, when they loaded here, a different story.

I'm just -- I have a tiny boat.

And this is not -- I gladly pay my  
marina what I pay.

MAYOR STUESSI: How many feet  
is your boat?

MR. SALADINO: Twenty-three feet.

MAYOR STUESSI: And what do  
you pay a season for it?

MR. SALADINO: I pay \$155 a  
foot for it and I'm in a marina  
that has no amenities. No pool,  
no tennis courts. I came from a  
marina that had that.

MAYOR STUESSI: And what's  
that work out to for the whole  
summer?

MR. SALADINO: More than I  
care to pay, but I do it because I  
like having a boat.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: 3,200.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: 3,500; that  
sounds about correct.

MR. SALADINO: Well, I pay  
the cheapest rate. I'm at Peconic

Bay Yacht Club. I pay the  
cheapest rate in that marina.  
Trust me when I tell you I'm  
getting a deal. But it's not  
about me.

My point is, is if you -- it  
shouldn't be free. A 70-foot boat  
paying \$1,400 a year is free.  
That's free. It shouldn't be  
free. Times are tough. Guys have  
a tough job. I sympathize, but I  
had a tough job too and I didn't  
get subsidized.

So I just, what would -- so back  
to my basic question, what would  
prevent a guy from going to the  
harbormaster and saying, give me a  
seasonal slip. Even if he thinks  
he's going to be in Greenport  
14 days, 10 days, 5 days. Why  
wouldn't he take a seasonal slip  
as opposed to, yeah, I might tie  
up at the Railroad Dock for a few  
days? It's not cost -- I just

don't understand it. So that's  
maybe you could think about that  
before you pass this resolution.

The other thing I would ask is  
Pat Moore left. I have a question  
about the sewer moratorium. I'm  
like adamantly opposed to it. I  
read the financials -- not the  
financials, the monthly report.  
The sewer plant operated at  
46 percent capacity last month. I  
understand it's winter, summer  
folks aren't here yet, and I  
understand it's the  
infrastructure. But like someone  
said, I think it was Jack said or  
Mike said, not all the pipes are  
the same age.

You know, you had a house being  
built on 9th Street. When I heard  
that he couldn't hook up to the  
sewer -- I understand now that you  
finally gave him permission to  
hook up to the sewer system. You



have a house being built adjacent to the wetlands. This Board or whoever is in charge of granting permits for sewer -- for septic, basically told this guy, no, you can't hook up to the sewer system. We want you to dig a cesspool next to the wetlands. Some of the folks here know that -- they already do call me crazy, but call me crazy. I mean, how could you -- whoever read the application and looked at the address and said wait a second, that's like next -- that's in the wetlands, we got to give him septic service.

Instead, from what I've heard just now is that it's been going on for three months, four months that the guy wants to connect and he doesn't. You guys just let a 50-boat, 40-boat, 30-boat marina not comply with our code and

pretend that nobody's going to pump out overboard. But here we have a working sewer system that -- all right, a consultant told you that there's problems. You're not going to rebuild a 190-year old sewer system overnight. You got to let the people flush the toilets. It's just common sense. So I don't know about the house on Madison isn't that like on Silver Lake?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. It's literally abutting one that's in the Village and the house is just outside of the Village.

MR. SALADINO: Well, isn't that the same thing? You're adjacent to Silver Lake and you're telling the guy no you can't have a -- connect to the sewer system, and the next thing he does is digs a 12-foot deep hole and pumps the sewage into the -- I don't know

who said they were going to make a motion to lift the moratorium.

I'm not sure who it was, which one of ya's. You got to do it. It's crazy. It's crazy not to. Thank you. Thanks for listening.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody else that would like to speak?

MS. OMENS: Hi just really quickly Alison Omens, 427 Kaplan Ave. We focused a lot on the debt tonight and I think that's an important conversation. But it sounds to me like there's a real corporate or a real governance thing. Patrick and Kevin, you both mentioned ethics and the Board. And so from a counsel perspective, I just wanted to, sort, of ask for you all to come

back and talk more about what the future governance state is to ensure that employees have abilities to be flagging things, that there are whistle blowers policies. I assume there already are, but I just would like to understand structurally how we're going to move forward, that it's less on the sort of personal and individual. There will always be things. We're all humans. We're all neighbors. But I do think that there are, in addition to sort of explicit ethical pledges and things that, I assume that there are probably more legal and sort of expectation setting that can be clear for the Board that we can be clear as voters and citizens that what the expectations actually are and how we're going to be governed and you all will be make choices as our

fiduciaries for the Village. So I would love to hear that at a future meeting. Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: That will be our next month's meeting for sure.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Very good points. Thank you for that, and as I mentioned earlier, the ethics rules are from 1975, which is nearly as long as I've been on the planet. So there are a number of things that we'll be discussing and addressing. Counsel has already made some recommendations on things they're going to send us to review and we'll appreciate public comment at that time.

Anybody else this evening before we move on to resolutions?

(No response.)

MAYOR STUESSI: All right, Lily -- oh, Margaret, sorry.

MS. DE CRUZ: That's okay it

Margaret de Cruz, 25 --

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for running for office. It's always good to see people out there and to have conversations.

MS. DE CRUZ: Well, you're welcome, thank you. It was a real exciting, interesting experience I must say. Anyway, I wanted to thank Patrick for his thoughtful explanation and opening of questions about this. And I actually don't think that we should be done talking about it for some reason. I feel like there's still unanswered questions or what to do about it and what to do -- I'm mean, I'm hoping that the Board, as it exists now, can really work together. I would think that it would be very difficult for you guys to be able to figure out this out. So I don't have any answers.

I do hope you appoint a full-time administrator, not just somebody who takes care of the infrastructure. And what was the other thing that I wanted to say? I do think we need term limits. And off, totally different topic, the light from the Village Hall has to be lowered. It drives me crazy. You're brightening the sky. You know what I'm talking about?

MAYOR STUESSI: On the flagpole?

MS. DE CRUZ: No, the one on the building. It's shining straight up. It's really bright and it could just be tilted by a an electrician or somebody who's not even licensed. You just need a ladder. Anyway, thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, Margaret. All right, thank you, everybody.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I just have

one comment. I just want to pickup on the election. I want to make sure that we thank everyone for running, including the incumbents. It's important that people turn out; people that are willing to serve, people that are willing to run, and have the discussion. So thank you all for putting yourself out there for the Village, much appreciated.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STUESSI: And I think it would make sense for the Board to have a discussion relative to elections at some point moving forward. There have been a number of suggestions made tonight, folks have made suggestions outside as well.

One of the things that the Village can take a look at too is potentially looking at different



election dates. Many villages are now or have been in June, as opposed to March like ours. And the State just mandated that all towns need to be on the November cycle as well, which, if you read a lot about elections, that tends to drive voter turnout.

I think we should all hope for getting as much turnout as possible any time there's an election happening and hopefully getting as many people as possible throwing their hat in the ring so that important discussions can be had. Thank you again and with that, Lily, we will turn it over to you for the first resolution.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

RESOLUTION 03-2025-1, a Resolution adopting the March 2025 agenda as printed. So moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Excuse me,

do you need a break?

MAYOR STUESSI: Do you need a  
break?

THE REPORTER: No, thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there a  
second?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Oh, I'm  
sorry.

MAYOR STUESSI: You have the  
next one?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yep,  
distracted. RESOLUTION 03-2025-2,  
Resolution accepting the monthly  
reports of the Greenport Fire  
Department, Village Administration  
Village Treasurer, Village Clerk,  
Village Attorney, Mayor, and Board

of Trustees. So moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: RESOLUTION

03-2025-3, Resolution accepting

the report of the Greenport Fire

Department, member of the year,

and points of the calendar year of

2024 for the Greenport Fire

Department Length of Service

Awards Program. So moved.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I  
believe Adam wanted this tabled?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:  
Resolution to -- Motion to table  
RESOLUTION 03-2025-4, Resolution  
approving the attached revised  
application reflecting new fees  
for transient and seasonal dockage  
at the Village Railroad Dock. So  
moved for tabling.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Second.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Suggestion.  
I think we should table it. I  
think, like we've done with other  
fees, we should be moving them out  
of this context of the code, right?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So that  
they're easier to update.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I think  
one's maybe a -- this draft needs  
more work.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
Yeah, that's --

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.  
Sorry, Mary Bess.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:  
That's okay. I moved, so somebody  
needs to second.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I  
did second.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Oh,  
okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
RESOLUTION 3-2025-5, Resolution  
approving the attached electric

forms reflecting new fees for new  
or upgraded services. So moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: RESOLUTION  
03-2025-6, Resolution approving  
the attached credit card policy  
for the Village of Greenport  
carousel. So moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I  
believe we were going to amend  
that to say credit card/debit --  
credit/debit card policy.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Also the  
question about the --

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: The --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I think

that's a future thing.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: We don't know yet if we can do the tap to pay.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: No, yeah.

MAYOR STUESSI: So it would seem like we should go ahead and approve this.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Okay.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Are you talking about using the phone?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Yeah.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Mary Bess, would you be satisfied if we struck credit from the language?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, what would that do?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: It would just say card policy.

MAYOR STUESSI: It is for credit and debit cards.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I though we discussed tabling since

the carousel is not open. And I agree, I know there were concerns with the Board and I shared some.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well then why --

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'm going to rescind my motion, right? I made the motion, for this?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Correct.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'll make a new motion.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Yeah.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: RESOLUTION 03-2025-6, Resolution approving the attached credit card policy for the Village of Greenport, I move that we table this.

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there a second?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Julia.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.



MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion  
tabled.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: So  
03-2025-7, RESOLUTION authorizing  
the attendance of Treasurer  
Brautigam at the NYAPP Business  
Meeting in Saratoga Springs, New  
York from April 22nd through  
April 24, 2025 at a conference fee  
of \$450 per person and a room rate  
not to exceed \$175 per night, plus  
all applicable travel and meal  
cost in accordance with the  
Village of Greenport Travel Policy  
to be expensed from account number  
A.1325.400, Treasurer Contractural  
Expense. So moved.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

RESOLUTION 03-2025-8, Resolution  
appointing Ryan Farrell to the  
Village of Greenport Business  
Improvement District for the  
remainder of the current term to  
expire on April 24, 2025. So  
moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

RESOLUTION 3-2025-9, Resolution  
approving the attached software

services agreement renewal  
contract between the Village of  
Greenport and the Wanderlust Group  
Incorporated for the continuation  
of provision of on-line  
reservation services through the  
DOCKWA system for the Mitchell  
Park Marina and authorizing Mayor  
Stuessi to sign the Software  
Service Agreement. So moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: RESOLUTION  
03-2052-10, Resolution approving  
the attached Software Service  
Agreement Contract between the  
Village of Greenport and Fifth  
Asset Inc. DBA DebtBook for

software services related to  
tracking, leases, and subscriptions,  
and authorizing Mayor Stuessi to  
sign the Software Service Agreement.  
So moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: RESOLUTION  
03-2025-11, Resolution authorizing  
Treasure Brautigam to perform the  
tax budget amendment 6490 to  
appropriate electric fund reserves  
to fund the monthly power invoice  
and directing budget amendment  
6490 be included as part of the  
formal meeting minutes of the  
March 27, 2025 meeting of the  
Board of Trustees. So moved.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

RESOLUTION 03-2025-12, .

WHEREAS, the Board is  
considering a proposed bond  
resolution for the acquisition of  
a fire boat.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED  
that the Board is the lead agency  
under SEQRA. The proposed bond  
resolution is a Type II action  
under SEQRA as it involves the  
purchase of equipment and no  
further environmental review is  
required. So moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in --

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Suggestion.

I don't think this has bearing,  
but I should disclose that I'm a  
member of the fire department and  
an officer of the Marine Rescue  
Squad, which is somewhat behind  
the initiative of this project.  
So I don't think it has any bearing.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I  
see no conflict and I appreciate  
your disclosure on that.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

Thank you for that, Patrick.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

RESOLUTION 3-2025-13, Resolution  
approving the attached bond  
resolution dated March 27, 2025,

provided by Norton Rose Fulbright  
in the amount of \$1,000,000 for  
the acquisition of a fire boat.

So moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: RESOLUTION  
03-2025-14, Resolution to ratify  
the approval of Mayor Stuessi  
signing application documents  
related to the 2025-2026 LGRMIF,  
Local Government Records  
Management Improvement Fund, Grant  
Application. So moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: RESOLUTION

03-2025-15,

WHEREAS, the Parson's School of Design seeks to enter into an agreement with the Village of Greenport to permit Parson School students participating in their capstone projects to perform theoretical concepts of how to improve management and marketing of the Village's Camera Obscura.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board authorizes the Mayor to execute the agreement with the Parson's School for such purpose, subject to review and approval as to form by the Village Attorney. So moved.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.



TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

RESOLUTION 03-2025-16, RESOLUTION  
declaring as surplus and no longer  
needed for municipal purposes, the  
following items utilized by the  
Village of Greenport Village Hall:

One 2001 Ford Crown Victoria  
four-door car, VIN Number  
2FAFP73W61X119260.

One Underwriters laboratories  
Village Clerk's Office Safe VOG  
00245, Serial Number A392981. So  
moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

RESOLUTION 3-2025-17, Resolution  
for Board approval of the proposed  
Written Public Comment Submission  
Policy. So moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second, and  
discussion, please. Can someone  
just remind me of the general  
broad strokes of this policy?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sure.

So I guess the purpose, I'll start  
there, is just because of the  
change of the nature of how public  
comments are handled when they're  
submitted to the Village Clerk or  
to -- submitted in writing. So I,  
from time to time, get -- actually  
it's quite frequent. I get  
submissions to my e-mail. A lot  
of times they're shared with you  
all directly or either I share  
them with you.

So this is really just to streamline the process of how to handle them. And also I think to make it clear to the public that they're not being read at the meetings, but they are being documented in the minutes of the meeting and, obviously, shared with the Board. So just laying out parameters for a deadline to submit comments for a meeting.

MAYOR STUESSI: And one of the issues was, and one of the other reasons why this was put in, was you got a flood of e-mails in like the last 30 minutes before a recent meeting.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

MAYOR STUESSI: And I'm forgetting what the cutoff time is, but there's now a cutoff time if it's to be included in that meeting.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

Yeah, so it is, you know, on hot topics that the Board discusses, there seems be like a blitz of e-mails come in. A lot of them are template e-mails when people want their voices heard and documented.

But as the Mayor stated, sometimes they go on until minutes before the meeting. So I -- unfortunately I can't keep track of that or even share it with the Board before the meeting in most cases. But I just want to make it clear that it's just to streamline that process, lay out the parameters so that the public has the expectation and we can manage their expectations.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I think it's 12:00 p.m., right?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
12:00 p.m. on the day of.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, so we can put a time limit on it for the acceptance for the meeting.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct, and also is won't be disregarded. I still will always share the comments with the Board, but I think just to ensure, you know, that these comments are not -- they're often, you know, again, right up until the minutes before the meeting and unfortunately I can't accommodate that.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay. So it would be helpful if, at next few meetings for a while, when you make your report, that you maybe just remind public of what the cutoff is.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So more people hear it over the next several months.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay, sure.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I think it causes anxiety with the public when they feel like their comments aren't heard, received, whatever.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct. Yeah, I think we've been seeing that, you know, exactly what you said. I think a big shift is that the prior administration, those comments were being read at the meetings and that's not happening anymore. So I think that also contributed to the anxiety. So this process will hopefully formalize and allow people to understand exactly what's happening with their comments and that they're not being disregarded although the process has changed.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Just to clarify a little bit. The previous administration was accepting the written comments,

but they weren't always read and  
then they weren't always included  
or forwarded on to the minutes.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: So  
that is what caused a lot of the  
stress on a fair amount of people  
for starting to put into their  
notations, please read into the  
minutes.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Right, I  
do get that request often.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: So  
that was a big problem that was  
occurring. Okay? Just to clarify  
that.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: All right, we  
have a second. We can call for a  
vote, please. All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Did you  
read that?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: RESOLUTION  
03-2025-19, Resolution approving  
the Public Assembly --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I  
think we're on 18.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'm sorry,  
Resolution 03-2025-18, Resolution  
for Village Board approval of the  
proposed Standard Procurement  
Contract. So moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: RESOLUTION



3-2025-19, Resolution approving the Public Assembly Permit Application submitted by the AgroCouncil and Greenport Business Improvement District for the Annual Cherry Blossom 5K fundraiser starting and ending from corner of Center -- Center Street and Third Street and includes the use of specified Village streets from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on April 26, 2025. So moved.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: RESOLUTION

03-2025-20, Resolution approving the Public Assembly Permit

Application submitted by Denise Gillies on behalf of The Friends of Mitchell Park for the use of a portion of Mitchell Park from 9:00 a.m. through 10:00 a.m. every Saturday from May 5, 2025 through October 25, 2025, for the Tai Chi instruction, which will be offered at no cost to the public. So moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
RESOLUTION 03-2025-21, Resolution approving the Public Assembly Application submitted by the Greenport Athletic Booster Club to host a 5K fundraiser on May 31, 2025 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.

using a route approved by Police Chief Grattan as described in the application. So moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Discussion. I just want to remind myself, there was -- it did get rerouted because --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, the Chief made some suggestions.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: He didn't want to close Front and Main. Okay.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I thought the Chief's been really helpful in these discussions with the parades --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, he's been amazing.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: -- and the events. And he's really come -- seeing the correspondence between you and Chief or whoever it was --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah,

it's really incredible and we  
really appreciate it.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes, we do.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: RESOLUTION  
03-2025-22, Resolution authorizing  
the suspension of the open  
container law of the Village of  
Greenport per Section 35-3B and  
35-3C of the Greenport Village  
Code within the parameters  
approved on the public assembly  
application of the New York LGBT  
Network Festival, from 12:00 p.m.  
through 5:00 p.m. on June 22, 2025.  
So moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Discussion.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: We need a

second.

(Whereupon, there was  
crosstalk.)

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second,  
yeah, that's me. Okay, yeah, we  
were going to alter this just to  
make sure that it follows the  
guidelines of the Maritime  
Festival. There's no alcohol to  
be sold in the park. Okay?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So that can  
be handled through your  
interaction with the applicant?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. I  
don't know if you want to include  
it in the resolution.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: As long as  
its addressed.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: But I'll  
make sure that it's addressed to  
the applicant.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay, that's  
fine.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: RESOLUTION

03-2025-23, Resolution approving

the Public Assembly Permit

Application received from Chandra

Grant of the LGBT Network of Long

Island to host the annual Pride

Parade and Festival on June 22,

2025 to include a road closure on

Front Street between Main Street

and Third Street starting at

11:00 a.m. and running through the

end of the Festival at 5:00 p.m.

So moved.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Second.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Discussion.

I think in this case also the

police chief provided guidance on

how he would limit the road  
closure; is that correct?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: He did.  
Because this is actually taking  
place on Sunday, so he offered a  
lot of, you know, advise on how to  
handle this and how to take care  
of the road closure.

MAYOR STUESSI: And he  
clarified it would only be about a  
15-minute period during church  
service at that particular  
intersection.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.  
Yeah, because their usual startup  
point -- there are two churches on  
Main Street that this would, you  
know, interfere with church  
service time. So he -- Andrea and  
the chief definitely had a lot of  
conversation about how to manage  
it to not disrupt the churches on  
Main Street.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Thank you.

It's been seconded.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

RESOLUTION 03-2025-24, a

Resolution approving a Public

Assembly Application received from

USCG Auxiliary 014-18-08 Southold

Flotilla for an event in Mitchell

Park held May 17, 2025 from 9:00

a.m. to 4:00 p.m., rain date

May 18, 2025, for public

information on safe boating and

educational opportunities, and

approving a waiver of \$250

application fee. So moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: Discussion.

These Coast Guard folks are real



problems.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, right?

(Laughter.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Just want to make sure you're paying attention, a little levity. Thank you for being so patient. You've been here for a long time evening. We really appreciate everything you guys do for the community and this is an important thing.

MS. DOWNS: Well, we're very thankful for Greenport Village.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. Please continue to do things here.

MS. DOWNS: Okay. May I give you something?

MAYOR STUESSI: Let's hold a vote first.

MS. DOWNS: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion passes  
unanimous. Congratulations.

MS. DOWNS: In my proposal, I  
didn't put in that we were going  
to have an opening ceremony and  
proclamations, so I wanted to make  
sure that you received this.

Would you like me to read it?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Could you  
state your name for the stenographer?

MS. DOWNS: Oh, I'm sorry.  
Elizabeth Downs (phonetic)  
Flotilla staff officer for public  
affairs for United States Coast  
Guard Auxiliary in the Southold  
Town.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you  
very much.

MS. DOWNS: It is an honor to  
return to the Village of Greenport  
to offer our community an event to  
commemorate National Safe Boating

Week at Mitchell Park on May 17,  
2025.

MAYOR STUESSI: I'm going to  
ask you to go to the podium if  
you're going to ready this, just  
so the audience can hear as well.

MS. DOWNS: Okay.

It is now our second annual  
event giving us the opportunity to  
emphasize overall safety by ensure  
boaters have their vessels checked  
for safety and to know the proper  
use of life jackets. We aim to  
educate the public that it is now  
required to have completed a  
boating safety course, Brianna's  
Law. We are looking forward to  
our expanded plans to have onsite  
demonstrations for various  
water-related activities and  
hands-on teaching to make an  
interest time for all ages.

WHEREAS, the United States Cost  
Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 014-18-08

will emphasize to the public: Be safety, take the use of safety equipment seriously, stay alert for unexpected changes in weather conditions, be prepared when boating after dusk using proper lights, and know the effects of alcohol consumption while out on the water.

Education: Attend a boat safety course in compliance with Brianna's law, which is now in effect, completion results in the issuance of a card which must be on board while out on the water.

Vessel safety: As a free service of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, vessel safety checks are offered for boaters to ensure their vessel is up to date and in compliance with United States Coast Guard regulations.

As you all are aware, water-related rescues impact our

volunteers from our fire departments, EMT's, and officers in the police department. At times, helicopters are required to assist and hospital care is needed following rescues.

We deeply care about our residents and visitors who really only want to enjoy their outing with their family and friends, yet we truly see the need for community awareness regarding their safety. Therefore, we have at Flotilla 014-18-08, as a means of support to the United States Coast Guard request a proclamation to declare May 17, 2025, through May 23, 2025, National Safe Boating Week in the Village of Greenport. Respectfully, the Shipmates of Southold Town, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 014-18-08 Semper Paratus, always ready.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you  
very much.

MS. DOWNS: Well, thank you.  
And my shipmate here Ahmel  
(phonetic), is my right arm.

MAYOR STUESSI: All right.  
Who's next up? Julia?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I  
think I am.

MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, you are. Okay.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
RESOLUTION 3-2025-25, resolution  
approving Public Assembly  
Application received from the  
Greenport Fire Department for an  
event in Mitchell to be held  
April 26, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to  
2:00 p.m. for public information  
on recruitment campaign and free  
light bulb give away. So moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second. Is  
this the one that needed to be  
modified?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Yes,

it needs -- yes, it needs to  
include Amend RESOLUTION  
03-2025-25 to read that they are  
requesting two banners to be over  
the roads from both entrances of  
the Village for the two days.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Do we need  
to restate that again.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Jarred,  
do you want to go through whole  
thing?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I  
could reread it.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Do  
you want me to reread it?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Please.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.  
RESOLUTION 03-2025-25 being  
amended. Resolution approving  
public assembly application  
received from Greenport Fire  
Department for an event in  
Mitchell Park to be held on

April 26, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for public information on recruitment campaign and free light bulb give away to also include two over-the-street banners at both entrances of the Village. I thought they said for two days. I'm going to say two days. It may only be one day. I can't remember now what he said. For two days. So moved.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

You can say for the duration of the event.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: For the duration?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay, for the duration of the recruitment campaign. So moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.



MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: RESOLUTION

03-2025-26, Resolution approving  
the Public Assembly Application  
received from Trustee  
Dougherty-Johnson on behalf of the  
Village of Greenport, Greenport  
Civic for a cleanup trash -- for  
cleanup trash on various streets  
in the Village of Greenport and to  
include cleanup of trash in  
Moore's Woods, to be held  
April 19, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to  
10:30 a.m. So moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

Clarification a little bit.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I  
can speak to it.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Yeah.

The various streets.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

It's not really various streets.  
We're doing Moore's Woods like  
we've always done and I think  
we're also going to have like a  
meet-up spot at Monsell Trail by  
North Street. We also clean  
Monsell Trail.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Oh,

okay.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

But it's not closing any streets.  
It's not really focusing on the  
streets. It's focusing on like  
the wild areas that the Village  
owns.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Can I ask a

question? Am I allowed to ask a  
question about that?

MAYOR STUESSI: You're going

to need to go to the podium. We  
wouldn't normally, but you're  
welcome go to the podium and ask.  
State your name and address for

the record.

MS. LOTARDO: My name is  
Valerie Lotardo.

MAYOR STUESSI: If you could  
speak into the microphone, please.

MS. LOTARDO: My name is  
Valerie Lotardo. I live at 309  
South Street in Greenport right  
here. And we just moved in in  
September, so we're new to all of  
this. And, you know, we walk  
around a lot, my husband and I,  
the area, and there is a lot of  
garbage around. So is that  
addressing this?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I  
mean, this is an Earth Day cleanup  
that's been going on for a couple  
years. It's mostly focused not on  
the streets, but I mean, I would  
love to have it be expanded. And  
I know that the BID a couple years  
ago also had like, more like  
focusing on streets. But this is

focused on like Moore's Woods and also Monsell Trail, which is not -- it's a dirt road.

MS. LOTARDO: Right, it's not on the roads.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, but there's a lot of trash there too.

MS. LOTARDO: How do you then --

MAYOR STUESSI: And you're absolutely right. Litter has become an increasingly big issue for the Village with people throwing things --

MS. LOTARDO: Well we -- my husband I bring the clipper thing and a garbage bag with when we walk and clean up ourselves.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for doing that.

MS. LOTARDO: You know, but -- you it really needs -- I don't know, how do you ask for it to be

addressed, you know?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right here.

MS. LOTARDO: Oh.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Welcome to  
the neighborhood.

MS. LOTARDO: Okay, thank  
you. But I love it here. It's  
great and this was very  
informative. A little heavy,  
but...

(Laughter.)

MS. LOTARDO: Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.  
Where did you move here from?

MS. LOTARDO: Farmingville.

MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, great.  
Well welcome.

MS. LOTARDO: So we're  
retired here now.

MAYOR STUESSI: Alright.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I  
also just want to clarify about  
this because I don't think I need  
to recuse or disclose, because I'm

doing this as a trustee. I'm not doing this as like a personal kind of thing. I mean, I am doing this as a personal thing sort of too, but I'm happy to not vote on it since it's sort of my --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You don't need to. There's no conflict.

MAYOR STUESSI: And you're committed to helping me get ticks off of --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Volunteering to pick up trash is certainly not a conflict.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, I just wanted to clarify. Because it's a little funny to do the public assembly as the Village, but I also appreciate the reason we're doing it. And I also apologize to the Clerk's Office being so late. Next year I'll be more on time, more organized.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Who would be

the named insured on this, just  
curious?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: The  
named insured?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: On an  
insurance policy?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah,  
wouldn't there be somebody that  
would have to be insured to cover  
this if somebody got hurt in the  
woods or whatever. Is that on the  
Village?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Well, I  
don't -- that's a really good  
question. And I'm not sure that I  
know the answer to it at this  
moment.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
Do you have releases? Do you have  
waivers or releases that people  
sign?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
We have not done them in the past.

I guess we could if you can get me them by April 18th.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I don't know that that's typically done with like garbage pickups, but you could do that. And if you'd like --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, it's just that this involves three organizations, you know, a trustee and it's the Greenport Civic, I think is involved in this.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, it's just the Village and the Greenport Civic. I mean, to me, it doesn't seem that different than if you're walking in the woods --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, Greenport Civic is an organization, right? They're not the Village, correct?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes, but I'm saying it's just the



Village and the Greenport Civic.

So two, but I mean, we can have  
waivers.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I've  
never heard of that before. It's  
a community effort to do trash  
pickup. I think that our Village  
insurance probably covers a lot.  
But I just, I've never -- you  
know, it's something that probably  
encouraged in more spots within  
the Village.

I know that years ago I helped  
do one with a group of people down  
at the bottom of Clarks Beach.  
So, you know, I think it's  
something that I don't think we  
need to be asking them to do  
waiver. I think we need to be  
encouraging them to do more.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Also  
just to note that even if this  
wasn't -- this application wasn't  
here, it's still Village-owned

property. So if somebody got hurt --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: De facto.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: -- it would be on the Village regardless because it's the Village property.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for organizing this. Again, it's a wonderful event and I would encourage everybody with the Board if they're able to, please join. With that, I'll call a vote. All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Who's up?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Julia is, 27.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: 27;

RESOLUTION 03-2025-27, Resolution  
approving the Public Assembly  
Permit Application received from  
Sarah Burnes to hold a "Hands Off  
Rally" in support of the  
Nation-Wide Day of Action in  
Mitchell Park on April 5, 2025,  
from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. So moved.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS:

RESOLUTION 03-2025-28, Resolution  
approving all checks per the  
Voucher Summary Report to date of  
March 25, 2025 in the total amount  
of \$868,250.11 consisting of all  
regular checks in the amount of  
\$788,098.76 and all prepaid checks

including wire transfers in the  
amount of \$80,151.35. So moved.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

RESOLUTION 3-2025-29 --

MAYOR STUESSI: We need to  
hold on that one until after  
Executive Session and move to the  
next one.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

All right, which is where?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Keep  
flipping.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

I'd suggest that perhaps we take  
this one at the end because you're  
going to have to recuse and absent

yourself from the vote.

MAYOR STUESSI: I'm sorry,  
what did you say, Jared?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
Trustee Phillips will have to  
recuse and absent herself with  
respect to the vote on RESOLUTION  
3-2025-30.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, understood.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
I'm reading it though. I didn't  
realize it was the next page.  
It's stapled. Okay.

RESOLUTION 03-2025-30,  
Resolution authorizing Treasurer  
to send proposed agreement terms  
to ratepayers.

WHEREAS, the Village operates  
its own utility systems and  
provides for rate charges, a  
payment of those charges,  
procedures for delinquent  
accounts, and payment plans for

delinquent accounts;

AND WHEREAS, various electric rate payers who previously agreed to payment plan terms with the Village remain in arrears and the payment of utility charges and payments under the payment plan;

(Whereupon, Trustee Phillips left the Board of Trustees Meeting.)

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

AND WHEREAS the Board desires to secure full payment on account of such delinquencies.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board authorizes the Village Treasure to execute on the Village's behalf and deliver to the delinquent ratepayers who remain delinquent after previously agreeing to payment terms, agreements providing for payment of such delinquent sums over the course of a six-month period providing for monthly installment payments to

pay for such delinquent and  
charges approving hereafter. So  
moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second, and  
discussion. I just want to make  
sure the public is aware that the  
agreement that we're authorizing  
the treasurer to execute does not  
account for recovering legal fees  
associated with the collections.  
I just want to make that known,  
but I do support the agreements  
that were worked out.

MAYOR STUESSI: Julia or Lily?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second?

MAYOR STUESSI: I was asking  
if anybody had any further comments.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: No comment.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: No,  
I don't.

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. All in  
favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

(Whereupon, Trustee Phillips  
reentered the Board of Trustees  
Meeting.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Who's up next?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Want to do  
29 next?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'll do it.  
What are we on, 31?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: RESOLUTION  
03-2025-31, Village Retiree  
Healthcare Premium Payment Policy.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees  
is authorized to establish  
policies with respect to the  
healthcare coverage for retirees  
who are enrolled in the Village's  
healthcare plan provided New York  
State Health Insurance Program,  
NYSHIP,

AND WHEREAS, the Village has a



longstanding policy providing for retirees to continue to participate in the Village NYSHIP Healthcare Coverage Plan.

AND WHEREAS, retirees participating in NYSHIP coverage plan pay to the Village for healthcare premiums in accordance with the sliding scale dependant on the length of service as follows:

Minimum 10 years of service, 50 percent for individual and 65 percent for family dependant coverage.

Minimum 15 years service, 40 percent for individual and 55 percent for family dependant coverage.

And minimum 20 year service, 30 percent for individual and 45 percent for family dependant coverage;

AND WHEREAS, such payments are due to the Village by the 15th of

the month for the payment for  
coverage for the following month.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby  
resolved that the Board reconfirms  
the aforesaid policy with respect  
to premium payment responsibility  
for retirees and for the timing of  
retiree payment to the Village on  
account of premiums;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that  
upon a retiree's failure to make  
timely payment of any premium due,  
the Village Treasurer may provide  
notice to the retiree that the  
failure to remit such by the last  
non-holiday weekday of the month  
shall result in the cancellation  
of coverage;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that  
if the retiree fails to remit  
payment by the last non-holiday  
weekday of the month in which such  
premium payment is due, that  
retirees coverage in NYSHIP is

cancelled at the end of that month  
with no additional notice of  
cancellation required. So moved.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: RESOLUTION  
03-2025-32, Village Official  
Healthcare Policy.

WHEREAS, the Board of  
Trustees is authorized to  
establish policies with respect to  
the healthcare coverage for  
elected officials;

AND WHEREAS, the Village has a  
longstanding policy providing for  
officials to opt-in to participate  
in the Village Healthcare Coverage  
Plan provided through the New York

State Health Insurance Program,  
NYSHIP.

WHEREAS, upon opting into the  
Village's health insurance  
coverage, the Village pays for the  
cost of individual coverage  
premiums in full and a  
participating official must pay  
for the cost of family or  
dependant coverage to the extent  
the cost for such family or  
dependant coverage exceeds the  
cost of individual coverage.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby  
resolved that the policy providing  
for the Village's payment of  
individual coverage for officials  
and that officials must pay for  
the cost of family or dependant  
coverage to the extent the cost  
for such family or dependant  
coverage exceeds the cost of  
individual coverage premiums is  
hereby confirmed.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that such premium payments to be paid by an official shall be paid to the Village no later than the first each month when such payment is due for that month.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon failure to make timely payment of any premium due to the Village Treasurer may provide notice to the official that the failure to remit such payment by the last non-holiday weekday of the month up shall result in the cancellation of coverage.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if an official fails to remit payment of any payment due to the accounting cost owed by the official by the last non-holiday weekday of the month in which such notice has been provided and/or in which such premium payment is due, that the official's coverage in

NYSHIP is cancelled at the end of that month with no additional notice of cancellation required.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED cancellation of coverage is not a federal continuation of benefits, COBRA, qualifying event.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: Discussion.

So, Jared, I believe there was only one individual on the Board that takes advantage of this, but conceivably any one of us could choose to do so.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

That's right. There's no need for anyone of you to recuse or absent yourself from this vote.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay, thanks.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I have a question on the last one, a cancellation of coverage is not a federal continuation of benefits for COBRA. If the individual --

if the individual, the individual trustee takes the Village is paying for their -- does the COBRA cover that one?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I'm not sure that I understand your question.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I mean, if the Village person -- the individual trustee is taking the --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Policy.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: -- health insurance. The Village is paying for that person.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Right.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Does the COBRA cover that person?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I don't know the answer to that question off the top of my head. I would image that it would not. A cancellation of coverage is going to effect -- has this been previously discussed with Brian?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Well, it's my understanding that the cancellation of coverage would pertain only to the --

MAYOR STUESSI: Nonemployee.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
-- excess of the individual plan. Because the Village of Greenport currently pays 100 percent of the individual plan for the trustee, but not any additional coverage for family plans or anything to that extent. So it's my understanding the only part that would be cancelled for lack of compensation would be --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
Would be the other.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:  
-- would be the additional coverage.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
Right, for failure to pay, which wouldn't be a COBRA --

MAYOR STUESSI: In the event of nonpayment for that.



VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Right, correct.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That's not how I understood this. I actually interpreted it the other way. That in the event that someone who's elected to add family dependant coverage to their policy fails to pay, the policy could be cancelled.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: The policy.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.

MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
AND that's a non-COBRA event.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right, but is there more than one policy here?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
No. I think you all have policies.

MAYOR STUESSI: This is only addressing --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
This is for excess. So if you

want to put a family member on the plan, it would apply there.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I read it differently too.

MAYOR STUESSI: This doesn't address us as individual Board members, it addresses if anyone of us puts other family members on the Village plan in which we're required to pay out-of-pocket for that. And in the event you don't make payment out-of-pocket for it, it can be cancelled, which is a nonqualifying event.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What can be cancelled?

MAYOR STUESSI: The insurance.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: The entire policy, which would effect the primary.

MAYOR STUESSI: No, just the person.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I don't

see this as being divisible, but  
maybe I'm not understanding it  
it's one policy, correct?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

They're different, aren't they?  
The Village pays -- it comes out of --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

The Village pays 100 percent.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'm not  
talking about where it's paid  
from. I'm talking about what are  
we referring to when we say  
that the coverage --

MAYOR STUESSI: Only the  
additional family members.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What was  
your --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I  
mean, I just feel like when you  
read the second to last paragraph:  
When an official fails to remit  
payment blah, blah, blah, you  
know, of the official's coverage  
in NYSHIP is cancelled. To me

that sounds like the official's.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, it's specifically referring to up above --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Maybe that language should be clarified.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- where the official's obligation to pay for any family.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, that means the official's coverage for their dependant.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Family or dependant.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, I can understand if you're saying -- because you're only talking about in that situation.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: The official's coverage for family member or dependant in NYSHIP is cancelled.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But I think your question,

Patrick, maybe is different. That  
you think the policy -- I mean,  
the health insurance policy --

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, there's  
no issue with nonpayment for an  
individual because the individual  
doesn't pay anything for it. It's  
paid by the Village.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

MAYOR STUESSI: It's only --  
this is only related to additional  
family members if somebody chooses  
to add on a family members.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I don't  
think it's clear.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
Does the adding the words: Family  
or dependant coverage after  
officials in the second to last  
paragraph? So RESOLVED that if an  
official fails to remit payment of  
any amount due on account costs  
owed by the official by the last  
non-holiday weekday of the month

in which such notice has been  
provided and/or in which such  
premium payment is due, that  
official's family or dependant  
coverage in NYSHIP is cancelled at  
the end of that month with no  
additional notice of cancellation  
required. AND BE IT FURTHER...

MAYOR STUESSI: Is that not  
covered though in the third  
WHEREAS when it says --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I  
think the official's in NYSHIP is  
cancelled was the issue.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
Also does that answer the COBRA  
question that you're asking, Mary  
Bess?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I  
think so. I just, I...

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I think  
it's clear -- to Mary Bess's  
question, I think it's clear if we  
include the language that you just

proposed.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Okay.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Not  
canceling the official's policy.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
That's right.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I  
appreciate that being modified to  
reflect what you just said.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Okay.  
So you wanted to approve it as  
amended?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'm  
assuming that the Board has agreed  
that we're not trying to cancel  
the policy for failure to pay.  
We're not trying to cancel the  
official's policy.

MAYOR STUESSI: We can't  
because the Village pays for the  
official's policy. This is for an  
individual.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Family or

dependant, is that the language  
you put in there?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Yes, family or dependant coverage.  
As amended is okay?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Yes, I would think so.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: Everybody is  
good with that, as amended by  
counsel?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: The rules  
and regulations --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

This was tabled. Yes, it was.



DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Yes.

We have one other, MS Score  
Resolution.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: This is  
the final attachment that is  
separate from everything else that  
I gave you all.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:  
Oh, this is -- yes, this is one to  
approve the MS4?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
I'll read it.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Go ahead.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:  
RESOLUTION 3-2025-34, Resolution  
authorizing the Mayor to execute  
and submit the annual MS4 storm  
water report to the New York State  
Department of Environmental  
Conservation.

WHEREAS, the Village is required  
to file it's annual MS4 storm  
water report by April 1st, 2025.

AND WHEREAS, the Village

requested that JR Holtzmacher,  
P.E., LLC prepare the report on  
the Village's behalf and  
Holtzmacher has completed the  
report.

AND NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED  
that:

One, the Board hereby confirms  
the retention of Holtzmacher at  
the previous agreed rate of \$1,600  
to prepare the annual MS4 storm  
water report.

Two, the Board accepts the  
report prepared by Holtzmacher.

Three, the Board authorizes the  
Mayor to sign the report and  
arrange to submit the report to  
the New York State Department of  
Environmental Conservation on or  
before April 1, 2025. So moved.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: There is  
-- I'm sorry to interrupt. There  
is one resolution that needs to be  
reread. Resolution number 13 for  
the bond has to be rollcall.

MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, yes,  
Rollcall.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sorry,  
caught me slipping.

MAYOR STUESSI: Why don't you  
read it, Candace?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.  
RESOLUTION 03-2025-13, Resolution  
approving the attached bond  
resolution dated March 27, 2025,  
provided by Norton Rose Fulbright  
in the amount of \$1,000,000 for  
the acquisition of the fire boat.

MAYOR STUESSI: So moved. Is  
there a second?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All right,  
rollcall.

Lily?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick?

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Julia?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Mary Bess?

DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: And I will  
vote aye as well.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you.

TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Good catch,  
Candace.

MAYOR STUESSI: I'm going to  
make a motion to go into Executive  
Session and discuss a human  
resource issue and also advice of  
counsel.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Aye.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aye.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: The public  
7 portion of the meeting is closed.

8 Thank you for being here.

9 (Whereupon, the Board of  
10 Trustees Work Session and Regular  
11 Session Meeting was adjourned.)

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THAT the above and foregoing contains a  
true and correct transcription of the  
proceedings.

I further certify that I am not related,  
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  
hand this 17th day of April, 2024.

  
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REBECCA WOOD