

1 VILLAGE OF GREENPORT
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5 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
6 WORK SESSION MEETING
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8 Third Street Fire Station
9 July 17, 2025
10 6:00 p.m.
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12 B E F O R E:
13 KEVIN STUESSI ~ MAYOR
14 MARY BESS PHILLIPS ~ TRUSTEE
15 PATRICK BRENNAN ~ DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE
16 LILY DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON ~ TRUSTEE
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18 CANDACE HALL ~ VILLAGE CLERK
19 JARED KASSCHAW, ESQ. ~ VILLAGE ATTORNEY
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22 All other interested parties
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1 MAYOR STUESSI: I'd like to make a
2 motion to open the regularly scheduled
3 meeting of work session for the Village
4 Board.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

6 THE COURT: All in favor?

7 (Aye said in unison.)

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Please stand for
9 the Pledge of Allegiance.

10 (Whereupon, the Pledge of
11 Allegiance was recited.)

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Please be seated.
13 We're going to change the order up a
14 bit this evening. I know Julia,
15 Trustee Robins is not coming this
16 evening. I'm not sure where Trustee
17 Phillips is, she may be joining us a
18 bit late.

19 With that, Dinni, are you ready
20 to --

21 MS. GORDON: Sure.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. I will
23 welcome Dinni Gordon who is the chair
24 of the Village Workforce and Affordable
25 Housing Committee to talk about the New

1 York Forward grant, which the Village
2 has talked about prior at a couple of
3 meetings and we've been having
4 discussions with our grant writing team
5 and New York State in regards to this.
6 Welcome and thank you for being here.

7 MS. GORDON: Now I don't have to
8 give my name and address as usual.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, please do so
10 for the record that is being recorded.

11 MS. GORDON: Dinni Gordon, 152
12 Sixth Street in Greenport.

13 I was here three weeks ago during
14 the joint meeting of the two boards of
15 the Town and the Village to talk about
16 our great need for housing and for
17 affordable housing and some
18 opportunities that exist for that, some
19 of which are supported strongly by the
20 State, by the Empire State Development,
21 the community and economic development
22 arm of the State. So today I wanted to
23 give you a bit of an update and focus
24 particularly on a program that I
25 mentioned in that presentation three

1 weeks ago but didn't go into much
2 detail and that's the -- which --

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Hi.

4 MS. GORDON: -- which Kevin
5 mentioned, the Long Island Forward
6 Housing Program. But first, I wanted
7 to say, you know, there are several
8 different ways to move, to change, to
9 turn our talk about affordable housing
10 into action because so far we haven't
11 really done that. And it is definitely
12 time and my new committee is seven
13 excited, enthusiastic people about
14 turning the good words, the good
15 statements of commitment into action.

16 So one thing that is a follow-up a
17 bit on the meeting three weeks ago is
18 that you will remember that the Village
19 agreed to an inter municipal -- an
20 inter municipality agreement for
21 participation in the Community Housing
22 Fund. And on July 8th, the Southold
23 Town Board passed a resolution for its
24 side of this agreement and authorized
25 the Supervisor to execute the agreement

1 and establish rights and
2 responsibilities of each municipality.
3 So I think we should be positively
4 inclined toward what the Town is going
5 to do that will involve us hopefully
6 through the Community Housing Fund and
7 other options, other initiatives.

8 But for our immediate concern, the
9 Long Island Forward Housing Program is
10 the thing. And Yan Albaladejo who is
11 our summer intern made a wonderful
12 program summary. I like the way he did
13 it. I don't have copies of that, but I
14 do --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: The Board all has
16 copies of it and it's attached to the
17 agenda as well for anybody that'
18 watching from the public and is online.

19 MS. GORDON: That's great. The
20 thing about this program that is so
21 exciting is really that it doesn't
22 require anything, it just asks you to
23 participate in sort of opening up your
24 thoughts about what can be done with
25 potential building sites. And they

1 might be private, they might be public.
2 Obviously one has to be careful about
3 pushing on people what they should
4 be -- what the site should be, but we
5 do have some public sites that might be
6 available for the kind of analysis that
7 the housing program promotes. And
8 there are a very large range of
9 services that are offered by the State
10 for participation. It's not a grant
11 program. You don't get a parcel of
12 money which you then allocate and hire
13 people to perform. Instead you get
14 services from -- directly from the
15 State, experts in things like traffic
16 studies or analysis of the economic
17 impact of the change of a site to
18 enable the site to produce affordable
19 housing. Probably multifamily housing
20 is the emphasis. And I just wanted to
21 say that we really have a few --
22 several possible public sites and maybe
23 we have some private sites, but we're
24 not going to know that until people
25 express their interest in -- homeowners

1 and landowners and property owners
2 express their interest in exploring.
3 It's only about exploration. There is
4 no obligation to do anything with
5 your -- the analysis that you get, but
6 you do get a kind of consultation in
7 which you can participate very
8 directly.

9 The preference for the Long Island
10 Forward Program is for sites near
11 transportation areas, near public
12 transportation, near LIRR stations, or
13 in downtown areas. And we are --
14 almost all of the Village is -- well, a
15 very substantial part of the Village
16 would count, I think, as a downtown
17 area. So some possible sites for the
18 State to come in, if the Village agrees
19 to do this, include Clarks Beach and
20 the McCann Campground and maybe the --
21 that building on Sixth Street, is it
22 open, is it empty?

23 MAYOR STUESSI: No, it's occupied.
24 It would have to be --

25 MS. GORDON: It would have to be

1 relocated. So those are some possible
2 sites, and I've been poking around
3 looking at the site -- at the lots
4 right on Fourth Street to the south and
5 the north of the railroad. I have no
6 idea whether they are really available,
7 but they meet the interest of finding
8 sites that are near transportation
9 areas.

10 So the other thing I want to say
11 about it, besides the fact that this is
12 just a gift from the State and the
13 State's, of course, interest in pushing
14 its municipalities to take seriously
15 the crisis of housing everywhere in the
16 country but especially on Long Island.
17 In addition, I just wanted to say this
18 is something that's very easy to apply
19 for. I went with the Mayor to a Zoom
20 webinar, which was very informative and
21 which anybody can get, it's easily
22 available, and you will hear what a
23 simple process it is. Simply an
24 application or a resolution by the
25 local municipality to participate, and

1 then a memorandum of understanding,
2 which would be developed, of course, by
3 the municipality as well with the
4 State.

5 So I'm just wanting to press on
6 with the idea that we must move from
7 talk to action and that this is
8 exploration. This is not commitment to
9 a particular choice or a particular
10 site or a particular kind of building.
11 It's an exploration. And I think we
12 should be brave enough to explore, even
13 if it makes us a little uncomfortable.

14 Thank you very much. And if you
15 have any questions, I'm here to answer
16 them.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, Dinni,
18 for all your work on this and for that
19 of your committee too. As you
20 mentioned, we participated in a webinar
21 and then together with our grant team
22 had a separate call, there have been a
23 few calls now with Long Island Forward
24 and economic development of the State
25 as well. They're very excited about

1 Greenport. We meet a number of
2 criteria that, you know, bump us up,
3 including being a disadvantaged
4 community, being a pro-housing
5 community. As we spoke in the joint
6 meeting too, we're very much hoping
7 that Southold Town might consider
8 becoming a pro-housing community.
9 There was a recommendation in the
10 zoning update report in regards to
11 that, and that could become helpful
12 with some of these grants as well
13 relative to the greater Greenport as
14 you referred to.

15 MS. GORDON: Right. I was going
16 to say, I should have said, I think
17 there is also work that we could do to
18 help Southold get into this program.
19 If they are -- if they see that we are
20 doing -- we are doing the exploring,
21 they can do it too. And as we look at
22 the Greenport hamlet that is called
23 West Greenport, although it's not just
24 entirely west, and you think that the
25 Greenport hamlet and Greenport Village

1 are really one in the same in terms of
2 the ways people interact in the
3 community and the kinds of interests
4 that people on both sides have. The
5 school district includes not just the
6 Village, of course, but also greater
7 Greenport, also the Greenport hamlet.
8 You know, I think if we can be as a
9 Village seen to be pushing on this and
10 participating and making the kind of
11 commitment that I'm talking about, it
12 will be easier to push the Town to do
13 the same. There are plenty of
14 opportunities for this kind of analysis
15 in the Greenport hamlet.

16 So thank you very much. Thank you
17 and I will -- and I'm really available
18 to answer questions and members of my
19 committee who are getting more better
20 and better informed about these issues
21 are available to answer questions too.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Thank you,
23 Dinni.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Rena, were you
25 ready, or were you waiting for

1 somebody? Okay.

2 Mr. Bergen, we will move on to you
3 then. I'm going to make a motion to
4 open the public hearing regarding the
5 wetlands permit application from Lisa
6 Gillooly and Tony Spiridakis submitted
7 by David Bergen as agent for the
8 property located at 178 Stirling
9 Street, Greenport, New York 11944,
10 Suffolk County Tax Map Number
11 1001-02-03-15. Do I have a second?

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

14 (Aye said in unison.)

15 MAYOR STUESSI: So the second
16 recorded for -- we don't have a
17 stenographer this evening, but it's
18 going to be pulled off of the tape by
19 Trustee Phillips. All in favor?

20 (Aye said in unison.)

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Public hearing is
22 open. Mr. Bergen, if you could tell us
23 about the project.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: If I might
25 interrupt, Mr. Bergen, I'm sorry. I

1 want to disclose that I'm likely to
2 recuse myself from this application
3 when it comes time to vote. Do I
4 participate in the public hearing
5 portion?

6 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: What would be
7 the reason be to absent --

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I have
9 to disclose that I have a sometimes
10 work relationship with the applicant
11 and it includes the dock on this
12 application.

13 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: I don't see a
14 basis to absent yourself from the
15 presentation. If you're going to
16 recuse, just don't participate in
17 either the discussion or obviously the
18 vote.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Thank you.
20 Thank you for waiting.

21 MR. BERGEN: Good evening. You
22 folks have received the application for
23 Gillooly/Spiridakis. This is a dock
24 replacement. What they want to do is
25 remove the failing fixed dock and all

1 the floats associated with that and
2 replace it just simply with floats. So
3 it would be a ramp to floats, so there
4 will be no fixed dock there. The
5 overall length is staying the same. We
6 are reducing the amount of structure in
7 the water actually by removing over 200
8 feet of floating dock that's presently
9 there that will not be replaced, so
10 from an environmental perspective, it's
11 a net gain for the environment.

12 The application has already been
13 through the DEC who gave us a permit,
14 the Army Corp. of Engineers who gave a
15 permit and the Department of State who
16 determined a positive consistency
17 evaluation and assessment.

18 So I'm here to answer any
19 questions you might have.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Trustee Phillips?

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Actually it was
22 pretty straightforward, Dave, to be
23 honest with you. I didn't have too
24 much on it. It was well put together.
25 Thank you.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Trustee

2 Doherty-Johnson?

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: This
4 is just out of curiosity, why do it all
5 floating and not have fixed?

6 MR. BERGEN: I'll be honest, and
7 they'll probably shoot me for being
8 honest, they said due to their age,
9 it's very tough to get on and off a
10 fixed dock versus floating dock it's
11 much easier to get on and off. So out
12 of respect for them, I'll leave it at
13 that.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: I wonder if
15 they're watching at home.

16 MR. BERGEN: We run into this
17 quite often with people who want to
18 replace fixed docks with floats just
19 because of the physical. It's much
20 easier to get on and off from a
21 floating dock.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Thank
23 you. I don't have any other questions.
24 It does look pretty straightforward.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: I don't have any

1 questions myself either. We'll open it
2 up to the public, is there anybody from
3 the public this evening that would like
4 to speak?

5 MS. REICHERT: I have some
6 handouts for the Board.

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I can take
8 them.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Grab a seat, Dave.
10 You can answer any questions they might
11 have.

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you.
13 Do you want them to have them now?

14 MS. REICHERT: I think that would
15 be helpful. I just wasn't sure --

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Mr. Saladino, did
17 you want to speak while she's talking
18 to the clerk? Go ahead and approach
19 the podium.

20 MR. SALADINO: My name is John
21 Saladino and I live on Sixth Street.
22 I'm curious -- this is a public hearing
23 in regards to a wetlands permit?

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

25 MR. SALADINO: What opportunity

1 did the public have to see the
2 application? Was it -- I looked at the
3 work session agenda, I looked at the
4 Village's website.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Candace --

6 MR. SALADINO: I'm not saying I'm
7 opposed to this.

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I didn't hear
9 his question.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: He's saying that
11 the application is not in the agenda
12 here.

13 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It never has
14 been since I've been here. You can
15 come to Village Hall is what I
16 understand is the process to review it.
17 I haven't been attaching wetlands
18 permits to the agendas I don't think
19 since I've been here.

20 MR. SALADINO: I've always had the
21 opportunity to scrutinize a wetlands
22 permit application because I was a
23 member of the CAC. My interest hasn't
24 waned, but I'm not a member of the CAC
25 anymore, but it is a public hearing.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have a
2 question. Normally we post them under
3 public --

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Who are you
5 speaking to?

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm just --
7 John --

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: We haven't
9 been since I've been here, but if we
10 would like to update that process, I
11 can redact whatever needs to be
12 redacted and begin to publish them
13 online, but I have not published
14 wetlands applications on the website.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
16 think this did come up in another --

17 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It has and
18 the process was never --

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We
20 sort of talked about the whole process
21 of the CAC and haven't really gotten to
22 -- I agree, I actually just looked
23 because I was thinking the same thing
24 that it's not online.

25 MR. SALADINO: Well, I'm just

1 thinking to myself that -- and for the
2 benefit of the public, I'll think for
3 them also, if they let me -- is, like,
4 how can you expect somebody to make a
5 comment on -- at a public hearing about
6 a specific application if --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: They haven't been
8 able to self-review it. Makes sense.
9 We'll discuss changing that, and I
10 think we will likely probably keep the
11 public hearing open this evening. That
12 will be my recommendation.

13 MR. SALADINO: And then get the
14 information to the public for the next
15 one?

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

17 MR. SALADINO: Deal.

18 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I'd be happy
19 to do so as soon as I get direction to
20 do that. So if we change the process,
21 I will gladly adhere to it.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, John.

23 If you could state your name and
24 address for the record, please, ma'am.

25 MS. REICHERT: Good evening,

1 Members of the Board, my name is Martha
2 Reichert, I'm an attorney at the Law
3 Firm of Twomey, Latham, Shea, Kelley,
4 Dubin & Quartararo, 33 West Second
5 Street, Riverhead, New York. I
6 represent the adjacent property owners,
7 Cynthia and Donald Scholl.

8 As a sort of just first off, my
9 client's family has owned this property
10 for almost a hundred years. And so one
11 of the things that I've submitted into
12 the record is a photo from 1967 showing
13 the Scholl family's boat at their dock
14 using the existing tie off pilings. So
15 I want to first -- I have a couple of
16 different things, but first I'm going
17 to raise this part which is that there
18 is a discrepancy over the fact that
19 those tie off pilings that are being
20 proposed to be removed are, in fact,
21 the Scholl's. I've also included the
22 1996 wetlands permit application for
23 the dock of the predecessors in title.
24 I am including their DEC and other
25 things and their drawings, and at no

1 point did they ever depict those tie
2 off pilings because they weren't part
3 of that property's dock. So we object
4 to the removal of the existing tie off
5 pilings because we assert that they're
6 traditionally used by the Scholl's and
7 have been for decades. So that's the
8 first thing is that before this Board
9 moves forward and approves the removal
10 of structures that have been enjoyed
11 and used by the Scholls for decades,
12 that we need to take a closer look at
13 exactly how those extended property
14 lines are being shown. So that's the
15 first is that there is sort of
16 ownership in title discrepancy over
17 these pilings.

18 The second is your own LWRP policy
19 states that, you know, this Board
20 doesn't review the application until
21 there's been a coastal consistency
22 determination, the DEC, the Army Corp.,
23 and the applicant's agent has said that
24 those things have been issued, but I'm
25 not aware if they've been entered into

1 the record. Candace, were there
2 supplemental submissions of the permits
3 that have been issued?

4 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: There is an
5 application that's shared with the
6 Board of Trustees. The contents of it
7 I'm not going to speak to because I'm
8 not sure.

9 MS. REICHERT: All right. So
10 perhaps --

11 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Received from
12 the applicant to the Board of Trustees
13 and the Mayor.

14 MS. REICHERT: Fair enough.
15 Perhaps the Board could ask the
16 applicant if those materials have been
17 submitted into the record because one
18 of the things that --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: You're welcome to
20 also go to Village Hall tomorrow.

21 MS. REICHERT: Sure, absolutely,
22 and I can do that. You know, again,
23 with a lot of your other applications,
24 there is a link on the website where
25 you can see the full application

1 submission. But my point is in that is
2 that there's -- the timeline varies and
3 so plans that were approved by one
4 agency are not necessarily the plans
5 that are in front of this Board right
6 now. And so again, if the applicant
7 could address that, that would be
8 wonderful. I can go to Village Hall
9 and review what has been submitted into
10 the application since my client was
11 given notice, but I think it's also
12 important to bring it to the Board's
13 attention because ultimately what you
14 are here to do is to review whether or
15 not this project protects the wetlands,
16 the nature, the underwater lands, et
17 set.

18 And so what we have here are a
19 couple of things. First, there's a
20 little bit of a discrepancy because we
21 had a four foot wide fixed dock and
22 some additional floating docks, but
23 what's being proposed now are three
24 consecutive 6 by 22 floats. That is --
25 and I will say this speaking as the

1 former Southampton Town Conservation
2 Board attorney and also the Southampton
3 Town trustee attorney and having been
4 raised in a marina my entire life --
5 the standard width for a residential
6 dock is four feet. Most residential
7 homeowners have a floating dock, the
8 policy generally tends to favor one
9 floating dock of 6 by 20 feet, so to
10 have three in my mind is excessive, the
11 width is excessive from what is
12 recommended. But moreover, when these
13 docks are installed, they are not being
14 upgraded according to the plans to what
15 is most important for the wetlands and
16 also for flood prevention and for
17 damage control, which is to use the
18 appropriate materials. Flow through
19 decking, light penetrating so that it
20 is not shading the bottom lands so that
21 marine organisms and vegetation can
22 thrive, same thing as wetlands
23 vegetation. So I think that when you
24 look at the substance of this dock
25 design, it can greatly be improved. It

1 can be brought into best environmental
2 practices. Right now what you have
3 here is excessive in terms of width, it
4 is not using the most environmentally
5 current materials, and those materials
6 aren't just for the benefit of the
7 wetlands but they're also for the
8 benefit of property owners because
9 floating docks are not fixed, they're
10 held in place by a couple of pilings,
11 which means they are in an extreme
12 storm event where there is storm surge,
13 high winds more likely to break loose.
14 And if they don't have that flow
15 through decking, they are also more
16 subject to the brunt of wave impact.

17 So again, I think that it is in
18 the interest where you have such a
19 massive change from what is existing,
20 you know, it's not really in place when
21 you increase the width of the dock by
22 six feet. You know, this Board has the
23 opportunity to make sure that this new
24 dock meets the highest standards for
25 wetlands protection, for storm water

1 and flood and damage prevention, to be
2 consistent with the LWRP, to be
3 consistent with your wetlands
4 regulations as well, and because you're
5 setting a precedent here in the Village
6 where some of the residential docks are
7 going to say, hey, let's all be six
8 feet wide. And I don't think that's
9 appropriate in this instance especially
10 where you had -- in this neighborhood,
11 you have lots that are all
12 nonconforming to their lot width. And
13 so I know normally you don't think of
14 zoning when it comes to your docks, but
15 you have to look at that because we
16 also have an irregular shoreline. Most
17 of the time when docks are placed, you
18 look at the extended property lines
19 into the water and the DEC policies --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Excuse me, could I
21 ask the audience to --

22 MS. REICHERT: And the best
23 practices are to have a ten foot
24 setback from the property lines, and
25 that preserves navigability and to

1 ensure that the riparian rights of
2 adjoining property owners are not
3 impaired.

4 Now, again, this is a preexisting
5 historic waterfront in that sense, and
6 my client's property, which is to the
7 east, and the applicant's property if
8 you, you know, just do straight
9 property lines, it conflicts. So there
10 has to be, of course, a certain level
11 of common sense and fairness for both
12 parties. But when you have such narrow
13 lots, which are nonconforming, you have
14 to think about the impact on navigation
15 and the adjoining property. And so,
16 again, I think that what this Board can
17 do is request the applicant to go back
18 to the drawing table but also to ensure
19 that what you have is approved plans
20 that are consistent with all the
21 various different agencies.

22 But again, based on my experience
23 and various municipalities and the
24 standards of what residential dock
25 construction should be for new docks,

1 this can be improved upon. Thank you.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. Is
3 there anybody else from the public that
4 would like to speak this evening before
5 we invite Mr. Bergen back?

6 Are you standing up to speak,
7 ma'am? Ma'am, did you wish to speak
8 or --

9 MS. SCHOLL: Cindy Scholl, 174
10 Stirling Street. Martha and I had
11 discussed a little bit about my --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Would you mind
13 speaking more closely to the
14 microphone?

15 MS. SCHOLL: Yes. I know that
16 Martha will speak a little bit more
17 about this and be a little bit more
18 eloquent, but I would like to mention
19 that I did a lot of work to -- and
20 research at the Village level to try
21 and prove that my bulkhead was predated
22 CO. So I researched all of the files
23 for my neighbors just trying to look
24 for proof that our bulkhead was in
25 existence for many, many years prior to

1 the COs that were needed. And I was
2 successful in getting a letter of
3 non-jurisdiction from the DEC with my
4 proof. And in looking at the site plan
5 that was sent to me in May with the
6 plans, I noticed that I had
7 documentation in my research that
8 conflicted with the site plan that was
9 submitted to you folks. And it shows a
10 patio, and it's about 30 feet from the
11 waterfront. It's a fixed elevated
12 patio that was not there in 2019, and
13 we just went through what I would say
14 arguably is the most egregious
15 application process for trying to
16 extend our home that I've ever heard
17 of. And I'm sure other people have
18 other stories, but we've been just a
19 year alone just trying to get back onto
20 the Zoning Board because of what's
21 happened at the Building Department
22 level. And speaking to that, what I'm
23 trying to say is that we were told that
24 a patio that was a hundred feet from
25 the bulkhead still needed a wetland

1 permit, and I'd like to know, and maybe
2 Martha could speak further about this
3 is what is that patio that is off the
4 back of the house that you all have a
5 purview in looking at because you have
6 a site plan, I don't think you have a
7 new survey, but you have a site plan
8 and you see the new patio. It's about
9 five feet off the property line. What
10 are the rules that pertained to that
11 patio? We'd like an explanation so
12 that we can live up to those rules and
13 still enjoy what we would like to do
14 with our patio because we're older too
15 and we'd like to not have to go down a
16 bunch of steps to get to, you know, our
17 backyard when we finally get through
18 the building process.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Do you have a
20 Building Department permit that's
21 active right now? You said you had
22 gone to the ZBA, what happened when you
23 went to the ZBA?

24 MS. SCHOLL: I'll let Martha talk
25 about that.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm not looking
2 for the whole history, I'm just asking
3 you said you were dealing with an issue
4 in the Building Department. Is there
5 an application in front of the Building
6 Department right now?

7 MS. SCHOLL: There is.

8 MS. REICHERT: There is an active
9 application that was denied and we were
10 scheduled to go before the ZBA, but
11 before the public hearing was scheduled
12 we noticed that the notice of
13 disapproval was deficient because it
14 had not taken into account the four
15 tenths rule, which is in the code, and
16 so we sought an amended notice of
17 disapproval. That was actually about a
18 year ago and we have not been able to
19 get an amended notice of disapproval so
20 that we can go back to the ZBA for --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Have you followed
22 up with anybody?

23 MS. REICHERT: Multiple times I've
24 been in touch with Brian Stolar.
25 Again, there was no one in the building

1 -- there was no building inspector for
2 quite some time. We've recently
3 resubmitted in an attempt to bring it
4 back to the top of the pile.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: When did you
6 resubmit?

7 MS. REICHERT: I think a week ago,
8 two weeks ago.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: I know we're -- I
10 mean, we're actively processing lots of
11 applications.

12 MS. REICHERT: No, I understand
13 that. I spent months trying to get an
14 appointment with the building inspector
15 to meet with him to discuss exactly the
16 issue in terms of the notice of
17 disapproval and what needed to be
18 accounted for, but unfortunately Mr.
19 Bellanos was not available, and so it's
20 just been one of those things.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: We can correct
22 that tomorrow. If you put it in
23 yesterday, I'll make sure that they
24 follow up.

25 MS. REICHERT: I think it was put

1 in last week.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Or put in a week
3 ago, they'll follow up on it.

4 MS. REICHERT: It was submitted by
5 my colleague, Karen Hoeg because I was
6 on a medical leave until just this
7 week.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: We're not going to
9 get into Building Department issues.

10 MS. REICHERT: No, that's fine,
11 but what I -- and I --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: We're here
13 specifically on this wetlands permit.

14 MS. REICHERT: Yes. And so I want
15 to make my third point, and I
16 appreciate that Cynthia reminded me
17 that I haven't made it, which is,
18 again, you have surveys from 1996 and
19 1997 when the property was owned by the
20 Richardsons, but also in the Building
21 Department files for 178 Stirling are
22 building permit applications and
23 surveys from 2018, 2019 when the
24 current applicants did work at the
25 existing residential property, and none

1 of those surveys show the slate patio,
2 which is bolstered by a retaining wall
3 and is on the seaward side of the
4 house. There is to my knowledge no
5 building permit or wetlands permit for
6 that, so again, since there is now an
7 active application, that is something
8 that this Board could be reviewing
9 because it is your chance to sort of
10 take a sweeping look at anything that
11 has been done on the property without
12 permits and proper approvals. So we
13 want to bring that -- that is another
14 deficiency in the application is that
15 all the relief and improvements that
16 require wetlands permit have not been
17 addressed by the applicant, but they do
18 remain disclosed on the survey --
19 sorry, it's a site plan, they did not
20 submit a revised survey from Young and
21 Young showing that slate patio, but it
22 is shown on the site plan, and it is on
23 the seaward side of the house, it is
24 above grade, it has a retaining wall
25 that holds it, it is impervious, it is

1 slate, and again, on seaward side of
2 the house and clearly within, you
3 know -- well, not only is it
4 potentially nonconforming with respect
5 to zoning setbacks, but it is also
6 pretty close to that bulkhead.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anything
8 else you'd like to add on the wetlands
9 permit application?

10 MS. SCHOLL: I would just like to
11 say -- I'm Cindy Scholl, 174 Stirling
12 Street. I'd just like to say this has
13 come to our attention because of the
14 difficulties we've had at the Building
15 Department, and we're raising it now so
16 that we can get clarification so that
17 we understand what's going on with our
18 own process. We were told this type of
19 thing is not allowed in the wetlands.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: What type of thing
21 are you saying?

22 MS. SCHOLL: A fixed raised patio.
23 We were told it was not something that
24 you could just do without a wetlands
25 permit one hundred feet from the

1 bulkhead. And that's on record at the
2 Zoning Board level, and it was pretty
3 clear that that --

4 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm sorry, on the
5 record with the Zoning Board where?

6 MS. SCHOLL: Yes, we had our first
7 -- I'm going to give you pictures of
8 what the house looked like before.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Ma'am, you said
10 this is on record with the Zoning Board
11 of Appeals --

12 MS. SCHOLL: And that is what it
13 looks like after.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Ma'am, when were
15 you in front of the Zoning Board of
16 Appeals?

17 MS. SCHOLL: About a year ago.
18 About a year ago. And it was a year
19 ago we asked for just a continuance and
20 we had an appointment with the building
21 inspector, but that appointment was not
22 valid because he was going out on
23 leave. He went out on leave and you
24 fired him before he could come back,
25 and then you've had a part-time

1 building inspector. And when we
2 finally got to speak with the part-time
3 building inspector, they told us the
4 rules had changed and that we needed a
5 new survey with our proposed work on
6 the survey. So I had to take months to
7 get my surveyor back out and put my
8 proposed work on the survey. We left
9 off our patio, we gave up on that
10 dream, and now we see that there's a
11 patio and elevations, and you can see
12 on those pictures that the elevation on
13 the first picture where there's no
14 patio, the elevation for the
15 foundation, you can clearly see the
16 foundation, and now you can't. It's
17 right off --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: To be clear, there
19 are no rule changes. The Building
20 Department is charged with adhering to
21 the code, and the code requires a
22 survey which lays out where the house
23 is, where patios, et cetera, et cetera.

24 MS. SCHOLL: Not when I initially
25 applied. We put a site plan in and off

1 of our survey, correct, an architect
2 site plan, and now you require -- and
3 it was told to us by the building
4 inspector, your application I can't
5 review to update your notice of
6 disapproval until you get a survey, an
7 actual survey with superimposed with
8 the work that you need done. With the
9 proposed work. That's the
10 communication that my architect got
11 directly from your --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: That's what I'm
13 saying, that's in the code. In order
14 to review plans, you have to have
15 measurements on it.

16 MS. SCHOLL: I had a survey done
17 and the survey was submitted and we had
18 a site plan with the proposed work on
19 it. Maybe you're not understanding. I
20 understand what happened, maybe you're
21 not clear.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Thank you.

23 MS. SCHOLL: You're welcome.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody
25 else from the public that would like to

1 speak on this this evening?

2 Mr. Bergen, if you could help
3 clarify some of the things that were
4 brought up from your perspective.

5 MR. BERGEN: First off, I
6 apologize, I didn't introduce myself
7 for the record I don't think earlier,
8 Dave Bergen, Cutchogue, New York, Sol
9 Searcher Consulting on behalf of the
10 applicants. Just wanted to enter that
11 into the record also.

12 Some of the comments I can respond
13 to, majority of the comments that were
14 given by the neighbor and the attorney
15 really have nothing to do with this
16 application, it's a problem they seem
17 to be having with other matters with
18 the Village, so I'd ask that to be
19 taken into consideration.

20 Just for a little background, I
21 was a Southold Town Trustee for ten
22 years, so I'm very familiar with
23 wetland ordinances in Southold Town and
24 other areas. This -- the first -- I
25 bring that up because there was a

1 question about flow through decking,
2 the size of floats, et cetera. And
3 saying -- there was a comment made in
4 residential areas. To respond, this
5 area, Stirling Creek, obviously is a
6 mixed use. When I say mixed use,
7 there's commercial usage, there's
8 residential usage, there's marinas in
9 there, and so there are docks
10 throughout the entire Stirling Creek
11 area that are much larger in scope than
12 this one residential dock is.

13 As far as materials that are used,
14 flow through decking is a common
15 material that is used for fixed
16 catwalks. It is not something that's
17 used that I'm familiar with for floats,
18 I have not seen it used in floats. The
19 Southold Town Trustees under Chapter
20 275, they don't require flow through
21 decking, it just has to be nontreated
22 lumber. As I stated, we have reduced
23 the amount of structure with what we're
24 proposing here in the water, so it's a
25 net gain for the environment.

1 There was a question related to
2 has determinations been made by the
3 different agencies, which I said in my
4 opening comments, and yes, copies of
5 them have all been provided in the
6 packet of information to the Village.
7 As a matter of fact, I have got an
8 extra copy here, you can see just how
9 thick it is. But yes, all those
10 determinations from the Army Corp.,
11 from the New York Department of State,
12 and the New York DEC were submitted
13 with the application, so they have been
14 on file with the Village.

15 There is a question that's been
16 brought up about the tie off pilings.
17 That's interesting because that
18 question in particular was asked by the
19 Army Corp. of Engineers in their review
20 of this, and what they had determined
21 was that -- what they asked was in
22 order to make sure the replacement tie
23 off pilings are unquestionably in front
24 of the applicant's property, hence in
25 their riparian water area, we moved

1 them at their request about a foot in
2 from where they're presently located.
3 So the new tie off pilings or the
4 replacement tie off pilings in the
5 opinion of the Army Corp. have been
6 moved in so that they're clearly in
7 front of the applicant's property. I
8 cannot attest to the history of those
9 tie off pilings in the past. I cannot
10 attest to the history of applications
11 for other structures on the applicant's
12 property, a lot of discussion about a
13 patio, I'm not here to discuss a patio,
14 I'm just here to discuss what we are
15 applying for. And as per the village's
16 requirements, we did notify the
17 applicants, including the Scholls, and
18 they received the notification of this
19 application with a site plan as per
20 your request or your requirement, the
21 Village's requirement.

22 I'm sorry, there was a reference
23 by the attorney of a deficiency in the
24 application because of the patio.
25 Again, the patio has nothing to do with

1 what we're applying for here. So there
2 is no deficiency in this application
3 that has been presented to the Village.

4 Again, I'm here to answer any
5 other questions you might have.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can
7 you address the different -- I think we
8 did get the DEC and Army Corp.
9 paperwork, but it didn't have plans.
10 So can you address the assertion that
11 the plans are different for the DEC?

12 MR. BERGEN: In those lengthy
13 responses from both the Army Corp. and
14 the DEC, there's proof plans there, so
15 I'm sorry --

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: An
17 actual plan?

18 MR. BERGEN: Yeah, actual plan.
19 The actual plan is there. When it's
20 actual, it's stamped approved by the
21 DEC.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Like,
23 a plan, like, a drawing plan?

24 MR. BERGEN: Here is the original
25 from the DEC. But no, you don't get

1 something in this size.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
3 guess, what I'm asking is what's your
4 take on are they the same or not the
5 same? We were just told that they are
6 not the same. I just wondered, do you
7 have a different opinion?

8 MR. BERGEN: The one change that I
9 recall, and I'm going way back in the
10 application process, was that we had
11 requested to the DEC also to raise what
12 is currently I'll call them two decks
13 that are cantilevered from the bulkhead
14 out, and the Army Corp. in their
15 approval -- I'm sorry, I'd have to go
16 back and check, but I believe it was
17 the Army Corp. said they didn't have
18 any problem with that, but the DEC said
19 no, we could not raise those. So
20 those, as the plans show, are remaining
21 just as they are. They were previously
22 permitted. This is a previously
23 permitted structure from the DEC, and
24 so they were previously permitted, so
25 they're just going to remain right

1 where they are. That's the only that I
2 recall any discrepancy in plans that
3 were approved by the different
4 agencies.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Thank
6 you.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Mary Bess, any
8 other questions for Mr. Bergen?

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I don't
10 think.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, sir.

12 Did you wish to say something
13 else, ma'am?

14 MS. REICHERT: Yes, may I address
15 the Board?

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Please.

17 MS. REICHERT: I understand that
18 what the applicant submitted to you was
19 purely for the dock, but this Board's
20 jurisdiction under the wetlands chapter
21 encompasses anything that's happening
22 on the property. And so if you have a
23 structure that was built that has no
24 underlying Village approvals, then that
25 is something that this Board has to

1 look at before it starts approving
2 additional work. So I understand that
3 the application was for a dock, but the
4 wetlands jurisdiction extends beyond
5 what the applicant has described, and
6 so when there is a new application,
7 there's an opportunity for the Village
8 to review what has and has not been
9 previously approved. And if there is a
10 change from the last time that the
11 property was before this Board for a
12 wetlands permit, then it is incumbent
13 upon you to ensure that everything on
14 that property is legal. Again, I
15 appreciate that it started off as a
16 dock application, but you have to take
17 a look at what's changed on this
18 property.

19 Again, finally, I completely
20 understand that floating docks are not
21 generally surfaced with flow through
22 decking, but it speaks to the fact that
23 why do we need 66 feet of floating
24 dock? Why can't we have fixed four
25 foot wide catwalk and whatever the

1 appropriate amount of floating dock
2 that they may need, but there's no need
3 for it to start from the very beginning
4 as a floating dock. I mean, I also
5 think that if you look at the soundings
6 that are shown there, there's plenty of
7 water, right, but in terms of, again,
8 when you're going to have really high
9 tides and lunar tides, those floating
10 docks are going to be up high and so is
11 your ramp. So I mean, there's a lot of
12 opportunity to, again, redesign this
13 dock in a way that is, again, can
14 provide light to flow through to the
15 bottom to minimize shading that can
16 still accommodate whatever size vessel
17 they need. But again, this is a very
18 narrow and undersized lot, and so its
19 waterway is also narrow. You know,
20 again, I respect the fact that in
21 Stirling Basin it is a mixed use, but
22 this is not a marina, this is not a
23 commercial property, this is a
24 residential property, and so the dock
25 should be appropriate to a residential

1 dock. It should, again, because it is
2 a new structure, right, it may be
3 located in the same place, but it's a
4 new structure, it should under this
5 Board's purview be the most
6 environmentally sound constructed dock
7 that will, again, achieve the goals of
8 the LWRP, the wetlands law, and for the
9 environment. Thank you.

10 MR. SALADINO: Once again, John
11 Saladino, Sixth Street. Without having
12 the application in front of me, in the
13 interest of full disclosure, I was a
14 member of the CAC for 17 years. When
15 the CAC was invited to a property for
16 an inspection, once they were invited
17 to the property, they looked at
18 everything, not just that portion of
19 the application that the applicant was
20 making. But my questions now would be
21 to the representative, it's a 66-foot
22 long floating dock, my question -- not
23 having the application in front of
24 me -- is there going to be water on the
25 dock? Is there going to be electric on

1 the dock? Is any of the dock space
2 going to be for rent? If so, how many
3 spaces? Is the applicant going to
4 allocate to rental? These are
5 questions that -- do we have a CAC
6 report?

7 MAYOR STUESSI: We did receive a
8 report from them.

9 MR. SALADINO: Is that part of the
10 public record? No. Okay. I'm not
11 sure I understand why that --

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
13 don't know. That wasn't a no, I'm not
14 sure.

15 MR. SALADINO: But these are -- if
16 we're going to pretend we care about
17 the environment and we care about
18 Stirling Creek, then we just sit down
19 and shut up. But if we're serious
20 about it, then we should be asking
21 these questions. I mean, Mr. Bergen
22 comes and says this is no big deal, you
23 know, the Army Corp. wrote it off and
24 the DEC wrote it off. Our experience
25 here knows that sometimes those

1 questions to the Army Corp. of
2 Engineers and to the Department of
3 Environmental Conservation are not at
4 the top of their list. But because
5 Greenport is the last permitting
6 agency, it should be first and foremost
7 on our mind. So, you know, I'm asking
8 these questions now.

9 I hear now from a neighbor and I
10 don't know if it's true or not about a
11 patio that was installed on the
12 property. We know New York State
13 Department of Environmental
14 Conservation, the Tidal Wetlands Act,
15 anything within a hundred feet of a
16 tidal zone has to be permitted.
17 Anything in that disturbance zone, not
18 from the bulkhead, from the tidal zone.
19 So was that done? Do we have a report
20 from them about that?

21 Again, if we're going to take the
22 health, welfare, and benefit of the
23 creek seriously, these are questions we
24 have to ask. What happens in Southold,
25 the years that I've had dealings with

1 Southold Town Trustees, sometimes their
2 scrutiny is in my mind over the top,
3 sometimes nonexistent. And I'm not
4 looking to rag on somebody here, but
5 Greenport has different rules.
6 Greenport has different rules and
7 different concerns. So for us to just
8 dismiss the fact that, well -- and I
9 have to be honest with you, in my time
10 on the Conservation Advisory Council,
11 which would normally see an application
12 for a patio, if that patio that's
13 adjacent to the wetlands, a raised
14 patio adjacent to the wetland would
15 certainly need a building -- would
16 certainly need a wetlands permit in the
17 Incorporated Village, perhaps not in
18 the Town of Southold, but certainly in
19 the Incorporated Village. If that
20 patio was less than 17 years old, I
21 haven't seen it. So these are things
22 that you guys should be asking. I
23 mean, right now I'm a member of the
24 public, I am an environmentalist, I do
25 care about the health, welfare, and

1 benefit of the creek. Maybe it's
2 something that we should dig a little
3 deeper.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: All good points
5 and one of the reasons why I made the
6 recommendation --

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can I
8 ask John a quick question? When you
9 were on the CAC, do you think your
10 reports were available publicly? I
11 don't remember.

12 MR. SALADINO: Our reports were
13 made prior to the public hearing.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.
15 But were they available for the public
16 to see?

17 MR. SALADINO: That would have
18 been -- they were available --
19 obviously they were available to the
20 Board. Paul Pallas, the Village
21 Administrator, was a member of the CAC,
22 there was five of us, he was a member
23 of the CAC. We made our report, he
24 submitted that report to the Village
25 Board, and that report was read at a

1 work session and someone from the CAC
2 was here to comment on that report for
3 any questions that the Trustees or the
4 public had.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Thank
6 you.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: I think the point
8 is was it ever attached? I don't
9 recall seeing it, but it makes a lot of
10 sense to actually have a wetlands
11 permit page that it would be on it on
12 the work session.

13 MR. SALADINO: My recollection --
14 again, and I really love the job that
15 Candace does, but my recollection is is
16 that wetlands permits were always
17 available to the public, always
18 available to the public before the
19 public hearing for the public to be
20 able to comment. I mean, it's
21 almost --

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Is it on the
23 website, is that what you're saying?

24 MR. SALADINO: Candace, I really
25 can't comment if it was on the website,

1 again, because I had access to them, I
2 had personal access, they were given to
3 me. I just never thought about, but
4 now as a member of the public, you
5 know, it's like, well, what are we
6 talking about here?

7 MAYOR STUESSI: This is a simple
8 thing to fix to put it all on the
9 website.

10 MR. SALADINO: Going forward. And
11 I trust you guys, I always did, I
12 always trusted you guys, but we're not
13 talking about tomorrow, we're talking
14 about tonight.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Which is why we're
16 going to keep it open.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Can I just
18 interject what used to be done? Under
19 on the website there's a section that
20 says public hearings, and the wetlands
21 used to be posted under that. Anything
22 that was for the Village Board as far
23 as public hearings were put onto the
24 website under that section on the
25 website similar to what's done for

1 Planning and Zoning.

2 MR. SALADINO: Again, because I
3 always had access to the plans and to
4 the reports and everything, I never
5 looked on the website, I never had to.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I would refer
7 people to it.

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I think it's
9 interesting that it hasn't happened in
10 two years.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody else that
12 would like to speak on this this
13 evening?

14 Lily, you want to make a motion to
15 keep the public hearing -- you did want
16 to speak again?

17 MR. BERGEN: Yeah, I need to
18 address.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Please.

20 MR. BERGEN: Dave Bergen for the
21 applicant. Just wanted to note,
22 there's been a lot of discussion about
23 structures landward of the existing
24 bulkhead and whether they fall under
25 DEC jurisdiction or not. In this

1 application it was determined that the
2 walkways and the initial bulkhead were
3 built pre-August 1977, which the DEC
4 agreed to. So if I was to file an
5 application for structures landward of
6 this bulkhead, I would file for a
7 request for non-jurisdiction
8 determination from the DEC for any of
9 this, and I would expect based on what
10 we've already gone through with the DEC
11 that they would grant that to be
12 non-jurisdictional. But again, until
13 you actually submit an application, you
14 don't know what type of answer you're
15 going to get. Thank you.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I move
18 to keep the public hearing open.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

21 (Aye said in unison.)

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Public hearing
23 will stay open.

24 Rena, next up.

25 MS. WILHELM: Hi. Rena Wilhelm,

1 129 Stirling Avenue. Our presentation
2 is twofold. One, Dominick is going to
3 be presenting the plans and any
4 questions that you have, which have
5 already been submitted to you. He will
6 answer any questions that you may have.
7 And then I believe I also CC'd Candace
8 on the presentation of Tyler Hauser who
9 wanted to have an event at the park
10 with us as a sort of liaison, so I
11 wanted them to have the opportunity to
12 speak about what they wanted to do.

13 Before we get into the park area,
14 I just wanted to preemptively -- with
15 Tyler, you thankfully approved out
16 National Go Skate Day. That was a huge
17 success. We had ten photographers
18 there. We had tons of kids there, tons
19 of adults, and we got a lot of footage.
20 The kids were extremely excited to be
21 photographed. Tyler was one of those
22 photographers who also brought a friend
23 that has -- he's got a whole art
24 network, and part of our park ethos is
25 to support community that also supports

1 the arts, music, and fashion. We've
2 held fundraisers that are
3 fashion-based, we've had music
4 festivals. So when Tyler speaks, I
5 just wanted to just make sure you
6 understood that it's part of our
7 mission, and our mission as far as,
8 like, growing our community. I refer
9 to them often as my skate park family,
10 and the family is growing. So to have
11 these three young men be a part of that
12 and join us in celebrating the park I
13 think is really important. So they
14 drove a long way, as did Dominick, so
15 I'd like Dominick to address you with
16 the plans first, which you all have
17 copies of, and then afterwards if Tyler
18 could just speak about what he would
19 like to do in August depending on if
20 you approve everything, which I'm
21 really hoping you do. We know --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Sorry, approve you
23 -- are you talking about the event
24 or --

25 MS. WILHELM: The park. The park

1 itself, the plans that we're going to
2 be discussing tonight.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: I thought there
4 was also an event proposal.

5 MS. WILHELM: Yes.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: So which are you
7 looking to speak on first?

8 MS. WILHELM: The park design.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. So just so
10 you understand, I mean, I reviewed it,
11 I know we've had some private
12 discussions as a Board together with
13 you, there's going need to be further
14 counsel between the Village and Counsel
15 about how this might even occur with a
16 single source on Village property, et
17 cetera, et cetera. We will dive into
18 those legal issues separately in
19 executive session. But as it relates
20 to the presentation, look forward to
21 it. If you want to -- you want to do
22 that first prior to the event?

23 MS. WILHELM: Yes.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: So if you want to
25 do that first, and then the Board can

1 ask any questions about the design
2 ideas.

3 MS. WILHELM: Okay. Great.
4 Dominick?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Again, it's not
6 for approval right now, it's concept
7 and then we'll ask him questions.
8 Thank you for being here.

9 MR. MARCOCCIA: Thank you. Good
10 evening, Members of the Board. My name
11 is Dominick Marcoccia, I'm a Long
12 Island skateboarder of 20 plus years
13 from Setauket, and I specialize in
14 custom concrete skate park construction
15 and skate park design. And I guess
16 today we're going to be talking about
17 what that skate park in the Village
18 might look like.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. Tell us
20 about it.

21 MR. MARCOCCIA: I -- yeah, I came
22 up with the best cohesive design for
23 the phase 1 area of the skate park,
24 which is about 5,000 square feet. It
25 caters to all levels of skaters, BMX

1 riders, and scooter riders, anyone that
2 might be enjoying the park. And I
3 believe it's a huge upgrade from what's
4 there, which is essentially not much
5 with the exception of the existing vert
6 ramps and the south side of the skate
7 park, which is old concrete ramps in
8 despair. So this is a big upgrade. I
9 think it's going to bring a lot of
10 traffic in, people all over the island,
11 just as Montauk has. I'm not sure if
12 you're familiar with the Montauk Skate
13 Park?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Absolutely.

15 MR. MARCOCCIA: So the amount of
16 people that come out to skate that
17 park. I'm there once or twice a month
18 and I see new faces all the time and
19 familiar ones. It's real exciting to
20 see, you know, what a new facility
21 could bring, and I'm hoping that we can
22 make it happen.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: The agreement was
24 through somebody at the Montauk Park?

25 MS. WILHELM: So Dominick was a

1 subcontractor for the Montauk Skate
2 Park, and we were speaking via
3 Instagram messages about him wanting --
4 had suggestions on the original scheme
5 that we came up with from a park
6 designer who was not local. This is
7 before I knew that Dominick was a skate
8 park builder. He offered to help us a
9 couple of times, and then finally he
10 just really laid it out, like, I really
11 want to help you, and then he met with
12 two of our other Board members, and
13 then we raised the money that we needed
14 to meet his requirement and he came up
15 with the plan.

16 Originally I believe we were
17 discussing expanding the footprint. We
18 are not interested in doing that. We
19 also, I think, e-mailed you regarding
20 behind the 12-foot. In order to make
21 that even safe or usable, that
22 footprint would have to expand. We're
23 skipping over that, we're just talking
24 about the existing footprint, and his
25 upgrade, and what that can do to

1 benefit our community.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. Well, I
3 wanted to personally thank you, Rena,
4 for all you have done for the skate
5 park, the committee that you started,
6 and all the fundraising you and the
7 group have done. I see Kim Loper out
8 there from Harbor Pets, I think the
9 event that you guys did recently
10 together that she put on, \$10,000 that
11 was raised for the skate park and
12 another \$4,000 for the fire department
13 is really incredible, and Dominick, I
14 know you've been doing this all on your
15 own with the team and really appreciate
16 all that effort. This Village needs a
17 beautiful new skate park. It's proven
18 by all the kids that are out there for
19 lessons and others that are out there
20 enjoying it. We've got an amazing guy
21 who works as part of our road crew,
22 Nico, who is great on a scooter out
23 there. I love seeing him, I love
24 seeing all the kids. I've been to a
25 bunch of events, and Lily has been

1 there with me at a number of them too.

2 So I thank you for all that.

3 With that, I'll turn it over to
4 the Board for any questions on some of
5 the design concept here.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We're
7 keeping the big vert ramp?

8 MS. WILHELM: Yes. We had done a
9 survey amongst everyone who follows our
10 page, and those were the two elements
11 that everyone wanted to keep, so we're
12 working around that and basically doing
13 new sort of street course in front of
14 where the existing metal ramps are.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
16 then at the end of the packet, this
17 spine ramp?

18 MS. WILHELM: That's the double
19 one behind the 12-foot, which we are
20 not moving forward with because that
21 would require moving trees and really
22 trampling on the landscape that's
23 already been done there, so we would
24 rather not make things complicated.
25 And again, we still have another 10,000

1 square feet we can work with, so we
2 don't need to expand the footprint
3 behind the 12-foot, so even though that
4 was an option at the end, I would just
5 ignore that.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
7 don't have any other questions at the
8 moment.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick?

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Thank you
11 both for being here. I know this is
12 still a concept, but it's becoming a
13 little clearer I think in terms of the
14 scope of the work and the area that
15 you're working in, so I appreciate
16 that. I just wanted to confirm you
17 said you're not going beyond the
18 existing footprint?

19 MS. WILHELM: Correct.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And then I
21 just had a couple questions about some
22 of what's presented here. You talk
23 about removing existing fences and
24 putting up temporary fences. What's
25 the plan at the end? Is it going to be

1 fenced again?

2 MS. WILHELM: That was one of the
3 questions I had presented to -- when we
4 were originally talking about working
5 on the skate park, we had wanted to
6 remove the perimeter fence even before
7 we started any planning because it
8 looks like a prison cell playground,
9 and it gives a sort of negative
10 connotation to skateboarding, and we
11 don't need anymore negative
12 connotations associated with
13 skateboarding. However, Mary Bess had
14 brought up that the park was in such a
15 condition that based on insurance
16 possibly if the park ever needed to be
17 condemned that you could keep people
18 out by keeping that fence up. What I'm
19 hoping is that I really hope we never
20 get to that. I mean, if people are
21 skating the park in the condition that
22 it's in now, I don't expect it to get
23 any worse. But if that were ever to be
24 a possibility, I would suggest maybe
25 then the Village get fencing, if they

1 needed to condemn it. I don't think
2 we're headed in that direction.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Your plan
4 though would be to remove as much of it
5 as possible. You're talking about
6 leaving the portion to the west, I
7 think, by the mini railroad to separate
8 the activities.

9 MS. WILHELM: Correct.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Is the
11 fence currently gated, is it ever
12 locked, or is it's just open?

13 MAYOR STUESSI: It's never locked.

14 MS. WILHELM: It's open.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I'm
16 not sure the fence itself is even in
17 great condition.

18 MS. WILHELM: Yeah, even if it was
19 locked, you could crawl in.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: How many skate
21 parks have you worked on, Dominick?

22 MR. MARCOCCIA: About five.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: How many have you
24 skated in your time?

25 MR. MARCOCCIA: Hundreds.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: What percentage
2 would you say had a fence around them?

3 MR. MARCOCCIA: Maybe ten percent
4 tops. And that would be older skate
5 parks. All of the newer ones are in
6 best case scenario.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: I grew up skating
8 the west coast, Santa Cruz, Santa Fe
9 area, didn't have fences around them.
10 And my daughters, who I raised in
11 Idaho, we had actually two fantastic,
12 original one, and then he built another
13 one in the community, including a pump
14 park, we didn't have fences around any
15 of them.

16 MS. WILHELM: Also part of the
17 Tony Hawk Foundation, which is now
18 skatepark.org, I think I had brought up
19 that they only give grants if the park
20 is made out of cement, if your new
21 construction is cement. But one of
22 their rules also is that you don't put
23 a fence around it and that it's free.
24 So gone are the ways of fencing a skate
25 park. So that's --

1 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That
2 prohibition on fencing is for aesthetic
3 and cultural reason -- for the reasons
4 you mentioned about --

5 MS. WILHELM: Correct, yes.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And then I
7 see on one of the pages here you talk
8 about site prep and you have kind of a
9 staging area indicated. There are
10 trees in that area, are you talking
11 about stockpiling materials there?

12 MR. MARCOCCIA: Yeah, an area just
13 for dumpsters, you know, maybe used for
14 fill, dirt, raw materials, stockpile
15 materials on site.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: How long do
17 you expect your project would be?

18 MR. MARCOCCIA: I would say it
19 would depend on weather considering
20 when we start (inaudible) in the
21 winter, but sort of a straight run,
22 probably three to four months.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: What's the
24 best time of the year for you to do
25 that work?

1 MR. MARCOCCIA: I mean, best time
2 would probably be to start in the
3 spring considering, you know -- summers
4 can be done, but it gets hot in the
5 summer, and concrete likes to set up
6 faster in the summer, so it's more
7 work.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And it
10 would be closed, I mean, four months.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's
12 okay. And again, I know this is still
13 a concept, there's some specific things
14 in here, moving a drain or something.
15 So I understand that the drain would
16 have to be relocated for this first
17 phase, that's why you're doing this.
18 Are you anticipating that you're not
19 changing the drainage so much that
20 you're going to move the location of
21 the catch basin and it's going to go
22 into an existing piping or something?

23 MR. MARCOCCIA: Correct. Yeah,
24 basically the existing drain cover is
25 kind of right in the way of the new

1 design, so it would be plumbed, the new
2 drain would be plumbed into an area
3 outside of phase 1 just to collect all
4 of the water from the rest of the park
5 somewhere outside the park until phase
6 2.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: In the
8 phase 1 area, this is predominantly
9 concrete work I understand, how do you
10 handle drainage in that area?

11 MR. MARCOCCIA: So everything is
12 pretty much going to be pitched from
13 west to east running onto the east side
14 of the skate park predominantly. It's
15 also going to be pitched towards the
16 north side of the park, there's a small
17 drain over there to collect water. And
18 there's also one on the north side
19 adjacent to one of the existing ramps
20 where it's kind of just an area to
21 collect water that doesn't have the
22 option to runoff the side of the park.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay. So
24 this is a significant amount of
25 impervious surface and I know it's

1 there now, but we're going to be
2 changing the nature of the drainage
3 probably, so this is going to have to
4 be engineered so that we don't have any
5 unanticipated consequences of where the
6 water ends up or if it ends up in the
7 spectator area or something like that.
8 So at some point, we'll have to get
9 further into the engineering of the
10 storm water for this. Okay.

11 And then your work really doesn't
12 involve where these half pipe things
13 are, right, because that's all wood and
14 metal structures?

15 MS. WILHELM: Wood and metal.
16 Those are the existing ramps that are
17 staying.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Thank you.
19 That's all the questions I have right
20 now. Appreciate that.

21 MS. WILHELM: I do have a question
22 regarding engineering plans, is that
23 going to be the responsibility of us or
24 responsibility of the Village?

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I don't

1 know the answer. It's just coming to
2 mind now for me that that is something
3 we will have to do because, again, it's
4 a significant amount of area and we
5 have the manage the water
6 appropriately. We do have the fields
7 and then we have the wetlands behind
8 the park. So yeah, we're going to have
9 to take a look at that for sure.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Some of this is
11 the things that we're going to need to
12 discuss with Counsel and offer advice
13 on how to potentially consider
14 proceeding. Let's not get ahead of
15 ourselves. We don't have to worry
16 about it now.

17 MS. WILHELM: Yeah, I'm just
18 wondering if I --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: We're going to
20 discuss further and then we'll get back
21 to you on what the next steps might be.

22 Mary Bess, what questions do you
23 have?

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The drainage
25 was the question that was asked on that

1 one. On this optional site plan prep,
2 the required access area, you're
3 telling me that that's not going to be
4 needed or is it going to be --

5 MS. WILHELM: We're not going,
6 right?

7 MR. MARCOCCIA: I'm sorry, I
8 didn't hear.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The required
10 access area that's on -- is that still
11 on or is that the part that's being
12 removed?

13 MS. WILHELM: Whatever your prep
14 area is not going to be in the existing
15 trees.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. I just
17 wanted to -- I just want to be clear.

18 No, the drainage was the most
19 important thing.

20 The history of the fencing
21 probably goes back to years ago when it
22 was originally built. I don't think it
23 had fencing around it, I think the
24 fencing came after there stopped the
25 interest in it and it slowed down and

1 then the insurance company probably
2 asked the Village to put it up at that
3 point. I don't remember. It's been a
4 long time, okay, but I don't remember
5 the original fencing being up because
6 the skate park at one point won what
7 they call the NYCOM award when it was
8 first built, and in looking at the
9 pictures, I don't remember the fencing
10 being there.

11 MS. WILHELM: There is. I have
12 old pictures from when it was built and
13 the fence is there.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
15 vaguely remember the fence too. I was
16 going to ask you.

17 MS. WILHELM: I remember banners
18 that were hanging on the back fence.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It could be,
20 but I thought that the pictures that I
21 saw from the NYCOM thing, they didn't
22 have the fencing up then.

23 MS. WILHELM: Okay.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The drainage
25 was the concern on my part.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: We skaters were
2 considered rowdy during our youth. It
3 was either to lock us out or lock us
4 in.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: What's the
6 condition of the phase 2 area right
7 now, is that usable, or is that
8 decrepit?

9 MS. WILHELM: It's -- one cement
10 fixture, the entire facade has sloughed
11 off. There is the top portion of it
12 that some skaters use the top and kind
13 of skate on the rail going down, but
14 you can't skate the actual face of the
15 ramp. And then there's one other ramp
16 that had a massive fissure in it, water
17 got in it, and then we sort of
18 condemned it because for the potential
19 of it crumbling. We had a cement
20 worker who wanted to help us with that,
21 he had personal family issues and we
22 weren't able to complete it. We don't
23 want to put new money into a band-aid,
24 so there is one portion of the back of
25 another ramp that has weeds growing out

1 of it.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The reason
3 I was asking about the condition, I was
4 wondering if you had thought about
5 using the phase 2 area as your staging
6 area for phase 1?

7 MS. WILHELM: It would be closed
8 anyway, like, the whole park would have
9 to be closed.

10 MR. MARCOCCIA: We could
11 absolutely use the space for storage.
12 I think the only reason that I had
13 proposed an additional storage area was
14 if, you know, there was at one point
15 talk of potentially half of the park
16 being usable still during construction,
17 but I don't know if that's the case,
18 but if the whole park is closed during
19 construction, then absolutely.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: We would need to
21 close the whole park based upon what
22 you're planning to do, and so to the
23 Deputy Mayor's point, that would be a
24 great solution for staging and then
25 getting --

1 MS. WILHELM: I don't want
2 anyone's initials in the cement. I
3 will lose my mind.

4 MR. MARCOCCIA: And then we still
5 need access.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's my
7 next question. So temporary and long
8 term access, what's your thoughts about
9 that? So you need construction access,
10 you're bringing concrete trucks, they
11 have to drive across this field, is
12 there a road there?

13 MS. WILHELM: No.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Would that
15 require site prep in advance, or can
16 the trucks navigate the --

17 MR. MARCOCCIA: As long as there
18 isn't cesspools or anything like that.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And then
20 long term, do you think that you need a
21 roadway or something, like, the way the
22 mini railroad has a driveway that
23 serves it now.

24 MS. WILHELM: Long term, and,
25 again, I know the property is used for

1 the carnival. I think there's other
2 potential uses for that space that I
3 wouldn't want to chop it up, I'd rather
4 just keep it all field for kids to play
5 on. Eventually maybe one day it would
6 be nice if there was some sort of
7 handicapped accessible walkway. A lot
8 of these kids have their elderly
9 grandparents watching them skate and a
10 lot of them are wheelchair bound or
11 walker bound.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So that's a
13 good point. And I'm glad you said you
14 don't want to see the polo grounds
15 chopped up. That's important to me,
16 it's also important to other people.
17 And so in the event that we're
18 ultimately going to -- if we needed an
19 access roadway that was somehow
20 compliant for accessibility or
21 something, we have to think about where
22 that would go so it doesn't encroach
23 too much on the fields. And there may
24 be a requirement to have accessible
25 parking. I don't even know. I think

1 that needs to be explored too.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, there's also
3 the ability to consider bringing
4 something in from over by the train
5 station. You've got the ADA access
6 over there, that sidewalk over. But I
7 think this also speaks to the Village
8 in sort of reviewing the polo grounds
9 for long term as well. We've had
10 discussions about maybe looking at an
11 overall plan for the park. We
12 currently have three baseball fields
13 that are not used on a regular basis.
14 You're lucky if you see two of them
15 used, I've never seen all three of them
16 used at one time. We've had community
17 members requesting dog parks. A lot of
18 folks, many of them who don't come to
19 meetings, would love to have a soccer
20 field, which doesn't exist and is
21 sorely needed for the community --

22 MS. WILHELM: That's one of the
23 reasons too I think for the polo
24 grounds, that main area not to break
25 that up because you could easily bring

1 in field goals and just plant them
2 right on the property without having to
3 dig up anything, without having to
4 delineate --

5 MAYOR STUESSI: We have the
6 electrical, we could add additional
7 lights.

8 MS. WILHELM: I'd like that whole
9 area, I mean, in my own dream, just to
10 be a really nice recreational
11 destination for families and kids.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I want to
13 make sure, I'm not trying to throw up
14 obstacles, this is a good time to have
15 this conversation. So as you continue
16 to develop this concept further and we
17 speak about it here, I just want you to
18 hear our thoughts so that we're
19 thinking about access, thinking about
20 drainage.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Couple of quick
22 construction questions for you,
23 Dominick. Does your plan contemplate
24 removing all the asphalt that's there
25 and then just grading it and pouring on

1 top, or are you intending on going down
2 at all?

3 MR. MARCOCCIA: There isn't any
4 areas that are going to go down. All
5 the asphalt will be removed with the
6 existing ramps.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: And how thick
8 would the slab be?

9 MR. MARCOCCIA: Six inch slab.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I mean, my
11 biggest concern too, as was expressed
12 by a few others, would be drainage. I
13 want to explore not just tying into a
14 drain, but to your point, looking at
15 how it's sloped and maybe doing some
16 sort of buffer around -- a natural
17 buffer around the edges with some sort
18 of bio swale that the water is
19 captured. Gets tied into a drain, as
20 it should, versus trying to put it into
21 some sort of mechanical drain, that
22 would make a lot more sense. I know
23 there are some landscape architects
24 that would probably love to give some
25 time to study this with you guys. I

1 have a few people in mind that can take
2 a look at it, you know, dial down a bit
3 more maybe as part of it.

4 MR. MARCOCCIA: A lot of skate
5 parks, if the rain water is designed to
6 run off the edge, there's usually a
7 trough with bluestone to help with
8 drainage, kind of like a trench dug
9 topped off with stone to help with
10 drainage. But there is one area in the
11 park that does require a drain here.
12 It doesn't have the option to go
13 anywhere, so that would require -- and
14 that drain that I'm talking about is
15 tapped into the existing basin, at
16 least that's the plan right now.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: It's going to be
18 important to think about this for
19 decades to come and build it in such a
20 way that's going to last. We're going
21 to be dealing with more and more short
22 periods of more intense rain and then
23 also looking at the ground water
24 intrusion, which is a big issue back
25 there. The deputy mayor and I both

1 walked the train tracks a few times, as
2 with Lily on our -- what's it called,
3 the annual Earth Day walk, and we've
4 taken photos of just in the last few
5 years the amount of, you know, pooling
6 back in the woods over there has
7 increased pretty significantly.

8 Any other questions or thoughts
9 from anybody?

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I'm
11 just curious, this could be brief, but
12 you are kind of developing a phase 2
13 plan as well this time, or you have
14 ideas? I know you need to fundraise
15 some more.

16 MS. WILHELM: Well, that's going
17 to be starting from scratch fundraising
18 all over again. So but what I
19 hopefully anticipate is that people
20 will be so excited about phase 1 that
21 they'll want the rest to be finished
22 because then it's really -- I mean,
23 it's already an overall eyesore, but
24 then when you look at the potential
25 when that goes in and then see the

1 rest, I'm hoping that that's enough to
2 say, like, we need more people on
3 board. And that's also why I spoke at
4 the Southold joint meeting to hopefully
5 get some help considering, again, most
6 of the kids who take our lessons are
7 from Southold, not from Greenport.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: That's where, even
9 if you don't go to the extent of what
10 you've gone through here, if you're
11 able to potentially put some ideas down
12 on what it might be, I think that would
13 be enormously helpful in trying to sell
14 the bigger long term picture too.

15 MS. WILHELM: Okay.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Mary Bess, any
17 other thoughts or questions?

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. Rena,
19 we've talked about the joint effort
20 between the Town of Southold and the
21 Village of Greenport in the past, and I
22 do believe that at one point the Town
23 of Southold did get some funding when
24 that started, so and they do have a
25 Recreational Department that in the

1 past has been approached to do
2 something, but it's never been really
3 vetted out, so I think that's an
4 opportunity especially since the Town
5 should be starting to do their budget
6 discussions pretty soon.

7 MS. WILHELM: I don't want it
8 falling through the cracks. Like, I --
9 yeah. That tends to happen.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: We'll make sure
11 this stays on the radar.

12 MS. WILHELM: Okay.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Great, thank you.

14 MS. WILHELM: Tyler is going to
15 just talk a little bit about the event
16 that he wants to have August 23rd.
17 He's got the permit application with
18 him also. So go ahead, Tyler.

19 MR. HAUSER: I'm just going to
20 pass out some materials quick, quick
21 little presentation we put together as
22 well as more detailed document that
23 might answer some of your more
24 questions about, you know, finer
25 details about this event. And then

1 once we're done, I do have the permit
2 application on me right now. I think
3 I'm a couple of presentations short.

4 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's okay.
5 We can share.

6 MR. HAUSER: All right. I just
7 wanted to say thank you guys for having
8 us here today. We are representing
9 Best Friends Studios, my name is Tyler
10 Hauser, I'm the main photographer.
11 With me, I have Deangelo Landetta who
12 is one of the cofounders of the Best
13 Friends Studios Collection, and our
14 videographer, Nick Romagnolo as well.

15 What we are here to talk to you
16 guys about today is just a fun little
17 event that we would like to throw to
18 celebrate the end of the skate park. I
19 got the idea because of how successful
20 their last event was and how great of a
21 community that it brought together. So
22 I'm just going to jump into it. I'm
23 going to be following along on this
24 packet right here. So the event
25 overview, the main goal of this event

1 is to showcase the talents of our
2 design collective as well as the people
3 that we have met that will be attending
4 this event and vending as well. To
5 collect -- to foster a vibrant creative
6 community of fashion, skate culture,
7 photography, any kind of artistry we
8 really like to promote hosted at the
9 Greenport Skate Park. And like I said,
10 that last event was so welcoming, your
11 guys' community was so great. We drove
12 over an hour out just to attend. We
13 had myself and one of our other
14 designers show up, and we had such a
15 blast, we'd really, really love to, you
16 know, join the community, contribute to
17 the vibe, and, you know, what you guys
18 have going on and that you're building.
19 We feel like we would fit right in and
20 we want to build on that.

21 So this event, as I said, we're
22 going to boost visibility for the park,
23 for the Town of Greenport, for Best
24 Friends and anyone else that's
25 participating. This can be skaters,

1 photographers, models, vendors, anyone
2 that's coming we really want to just
3 put everyone up on a podium to show how
4 much work is being done with the park
5 and how much work, you know, your
6 designers and artists are doing in your
7 own backyard.

8 We would like to introduce new
9 faces to the Greenport community and
10 introduce up and coming artists to some
11 new clients and customers, encourage
12 networking. This will be a great
13 opportunity for other brands,
14 photographers, and models to connect
15 and really expand their reaches,
16 generate high quality photo and video
17 content showing off the great community
18 that you guys have been building and
19 that exists out here as well as what we
20 will be bringing to that, and to last
21 but not least celebrate the park's role
22 before its upcoming facelift with a
23 really strong closing movement at the
24 end of the summer. Again, pending all
25 the approval of the application.

1 Going on next, we have a quick run
2 down of our event details. We would
3 like to run this thing officially from
4 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. on August 23rd with a
5 pretty big window for vendor set up as
6 this is, like, one of our first large
7 scale events, we want to make sure we
8 have enough time to get our things
9 moved in, get everyone set up and
10 comfortable, and put us in a spot where
11 we can organize the whole day
12 efficiently. We have our full
13 programming, which I'm going to get
14 into what that entails. Later on in
15 the day, we'll have our prize
16 announcements, raffles, closing
17 ceremonies, and a group photo, and we
18 plan to have everything broken down,
19 cleaned up, make sure it's cleaner than
20 the way we found it by 9:00 p.m. that
21 night.

22 Moving on, we can also refer back
23 to any of these if you guys have any
24 questions and then in the bigger packet
25 we have some more details as well. For

1 the structure, for the people that will
2 be showing up, we would like to have
3 small tents and/or booths arranged
4 around the park's perimeter, around the
5 main entrance. Each vendor is going to
6 manage their own setup and be
7 responsible for bringing their own
8 things. The park and the Town really
9 won't be providing anything more than
10 the space for us to shine. We're going
11 to encourage vendors, like we said, to
12 bring signs, look books, any kind of
13 live demos, but again, any materials
14 that are associated with that, they're
15 going to have to provide themselves.

16 As a price of admission, we are
17 going to encourage each vendor or each
18 person that shows up that is presenting
19 something to donate something that goes
20 into a prize pool that I'll have as
21 part of a photography contest that I'll
22 be organizing. And then we would like
23 to do a big basket of something of each
24 person that shows up throwing something
25 in that we'd like to raffle off, donate

1 a good chunk of the proceeds to the
2 park for its current or next phase.

3 Next up, so just a break down
4 community market, like I said. It's
5 the main core of the event. We're
6 going to have a good amount of DIY
7 creatives, clothing designers, maybe
8 some vintage resellers in a nice open
9 air market format. We have done pop
10 ups before. Sometimes it's us getting
11 invited, paying a fee, and being set up
12 at an event. Sometimes we even had us
13 being invited to concerts just to vend
14 and setup there. And then some things
15 like last year the September 14th pop
16 up that was organized in New York City.
17 So we have experience running events
18 before, and then on the next page we
19 just have some photos. Dee, if you
20 want to comment just on the success and
21 the crowd that usually shows up.

22 MR. LANDETTA: Hi, I'm Deangelo
23 Landetta, I made Best Friends Studios,
24 and throughout our three years of
25 existence I've been to many, many pop

1 ups in many different states but mostly
2 in New York and Long Island, and every
3 single one that I've gone to brings
4 together a beautiful community, and
5 I've met some really important people
6 who are currently in my life now at all
7 these events. I think events like
8 these are important for small artists
9 and small creators to just go to and
10 express themselves and kind of just
11 make further connections that will
12 benefit them later in their career. So
13 I just think it's really important that
14 we keep doing things like this and it's
15 good for every artist, so yeah.

16 MR. HAUSER: Thank you. And
17 again, moving on just from the vending
18 portion, again, we just want to provide
19 a very good platform for brands to sell
20 their work, cross pollinate as Dee said
21 through vendor collaborations, and, you
22 know, really just prop people up,
23 that's really what this is about, both
24 the park, show off what's going on
25 there and what's to come as well as the

1 brands. Some of that is our work down
2 on the bottom, some of our booths and
3 T-shirts and whatnot.

4 The next part obviously since the
5 park will be open, skaters will be
6 showing up, that vibe we would really
7 like to play on that. Bringing, you
8 know, that community together for,
9 like, a last kind of gathering to see
10 the park off before the season is over
11 would be huge and it really contributes
12 to that event, so it would get more
13 people there and really kind of build
14 upon the vibe that we're building, and
15 I think a lot of the skaters really do
16 fit the vibe of what we sell and what
17 people we would be bringing to also be
18 showing off their material.

19 Again, showcase local skate
20 content, really create a live energy,
21 fun low stress situation, it's not a
22 competition, it's just the park being
23 open for one of its last times really
24 getting everyone together for that.
25 And then, again, I mentioned before

1 we're going to do a photography
2 experience on one of the ramps, one of
3 the ones that either might not be being
4 used or one we can one section off for
5 that area. We can create a little
6 photo area so brands can put together
7 an outfit or show off something that
8 they would like professionally
9 photographed, invite photographers
10 because that's all it took to get that
11 great turnout and that great contest
12 participation, and really, again, drive
13 in more attendees and drive out more
14 exposure for the park from all these
15 different aspects.

16 And then wrapping it up, like I
17 said, we're going to do a closing
18 ceremony. Everyone that has
19 contributed to not only running the
20 park but setting up the event will have
21 the opportunity to speak, again, before
22 you know the park goes under a facelift
23 for the last time we'll see it before
24 the season is out, do a little shout
25 out to vendors, the other creatives, do

1 a final prize drawing and raffle, if
2 we're ready to call the photography
3 contest then, but I'm going to organize
4 and figure that out a little bit more
5 on my end. Take a group photo and
6 then, like I said, we'll have a whole
7 clean up plan and be ready to, you
8 know, put the park in a better state
9 than we found it.

10 That's basically what I got in
11 terms of the presentation. I have
12 extra details if you guys would like
13 any questions, comments, or concerns, I
14 can skim through here and then I also
15 can just answer whatever is not in here
16 as well.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Good looking
18 fellow in the suit is not going to say
19 anything?

20 MR. HAUSER: Thank you.

21 MR. ROMAGNOLO: I meant business.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have one
23 question because informal jam style,
24 educate me, exactly what is that?

25 MR. HAUSER: Just of like, like I

1 said, it's not a competition. I really
2 wanted to make that -- could have used
3 a little bit better vocabulary, but
4 it's not a competition, there shouldn't
5 be any liability on anyone there.
6 Again, you're just hanging out, we're
7 going to have music going, just skate,
8 enjoy one last time before it starts to
9 get better.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So it's
11 actually -- all right. That explains
12 it well.

13 MS. WILHELM: Just gather to
14 skate.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Use of the
16 park.

17 MS. WILHELM: I also just want to
18 -- don't be nervous about the one last
19 time before the skate park goes into
20 construction. We've got some work to
21 do, so it's not -- but for the summer,
22 kids out of school, college.

23 MR. HAUSER: For the season.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: For the season,
25 that's what I was going to say. You

1 caught the eyeballs.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: It's good goal
3 setting.

4 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Can I ask a
5 question? This is awesome and it
6 basically is what our application is,
7 but in your own version, but we do need
8 the actual --

9 MR. HAUSER: I do have it with me
10 right here.

11 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So if the
12 Board -- because of the date, I just
13 want to draw attention to the Board, if
14 the Board is okay with it, we can add
15 this resolution for next week for the
16 Board to vote, but I will need the
17 application so I can send it to --

18 MR. HAUSER: No problem. I have
19 it right here.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: If there are any
21 questions from you and Andrea on it,
22 get it clarified and get it to the
23 Board tomorrow.

24 MS. WILHELM: This is really
25 exciting for me to see other people

1 taking an interest in the park and
2 wanting to celebrate our community. In
3 2019 and, again, it got derailed, so to
4 see this sort of blossoming where other
5 people want to come in to celebrate
6 with us is (inaudible).

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: You guys
8 are making me feel old because I don't
9 really understand what this is. So
10 what is Best Friends?

11 MR. HAUSER: Dee, you want to
12 answer that question?

13 MR. LANDETTA: So Best Friends I
14 wanted to start it off kind of, like,
15 as just like a clothing brand. I
16 silkscreen, and so -- chain stitch, you
17 know, all that stuff. So I just wanted
18 to start it as, like, something small,
19 but as I kind of ventured on further
20 and meeting more people like Tyler and
21 Nick who do other mediums of art, it's
22 kind of just been like a collective
23 where we just we make clothes, we make
24 just paintings, art, video, take
25 pictures, and we just go to all these

1 events and just, like -- we're just our
2 own little community basically that
3 just, like, likes to, you know, put our
4 creative outlet out there.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So it's a
6 sort of loose knit community, it's not
7 a corporate -- is it a business?

8 MR. LANDETTA: Yes, it's a
9 business but mostly it's a community
10 thing.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Does it
12 have a business entity, is it a
13 corporation, an LLC?

14 MR. LANDETTA: So it's under my
15 name, sole proprietor. We're moving
16 towards an LLC at the moment.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And it's
18 for profit or nonprofit?

19 MR. LANDETTA: It's for profit.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And are you
21 able to get -- you've done other
22 events, are you able to get insurance.

23 MR. HAUSER: Yes, we were able to
24 get some resource for insurance so we'd
25 be covered for the day of when I saw

1 that that was something required on the
2 application.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Where have
4 you put on something similar to what
5 you're proposing here?

6 MR. HAUSER: Nothing similar in
7 terms of other vendors, but Dee can --
8 he did a lot of organizing for the last
9 event in September where that was in --
10 where was that in the city? I don't
11 remember exactly what park in
12 Manhattan, but they put on, you know,
13 an art show or, you know, a fashion
14 show where they were able to -- you
15 guys had yourself and then I think two
16 other vendors were able to show up and
17 help contribute, but that was probably
18 the closest thing. This is going to be
19 one of the larger things that we're
20 really -- and the point of this too is
21 so that we go through all this work now
22 so that here, maybe even in other
23 places around Long Island we can start
24 doing this sort of thing and it become
25 more of a space not just here but, you

1 know, something that we can use this
2 plan in other places or give to other
3 people that are trying to start
4 something out similar to help bring
5 people together.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So is it
7 safe to say that you've participated in
8 similar things, but this is the first
9 time that you're leading or being the
10 head organizer of such a thing?

11 MR. HAUSER: Yeah, correct.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Candace,
13 are there other events scheduled for
14 this time that you're aware of?

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Not that I'm
16 aware of, definitely not at the skate
17 park.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
19 think the yoga in Mitchell Park is that
20 morning because I just looked at my
21 calendar.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So thank
23 you. I just have a comment for the
24 Board. So this is something that's
25 similar to the dog diving dock event

1 that we recently had in my mind because
2 it involves, like, a for profit group
3 using the park, and I think we need to
4 as a Board really kind of drill down
5 into what our policy is for, you know,
6 how we handle this and what the
7 financial relationship is too.

8 MR. HAUSER: Can I just make a
9 comment quick? This event really isn't
10 for profit per se. Like, our business,
11 like, we make T-shirts, we make art, we
12 do sell them to help fuel the vision,
13 keep things afloat, but again, the
14 primary, like, thing for this is to
15 drum up a little bit of extra money for
16 the park, bring people together, and
17 again, just show off the community
18 that's building in our backyard where,
19 again, we're a company that we do
20 everything in our basement studio.
21 Nothing goes overseas, nothing leaves
22 the confines of our space until it's
23 done. A lot of people we're going to
24 be bringing to this event contract us
25 and also work with us for that process.

1 Not everyone has an exposure yet, not
2 everyone has the industrial equipment
3 that we've been collecting. So that's
4 another big plus is, like, we're not
5 really doing this for profit, we're
6 doing this to really just bolster
7 things that we already have going on,
8 bolster the community, and really just
9 kind of, you know, have this thing, if
10 we do need to collect money for it, pay
11 for itself.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, so I
13 totally appreciate that what you're
14 trying to do is potentially going to
15 support the fundraising efforts that
16 Rena has been working on and help our
17 Village get this park, that's not lost
18 on me at all. It's just that we have
19 to really be a little bit more
20 deliberate I think about how we allow
21 the parks to be used. And I think in
22 your presentation you said you were
23 going to donate a good chunk of the
24 proceeds. So we're going to have to
25 get more specific about that. I'm not

1 asking you to answer that, I'm really
2 directing it towards my Board
3 colleagues so that we can feel
4 confident that the way that we put our
5 public park to use is appropriate
6 for --

7 MR. HAUSER: Understood. You have
8 to set a good standard.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Thank you.
10 Did you want to say something?

11 MS. WILHELM: Yes. So over the
12 last two years, our organization has
13 used the park with vendors, music to
14 celebrate the community. A lot of our
15 community had asked me, like, hey, what
16 are we doing this summer? And after
17 the dock diving, I personally -- I
18 couldn't do it, and when I met Tyler
19 and he wanted to do something similar
20 to what we've been doing for the last
21 two years, I was, like, oh, my God,
22 thank God, there's someone else who can
23 take the helm. I understand the whole
24 for profit using the park, but it is an
25 extension of what we've already been

1 doing. I'm just not the one who is
2 drawing this up.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So let me ask
4 you this question: I'm seeing and
5 hearing that you have a company that's
6 dealing with the vendor part of it, but
7 that the main goal of it is to raise
8 money. You'll be donating money, I'm
9 assuming, to the park.

10 MR. HAUSER: I wouldn't say it's
11 the main goal, but it's definitely
12 going to be a driving feature, like I
13 said, the main thing that we're going
14 to use to gather money to donate is
15 collecting a little bit of merch or an
16 item from each person there, raffling
17 that off as a prize pool to people that
18 are there the whole day. I would like
19 make the barrier entry for that very
20 low so people would like to buy as many
21 tickets or entries as possible, and
22 then, you know, we'll see what money --
23 I ideally would like to just do a 50/50
24 split and donate whatever half of that
25 is to the park so that they can either

1 put that into what they're doing now
2 or, again, phase 2, whatever else that
3 they might need. But if the money is
4 not as great or if we're going to be
5 covering our costs, I would more than
6 likely just keep the money at the park.
7 But like I said, we're really not
8 trying to charge a high table fee at
9 all. Any money that we are collecting
10 is really just kind of to cover what we
11 would be putting into the day, like,
12 you know, getting our camera equipment
13 there, making sure that we have, you
14 know, beverages and, you know, like,
15 water and stuff for our guys, making
16 sure that our equipment that we will be
17 bringing is all transported good,
18 anything extra we might need to get, so
19 hopefully that will answer some of your
20 questions.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Maybe you
22 could walk us through a little bit how
23 it is that you do generate revenue. So
24 you mentioned a table fee.

25 MR. HAUSER: A table fee is

1 usually standard at most pop ups. If
2 anything, they're much higher than
3 anything that we have presented or even
4 remotely considered for this event,
5 again, because we just want to drive up
6 attendance, not really say, hey, we
7 need 20 bucks a head this way, you
8 know, we can generate something. Any
9 money that -- again, we haven't decided
10 whether or not we would be charging a
11 table fee. Ideally no, but if we do
12 need, it wouldn't be anything, like,
13 north of \$50. I think we put \$50 to
14 \$70 on our sheet, but that still was
15 pushing it.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: How many
17 tables do you envision that this would
18 support?

19 MR. HAUSER: Just from the people
20 that have showed a hard interest in
21 coming, and by that I mean, like,
22 they're like get us a date please ASAP
23 so we can put it in our calendar, we've
24 got a good six, five to six, and we
25 ideally would like to get seven to ten,

1 and I feel like there's even room in
2 that space for additional if other
3 people would like to join in closer to
4 the event.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Do you have
6 a strategy whereby you would reach out
7 to local vendors here? You're not from
8 here, you said you're about an hour
9 away or so.

10 MR. HAUSER: Yeah, so we're
11 working on a big social media
12 marketing. We're going to be using
13 some ad space, promoting it that way.
14 We also just from doing this are
15 connected with a lot of people. I
16 have, like, two people out in the city
17 that have already said get me a date,
18 we'd love to make the trek out. We
19 have a group in Rhode Island that wants
20 to come across the Sound just to vend
21 at this event. We have Steel Toe Tim
22 up in Amsterdam, New York who does jobs
23 with us all the time. He wants to make
24 the trek down. So we do have a very
25 good base of people that just say get

1 me a date, we'll be there. But then on
2 top of that, we, of course, would love
3 to not make it like a closed event, but
4 just get the word out as big as
5 possible. I would love to print
6 flyers, throw them up all where we're
7 at in Port Jeff, Mount Sinai area as
8 well as Middle Island, wherever we can
9 get them. A big social media campaign
10 between us too. We've already started
11 drafting up posters and preemptively
12 reaching out to some people, like, hey,
13 we're planning something big, keep this
14 range open, maybe we will get back to
15 you, and they're, like, please let us
16 know, we'd love to be there.

17 MS. WILHELM: May I add, what they
18 consider big for them is still probably
19 half of what we've done, a quarter of
20 what we've done. We started the
21 festival with a hundred vendors, which
22 is insane, and then the last one that
23 we had I think we had about 30 vendors,
24 and that was still a lot, so for them
25 to want, like, ten, it's minimal.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I just
2 wanted to say that I've been to a lot
3 of skate park events, but I was
4 thinking the same thing as they were
5 talking, that it's going to be very
6 similar in a way to things you've done
7 and it's also great that you don't have
8 to do it. You know what I mean, so
9 it's very exciting to see you guys
10 come.

11 I have two logistical questions.
12 One is just do you want to have the
13 photo shoot on the ramp because you
14 want to use the ramp?

15 MR. HAUSER: Not during skating.
16 I just think that that would make a
17 good area because it's just a flat --
18 it doesn't have to -- again, the
19 specifics of where we're doing the
20 photos can come the day of. I even
21 have stuff where I can put a sheet
22 backdrop up. We have a lot of options
23 for that, those are just some ideas
24 that I just had just so, you know, some
25 kind of idea of what was going on.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
2 then the second is that do you
3 anticipate -- this might be little --
4 but, like, more garbage and/or
5 bathrooms, or there's already that
6 porta potty that's, like, by the
7 baseball field, right?

8 MS. WILHELM: I think there's one.
9 I think it depends on their reach.
10 Outreach is large and we don't -- we're
11 not talking about (inaudible) questions
12 about parking. This is really a sort
13 of, like, enhanced National Go Skate
14 Day, it's not really that much
15 different than what we just had. It's
16 just a little bit more fashion forward.

17 MR. HAUSER: And then I could pass
18 it out, I actually have a little thing
19 typed up for just garbage and parking
20 saying that we would follow similar
21 plan. Any additional garbage, the
22 vendors -- again, like, we're not going
23 to have food there, it's not like a
24 concert, so there's not going to be a
25 lot of waste generated. Anyone that's

1 there that might be painting, sewing,
2 whatever, we're going to have it in our
3 guidelines, hey, bring a garbage bag,
4 either dispose of it yourself or leave
5 it in this area at the end and we'll
6 take it out.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Rena is going to
8 be there, right? That's like having
9 mom there when it comes to garbage.
10 You don't want to be the guy who leaves
11 some garbage.

12 MR. HAUSER: No, definitely.
13 Like, we have a whole plan to scan the
14 park before and scan it after and then
15 yell at anyone who doesn't pick up a
16 can, so don't worry.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Any other
18 questions from anybody? Fantastic. I
19 love your guys' enthusiasm. It's great
20 to have you here, thrilled you want to
21 do something with the park and the
22 Village, that's really wonderful.
23 We've done a lot of successful events
24 over there with them, and it would be
25 great to see something else happen over

1 there. Big support of what you guys
2 are trying to do.

3 MR. HAUSER: Appreciate that.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: To Patrick, the
5 Deputy Mayor's point, we do have some
6 other things to talk about relative to
7 the bigger picture on events and
8 permits, but it doesn't give me any
9 concerns relative to what you guys are
10 trying to do.

11 Ironically, somebody was concerned
12 about the pet thing or the dog diving
13 thing, you know, the Village and the
14 skate park, like I said earlier, made
15 out with \$14,000 out of that, which was
16 wonderful. A lot of exposure too, it
17 was great. Anyway --

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: One last
19 question, is this a rain or shine
20 event?

21 MR. HAUSER: I would like it to be
22 a rain or shine event, but I think that
23 it's a good idea if we also, you know,
24 have a rain date. I just didn't see a
25 spot for that on the application, so

1 that was just something I didn't know
2 whether to put down or not.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: You can add that
4 on. You can call them.

5 MR. HAUSER: The one I think we
6 were discussing was just that next
7 weekend, that next Saturday as the rain
8 date.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: The clerk's office
10 can verify what's available.

11 MR. HAUSER: Should I run and
12 amend that real quick then before I get
13 out of here?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, you just
15 have to head over and recommend a date
16 and they'll look it up.

17 Thank you, gentlemen.

18 MR. LANDETTA: Thank you.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: You guys want to
20 go to the clerk's report, or do you
21 want to chat about events and
22 discussion permits and stuff like that?

23 Mary Bess, Patrick, do you guys
24 want to chat on events and permits now,
25 or do you want to wait and do that

1 later on?

2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Later.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, need to
4 kind of move along.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, we're going
6 to do it, it's going to take the same
7 amount of time.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I do have one
9 question. Are we going into executive
10 session today or no?

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We have here
13 for the public speaking. There isn't
14 that many people here, is there, today?
15 All right. I was going to say if the
16 room was full, we might ask them to
17 speak first.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Candace, would you
19 like to give us the clerk's report,
20 please?

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes, thank
22 you. It's a little longer of a report
23 than usual this month, so I'm going to
24 start with just a few announcements and
25 some exciting information about Dances

1 in the Park. So as most of you may
2 know or everyone knows, Dances in the
3 Park has begun, so we have eight weeks
4 of musicians and bands coming to
5 Mitchell Park every Monday, which is
6 really exciting. This is a beloved
7 event in the Village. We will make
8 announcements for weather-related
9 cancellation. They'll be posted on the
10 Village website as well as on all the
11 social media for Dances in the Park.
12 We're also using our social media to
13 really promote and give shout outs to
14 local businesses who have sponsored
15 this event. I would love to really
16 just give a special thank you to Andrea
17 in the clerk's office for coming up
18 with the program to which allowed us to
19 have interns with the Dances in the
20 Park Committee, and one of our interns
21 who is actually Andrea's daughter,
22 Madeline Keys came up with this what I
23 believe is a fantastic, fantastic
24 program or initiative with Dances in
25 the Park. So it's called Groovin'

1 through Greenport. This initiative
2 came -- the idea came from just wanting
3 to engage with the local businesses.
4 There has been concern about the impact
5 of Dances in the Park on the Business
6 District, so this is our way of just
7 trying to link arms with our Business
8 District. So you -- if you dine or
9 spend within Greenport at participating
10 businesses, you are entered into a
11 biweekly drawing to win merchandise,
12 that's Dances in the Park merchandise,
13 exclusive merchandise that you can only
14 win through this initiative. Again, I
15 think it's just -- it's awesome that
16 this program was created and that we
17 have businesses that would like to
18 participate. This is not just for
19 Monday nights, you can dine or shop
20 anywhere in Greenport at these
21 participating locations to be entered.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Candace, can I
23 ask a question since I did attend the
24 BID, Business Improvement District
25 Board of Directors meeting yesterday,

1 have they been brought in on this?

2 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Of course.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I just didn't
4 hear it.

5 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So they were
6 -- actually Madeline presented to the
7 BID I want to say two months ago.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, it was --
9 not this week's or yeah, so --

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I don't know
11 their schedule.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: It was the May
13 meeting.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I wasn't at the
15 May meeting.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So she
17 presented to the BID and then we sent
18 over all of the information. The BID
19 has actually shared it as well just to,
20 you know, get it out there for us. But
21 Madeline came up with this programming.
22 We have an app, you don't have to use
23 the app, you can enter with receipts.
24 Again, I just think it's really
25 wonderful just to link arms with the

1 Business District.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Candace,
3 sorry to interrupt, but before you move
4 on to the next thing, just briefly,
5 what is the concern that was raised?

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I think
7 there's been concern about just
8 everybody is at Dances in the Park on
9 Monday nights, so it's kind of quiet
10 for many of our businesses on that
11 night. So this is a way to just push
12 the energy back and use that huge crowd
13 that's there just to get the word out
14 that we have awesome businesses. We
15 recognize that some of these businesses
16 are closed during that time, but just a
17 way to shine a light on our Business
18 District.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Thank you.

20 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Next up, I
21 just wanted to -- Trustee -- sorry,
22 Deputy Mayor Brennan asked me to
23 include this for a few months, so
24 unfortunately I forgot last month, but
25 we're just shining a light on this new

1 public comment policy. I think there's
2 been -- not I think, there has been a
3 shift in how public comment is handled
4 with this new administration. So
5 public comment, the key point or two
6 key points that I'd like to point out
7 to the public is written public
8 comments must be submitted no later
9 than 12:00 p.m. on the desired meeting
10 date to be included in the official
11 minutes. So that means that they'll be
12 included in the transcript from the
13 meeting. The biggest take away is that
14 we are not reading these -- we are not
15 reading public comment or I am not
16 reading public comment at the meetings.
17 I think that was the practice with the
18 prior administration and it has not
19 carried over into this administration.
20 So if you would like your public
21 comment to be read, someone will have
22 to come here to do that for you if you
23 are not able to be here yourself.
24 Otherwise, your comments will be
25 attached to the meeting minutes.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: What
2 happens to comments that arrive after
3 12:00 p.m. the day of?

4 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I still share
5 them with the Board of Trustees, but if
6 they are -- if they can be included in
7 the minutes, then I'll forward them
8 over, but guaranteed I would say before
9 noon to be at that desired meeting. If
10 not, I think it may fall on the
11 subsequent meeting. So I know
12 sometimes people are very particular
13 about what meeting the comments, you
14 know, based on what is being discussed
15 by the Board. So if the Board would
16 like, I can have them attached at a
17 later meeting.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think
19 that would make sense that they have to
20 be kicked over.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, unless it's
22 a public hearing and we close the
23 public hearing. Because the challenge
24 was happening, I'm forgetting which one
25 it was, but we had somebody who sent

1 out, like, a form letter to, like, 30
2 people and we were literally walking
3 into the meeting and getting the same
4 form letter comments from people for
5 that public hearing that night. We
6 can't legally take comments on a public
7 hearing after the close of the public
8 hearing, correct?

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Correct.

10 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: It's funny
11 that Mr. Saladino brought that up
12 before this meeting.

13 It wouldn't be in the context of
14 that public hearing, it would become
15 part of the record for, you know -- not
16 considered.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It would be
18 like two bites of the apple. They
19 could do the public hearing and then
20 they could actually be recorded in the
21 actual minutes.

22 But I'm having a little problem
23 with the submission timeline. I think
24 it should be a little bit later in the
25 afternoon. I know before it was the

1 Village Clerk -- the previous Village
2 Clerk used to take them up to 4:00. I
3 think that if we could have little bit
4 longer, I think that's possible to get
5 copies out to us or copies to us or
6 copies to get --

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I don't
8 agree, but this has already been voted
9 on, so this is what's in place now. If
10 you guys change that -- the day of the
11 meetings, they're hectic days in the
12 clerk's office. So with trying to, you
13 know, be able to take a lunch and
14 breathe between this meeting and
15 working, I would strongly encourage to
16 keep it as close to noon as possible to
17 ensure that I am actually able to make
18 sure these comments make it to you all.
19 But that's your decision and not mine.
20 I'm just being realistic with what's
21 possible and, you know, the day of a
22 meeting ideally everything is submitted
23 before the meeting as far as reports,
24 but we all know that doesn't happen, so
25 it's very difficult to be able to

1 accommodate last minute anything on the
2 day of the meeting and make all the
3 copies and do everything that I need to
4 do in my job outside of preparing for
5 this meeting.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: From
7 my perspective, and I feel like if the
8 cutoff is 4:00 p.m., and then I get an
9 e-mail at 4:30 and our meeting is at
10 6:00, and I didn't necessarily see
11 because I was, you know, trying to get
12 here on time, I didn't check my e-mail,
13 you know what I mean, so then I will
14 have missed something.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm not talking
16 about 4:00, I'm just talking a little
17 bit longer than noontime. I think it
18 should be at least 2:00 to be honest
19 with you. But I also know that part of
20 the job of the Village Clerk's office
21 is to gather information from the
22 public and get as much as possible into
23 it, so I understand the working
24 restraints, but I also know we service
25 the public, so I just think noontime --

1 I just think it could be possible 1:00
2 or 2:00, but that's my own opinion. I
3 didn't catch it before that the noon
4 was in here. I do know that
5 periodically I've been asked and been
6 given letters to read into the record.
7 I'm assuming that will still be a
8 viable option for the Trustees if they
9 receive it from someone wanting the
10 letter read into the record.

11 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Are you
12 asking me that question?

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no, I'm
14 asking the Board and the Mayor.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: No, I mean, we put
16 the policy -- we all voted on this
17 policy how long ago, three months ago?

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I didn't catch
19 the new time thing, I'm sorry. I don't
20 remember seeing that.

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's attached
22 in here, I think I put the resolution
23 at the bottom of the --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Can I make a
25 suggestion that if we want to talk

1 about potentially changing the policy
2 that we put that on the schedule for
3 next month, recirculate it?

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Agreed. I
5 don't think we need to work on this
6 right now. I understand Trustee
7 Phillips' position. Thank you,
8 Candace, for speaking about it and
9 that's what I wanted you to do so the
10 public was aware.

11 I'm still unclear about what
12 happens to these comments that come in
13 after 12:00 though. Sometimes a public
14 hearing will remain open on some items
15 and some will not.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I think, I
17 mean, in my opinion, someone can come
18 to a meeting and talk about whatever
19 they choose. There's no real
20 guidelines for that. I think it's just
21 a matter of being -- for me, the
22 thought behind even setting that as a
23 part of the parameters is just because
24 people are specific about what meeting
25 the comments are relevant to. So I

1 just wanted to make it clear that if
2 it's after whatever the deadline --
3 right now it's noon, so if I receive it
4 after that, it would likely be attached
5 to the next meeting's agenda. If I'm
6 able to -- I mean, I would bend, but I
7 don't know if that's fair. You know, I
8 don't want it to be up to my
9 discretion. I think it should be
10 there's a certain timeline where it's
11 due and it will be attached to those
12 meeting minutes, otherwise it will be
13 at the next meeting -- it will be
14 attached to the next meeting's agenda.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think
16 that make sense.

17 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I'm sorry,
18 not agenda -- minutes.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think
20 that's requiring that you sort comments
21 that come in late. You're going to
22 need to sort them from which public
23 hearings remained open and which
24 closed. You can't attach them to the
25 next monthly meeting if the meeting --

1 MAYOR STUESSI: If it's closed,
2 it's closed.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: All the
4 comments that come in late are going to
5 go into two different streams; am I
6 correct?

7 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: The other
8 thing -- that's correct. The other
9 thing I want to point out is somebody
10 could very well come in during the
11 public hearing with a written statement
12 and tender it to the Board and that
13 would be timely, so there should be a
14 distinction with items that are mailed
15 or delivered by mail, e-mail rather,
16 and those that are handed up at the
17 public hearing.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I don't
19 know if we need to expand on policy.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: I think what we
21 should do is, I suggested a moment ago,
22 is have Candace recirculate to the
23 Board, have legal look at it again,
24 take these questions under
25 consideration. We can speak about it

1 in the next work session.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Great,
3 thank you. Thank you, Candace.

4 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: No problem.

5 Next up, there's been I think the
6 conversation regarding public assembly
7 applications has been going on with the
8 Board for a little bit, the Board has
9 been touching on it. It's also a
10 discussion topic tonight. Andrea and I
11 -- Andrea helps me with the public
12 assembly applications that come into
13 the Village, so we've noticed some
14 things in the two years that we've been
15 doing this together. So we put
16 together this list of just suggestions
17 or comments really for the Board to
18 consider.

19 So first and foremost is something
20 that Trustee Dougherty-Johnson brought
21 to our attention, our application is
22 incorrect. So first and foremost, I
23 think our application that was recently
24 voted on, the revision of this
25 application I think was voted on

1 earlier this year. The code -- the
2 code says 50 or more people, our
3 application says 25 or more people. So
4 that's -- the consistency at the very
5 least in my opinion should be corrected
6 as soon as possible because it's
7 conflicting information, it's just that
8 simple.

9 The fees, so fees that the Village
10 takes on for these events. So as we
11 all know, there's been an uptick in
12 large scale events in the Village,
13 which is wonderful in my humble
14 opinion, but the Village does take on
15 quite a bit of fees. And in doing
16 research with other municipalities, so
17 we researched all of our neighbors on
18 the south shore up to Riverhead and
19 then just random other municipalities
20 many of which have flat fees built into
21 their application for the big items
22 that we see are porta potties,
23 dumpsters, and staffing costs. So some
24 municipalities, they bill on the back
25 end, and that's built into a

1 resolution. Other municipalities have
2 a flat fee. I would recommend maybe a
3 flat fee since we're able to get the
4 cost from the company that we use for
5 dumpsters and also the porta potties,
6 it's always the same company, and they
7 can give us a cost of what, you know,
8 at this moment what that would cost us.
9 And the Village Board could obviously
10 review this as often as you see fit,
11 but our recommendation is that the
12 Board consider adding that to the
13 application. I've included a draft of
14 what this could possibly look like.
15 It's attached in the packet here.

16 And then, let's see, next up, I
17 would recommend increasing the fee for
18 general Village applications. Right
19 now it's \$50 for every other property
20 in the Village except for Mitchell
21 Park, which is \$250. I think the fee
22 could at least go up to \$100 for all of
23 the other Village properties. It would
24 just be more in line with the costs to
25 rent quote, unquote Mitchell Park for

1 an event. Let's see --

2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: What in
3 your mind justifies that they're
4 different at all? Why is there two
5 different prices?

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I don't know
7 actually. That's a great question. I
8 think Mitchell -- sorry, go ahead.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I was just
10 wondering, is there something special
11 about Mitchell Park that it requires --
12 this is really about the management
13 time to process these applications.

14 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's a mix of
15 things, just what we've noticed is, you
16 know, is the nature of these comments,
17 just what we've been noticing over the
18 past two years. I do think prior to
19 this administration Mitchell Park was
20 treated very differently than
21 everything else in the Village for
22 whatever reason, I don't know what that
23 reason is, but it was. There were
24 separate guidelines for Mitchell Park.
25 At one point in time Mitchell Park

1 there was no sale of anything happening
2 in Mitchell Park, and of course that's
3 not happening anymore. So I agree with
4 you, maybe it shouldn't be treated
5 differently, maybe it should be treated
6 the same as other Village properties
7 with the same care as other Village
8 properties. I would personally love to
9 see that it's treated the same across
10 the board, but I don't know the back
11 story for why those costs were so
12 different. But \$50 as opposed to \$250
13 is -- it just doesn't seem in line to
14 me.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I think the
16 bigger question we as a Board need to
17 answer is, you know, what, again, like
18 we talked about briefly before, what is
19 the threshold for waiving an
20 application fee?

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's
22 another issue.

23 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. The
24 treasurer has some comments as well
25 about this that will come up in his

1 report.

2 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It's in my
3 report.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I would be
5 in favor of looking into levelling out
6 the fees. I understand when Mitchell
7 Park was new, and it's a very special
8 place, but when I think about the
9 logistics and the work that goes into
10 processing these applications, it's the
11 same whether the event we were just
12 talking about, I think it's going to
13 occupy just as much time as some
14 event --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Sure, yeah.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: The only
17 difference in processing that we feel
18 in the clerk's office is larger scale
19 events. Larger scale events by nature,
20 they need more from the Village.
21 There's more communication between us
22 and the police department. We have
23 this list that we, you know, we come --
24 we pull directly from the applications
25 what is requested of the Village, and

1 we put that on a spreadsheet, and
2 that's disbursed to the management and
3 the Village management so that they
4 could facilitate the request that the
5 Board approved that the applicant
6 submits. So the process is only
7 different for larger scale events, so
8 you know, that's something that I do
9 think the Board should consider also is
10 that these larger scale events, they
11 are treated differently in other
12 municipalities. I don't know if it
13 makes sense if for the properties to be
14 treated differently as much as the
15 scale of the event. Some
16 municipalities, they have if you're
17 expecting 500 or more people, then
18 this. If you're expecting a thousand
19 or more people, then this. And the
20 then this varies obviously across
21 municipalities, the cost varies. So
22 that's something that, you know, I'd be
23 happy to provide you with those numbers
24 for these vendors that we use, but that
25 seems to be the threshold for other

1 municipalities if we want to compare in
2 that way and then also, you know, to
3 your point, the work within the clerk's
4 office only differs when the event is
5 larger scale.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think that's
7 the point that you should be looking at
8 for especially within Mitchell Park is
9 perhaps we need to base a fee depending
10 upon the size of the event. I mean,
11 \$250 is a great -- it was started
12 basically because there was much more
13 activity in trying to keep Mitchell
14 Park more open space than encouraging
15 continuous activities in there because
16 that was the reason for Mitchell Park
17 being created was a big, beautiful open
18 waterfront space for people to walk
19 around, sit on a bench, enjoy
20 Greenport. But I do think getting into
21 the past histories of the Maritime
22 Festival, the Pride that we just had,
23 the amount of activity, we're dealing
24 with garbage, we're dealing with
25 traffic, we're dealing with extra

1 staff, that perhaps the application fee
2 needs to be a little bit larger and
3 perhaps we need to have some guidelines
4 to -- within the application to
5 pinpoint what other activities need to
6 be because in the past there's always
7 been the back and forth after the
8 Maritime Festival, what is the East End
9 Seaport responsible for and what are we
10 responsible for, which I think needs to
11 be set up ahead of time.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Where I think we
13 ought to be considering going with this
14 is looking at the true Village expenses
15 and having a fee as was suggested for
16 trash, for porta potties, et cetera
17 because those are the true expenses.
18 The administrative fee on these
19 permits, we're -- every single thing
20 we've talked about at Mitchell Park
21 we've waived, so it's kind of
22 irrelevant in what we're charging for
23 it, if it's a charitable organization
24 and we're waiving it for Maritime
25 Festival, for Pride, or, you know,

1 whatever else is happening there.
2 Where we're spending the money is in
3 additional things to help support, the
4 labor, et cetera.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And then
6 perhaps maybe we need to create a
7 policy as to what we waive and what we
8 don't waive. I think that's getting to
9 be --

10 MAYOR STUESSI: That's what I said
11 a moment ago, what is the threshold?

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That makes
13 sense. I think as we think about
14 adjusting the rates, we're going to
15 discuss what we waive, maybe we don't
16 waive at all, maybe we discount. So we
17 have a baseline fee always, right,
18 because I'm not sure how much we can
19 keep giving away. We have a \$250 fee,
20 maybe there's a discount for a
21 nonprofit, 50 percent or something.
22 Just a thought. There's real costs. I
23 know you said true costs, I think the
24 porta potty and the trash are the known
25 and easily identifiable costs, but the

1 labor within the clerk's office is much
2 harder to quantify. But we know it
3 costs something.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It's
5 not just the clerk's office. I mean, I
6 guess I thought of these fees as like
7 because we don't charge for garbage,
8 staff, or porta potties that the fees
9 are sort of supposed to offset those
10 costs. You know, Mitchell Park
11 sometimes, not always, but if you're
12 keeping the bathroom open late --

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's my
14 point.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That's
16 staffing and that's expensive. Or for
17 -- for Dances in the Park, that's a
18 Village thing, but a lot of those
19 events generate more trash because
20 they're just bigger. So I think
21 rethinking all of this makes a lot of
22 sense, but there is a lot to think
23 about.

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I'd be happy
25 to share the applications from the

1 other municipalities that we were
2 comparing to. I can do that.

3 And then I think something else
4 just to note if we're talking about
5 history, I do think at one point in
6 time in the Village, Maritime Festival
7 was the big event here and now there
8 are several large scale events that
9 happen in Greenport of very similar
10 caliber and almost like a copy and
11 paste of what they do for Maritime
12 Festival. So I think that's something
13 else. We're at a very different time
14 in the Village now, so I encourage you
15 all to continue having this
16 conversation because we are in a
17 different time.

18 Southold Town, something else just
19 to point out, just things that I've
20 noticed in speaking with Dennis
21 Noncarrow, they build into their
22 resolutions, they don't use the word
23 annual anymore because it gives the
24 applicant -- it insinuates that -- it
25 kind of ties the Board's hands, you

1 know, and kind of -- not really because
2 you can make whatever decision you
3 want, but if you use the terminology
4 annual in the resolution, it kind of
5 insinuates that there's something
6 that's going to come after. And then
7 there's all these considerations of
8 these large scale events, not only in
9 Greenport, but the impact on our police
10 department and having large scale
11 events in Southold Town being that we
12 rely on one police department. So just
13 something else to consider with
14 processing, how we word our resolutions
15 is also something that I think, you
16 know, that I would urge you guys to
17 consider as well.

18 While I love, you know, the events
19 that pop up in the village, this next
20 one, I'm looking at Rena because I'm
21 not targeting you guys, but another
22 tricky part of processing these
23 applications is when they're not 60
24 days out. It's very difficult. I've
25 forgotten one myself. It just -- the

1 later applications come in or the later
2 really anything comes into the clerk's
3 office, it makes it -- I'm human. It
4 makes it very easy for me to miss it or
5 make a mistake. So just a month ago,
6 the Board voted on an application
7 because it came in late, so you guys
8 voted on it in work session, which I
9 asked and, you know, owned that I
10 missed it at the prior meeting. But
11 the way the code reads is 60 days if,
12 and the if is, like, wide open. It
13 makes it to where you can turn in an
14 application the same day, and if I am
15 able -- I also don't like the if the
16 clerk is able part of this. I think it
17 should be just -- it should just be set
18 is what I would love to see, and I
19 think we should hold people accountable
20 because it does take a long time to
21 plan any event. The larger the event,
22 the longer it takes for you to plan it,
23 therefore your application should be a
24 part of your planning process. So
25 going forward while the Board

1 discussing this, I just think that we
2 should hold -- I don't know if it's 60
3 days is what it should be, but I think
4 that needs some consideration.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I would
6 think the 60 days sounds a little long,
7 but I think we need two meeting cycles.

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Which is
9 essentially --

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well,
11 it also sort of depends where, like,
12 let's say they turn it in right after
13 we've had a meeting.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's only
15 one cycle.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right,
17 exactly.

18 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So maybe it's
19 30 days or within 30 days of a Board
20 meeting because then I need to, you
21 know, the process is get it to you, the
22 police chief, all of Village management
23 reviews these applications and they
24 offer comment as well. The later these
25 applications come in, the harder it is

1 for that to happen.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Can you pause for
3 a quick second? On that, I want to
4 compliment you because it's run really
5 smoothly with how it's managed going
6 out to everybody.

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Whether it's the
9 marina, the road crew, or police
10 department, it's been enormously
11 helpful.

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: A perfect example
14 would be we got the application for
15 Juneteenth for -- actually not even the
16 full application, was it the full
17 application, no, just a note to take a
18 look at it.

19 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: They're
20 testing the waters for next year.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: And it went to the
22 police chief who took a look at it and
23 said, listen, I realize that Juneteenth
24 is important to hold on the holiday
25 rather than three weeks later, whatever

1 it was this year. And he said with
2 enough notice, we're able to plan for
3 it and do it.

4 And compliment to Kim Loper who
5 put in her application for the dock
6 diving for next year already.

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: She's a rare
8 breed.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: You were prepared.
10 Thank you. But it certainly has got to
11 be at least 30 days if not 60. I don't
12 know, maybe we pick 45 in the middle,
13 but we have to be hard and fast on it.
14 We're all going to get people who are
15 going to be, like, oh, I forgot I
16 wanted to do the Tiddlywink Festival in
17 Mitchell Park.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: For
19 example, August 23rd, you know, and I
20 understand.

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I'm not
22 looking to target anybody. Honestly,
23 Kim is the exception. The exception is
24 people following the 60 days, it's not
25 the rule at all. It's very, very

1 uncommon for the applications to come
2 in truly at that 60 days. Everybody is
3 doing it. I also have noted in the
4 past that people advertise for their
5 events before the Board even talks
6 about it, which I find very problematic
7 because --

8 MAYOR STUESSI: We dealt with that
9 with a local organization.

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's forcing
11 your hands, quote, unquote. And I
12 don't think that's fair to the Board or
13 really our community. So I think this
14 deadline is -- it serves a purpose for
15 so many things and boxes to be able to
16 be checked off with our management,
17 other agencies that we rely on, the
18 fire department, the police department,
19 so on and so forth. So whatever the
20 number is, I do think it's important
21 that that language is cleaned up a bit
22 in the code.

23 And then I think my final point
24 with this is -- oh, yeah, I already
25 said it, the not using the annual

1 terminology in the resolutions because
2 we don't know -- what we do know is it
3 takes at least two years for a police
4 officer to become a police officer, so
5 that's not like a quick fix. If we
6 have these huge events and they can't
7 handle it, they can't handle it
8 probably for a few years.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That makes
10 sense. I was speaking with Supervisor
11 Krupski and Chief Grattan I think at
12 the Juneteenth Parade, and they told me
13 that they have a policy in Southold
14 Town where they have a cap on the
15 number of events. And --

16 MAYOR STUESSI: That was something
17 I had discussed with the Supervisor and
18 the Police Chief.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Just
20 like a total number, like, we've hit a
21 hundred, we're done for the year?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes. And
23 it had a lot to do with police
24 coverage. So I don't know how -- how
25 do we work with that? They're capping

1 in their Town, it has to be coordinated
2 with us.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, the other
4 --

5 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: It shouldn't
6 bind the Village.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: But we use
8 the same police force.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: The only thing I'm
10 aware of is doing events the same day,
11 that's an issue.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: They were
13 also talking about a cap.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Within the Town
15 of Southold.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I think it
17 might also be -- we've talked about
18 this at prior meetings -- events that
19 happen on private property, so the
20 vineyards and the events that they have
21 I think the cap is probably geared
22 towards that because they do have to
23 put in public assembly applications for
24 vineyards having weddings and so on and
25 so forth, which that's split between

1 the Southold Town Clerk and Gwen
2 Schroeder just because of the scale, so
3 I don't envy their problem because I
4 couldn't imagine processing that level
5 of public assembly applications for the
6 hundreds of weddings that go on in the
7 Town of Southold at the many, many
8 vineyards that we have here.

9 So I think our problem is smaller
10 scale, but it is something to consider
11 the way that they handle their
12 applications as far as a cap within the
13 Village.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, the other
15 thing that was brought to me by the
16 Supervisor and by the Chief at one
17 point at a Transportation Commission
18 meeting was the fact that they wanted
19 to know which were really Village
20 events and which were private events
21 that we allowed that they should be
22 charging the vendor or the person
23 applying for additional fee for police
24 protection because it was getting to be
25 expensive for them as well as whatever.

1 That was, you know, they would be, you
2 know, it was, like, which ones are
3 really Village events that are
4 sponsored by the Village that they
5 would be charging the police fee for.
6 At one point, I do believe Maritime
7 Festival there was a fee for the extra
8 coverage for the police department. I
9 don't know. I haven't been involved in
10 what's been charged. Maybe the
11 treasurer can tell us with East End
12 Seaport, what do we charge them for
13 with an event?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: We charge the
15 trash, it's been from 4 to 7,000.

16 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I believe we
17 charge for the trash, we have also
18 charged for overtime in the past as
19 well.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: That's what I'm
21 saying, that's part of it is the labor,
22 but trash I'm saying and dumpsters and
23 things.

24 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Dumpster fee
25 as well, yes.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: We actually just
2 had a meeting on it the other day.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But that has
4 been discussion within the Town of
5 Southold to start charging for the
6 police coverage for events, including
7 for the wineries and for their own --

8 MAYOR STUESSI: I see that as a
9 very different thing, like, a winery
10 doing a person's wedding or whatever
11 versus -- I mean, we don't have
12 anything -- can you think of anything
13 that's not a civic event that's
14 required a road closure? I mean,
15 Washington Day, Earth Day, Juneteenth,
16 Pride, Halloween, Seaport Festival.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They're all
18 within the Village.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: They're all civic
20 events, none of them are private, you
21 know, for profit.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
23 They're civic but they're not Village
24 with the exception of the Halloween
25 Parade.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, it's the
2 BID, isn't it?

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's -- the
4 parade is the Village's and the rest of
5 the activity within the district is
6 part of the BID, but the parade has
7 always been the Village's.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Maybe
9 Washington Day Parade is the fire
10 department.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: This is
12 great stuff, Candace. I think we have
13 to move on, right?

14 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sorry.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Do we want her to
16 read every single item on here? It's
17 getting late already, I know how much
18 we have to do. Is there anything in
19 particular you feel like you need to
20 make us aware of? We've got the
21 agenda, it's all typed on here.

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I can skip
23 through, there's just a few more
24 things. So an update on the Village
25 Administrator job posting. So at the

1 direction of the Mayor, it has been
2 posted on Indeed, our website, and also
3 with NYCOM, which is the New York
4 Conference of Mayors. We've gotten ten
5 resumes so far.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: I haven't screened
7 any of them yet. I know specifically
8 of three others who are well qualified
9 individuals who were applying, so we're
10 going to start the screening process
11 and then go from there. I'll give a
12 little bit of an update to the Board in
13 executive session on a couple of
14 individuals I'm aware of.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Is there
16 any threshold requirement for someone
17 submitting this? Is there something
18 like they have to be an engineer or
19 anything?

20 MAYOR STUESSI: No.

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: No, actually,
22 even by definition with civil service,
23 there is no minimum qualifications
24 because every person for the Village is
25 required to adhere to civil service or

1 have a title, but they're exempt, and
2 you're not required -- there's no
3 qualifications for exempt titles. So
4 it's really up to the Board's
5 discretion to decide what you want this
6 person to have. The treasurer helped
7 me fill out the Indeed. There's a lot
8 of prefilled boxes on Indeed, it
9 doesn't allow for you to truly, you
10 know make, it your own. Like, an
11 example would be the retirement
12 package, they didn't have what we have,
13 so they only have 403B and 401K, which
14 is not what a municipality offers. So
15 that's something to just be mindful of.
16 We made the decision to click off what
17 we thought was appropriate, and then
18 the full description, which is the
19 resolution was added to the posting.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: And then obviously
21 benefits and all that would be
22 discussed with anybody who is a final
23 candidate, questions answered would be
24 in any type of legal offer letter and
25 contract, of course.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I just have on
2 one public assembly application, there
3 wasn't a signature, it just had the
4 corporate name on it, that's for the
5 North Fork Kid Connects.

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I am going to
7 skip through to those, but I am going
8 to touch on those specifically just
9 because I think it's important for the
10 public and the Board to hear about the
11 applications.

12 So I'm going to start with the
13 resolution, so the first resolution
14 that I have is for the Deer Management
15 Program. So just a quick update, last
16 year we received a lot of really great
17 feedback for being able to offer more
18 permits. We would like to continue
19 that and offer 15 permits. We would
20 like to open the application process a
21 bit longer to allow for more people
22 because even with the time that was
23 allotted last year, there were a few
24 people that were after the deadline
25 that were disappointed, so I just want

1 to give the people who would like to
2 participate more time to submit their
3 application. So if the Board approves
4 it, we would like to have this open for
5 two months to apply before hunting
6 season begins.

7 So there's a few resolutions or
8 several resolutions here for hiring
9 with the rec center, I'll skip through
10 those.

11 Another resolution that I'd like
12 to note is the Board to -- requesting
13 the Board to approve my --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Jay, we're getting
15 some bad feedback on microphone.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So next up is
17 just requesting the Board's approval to
18 attend the NYCOM New York Conference of
19 Mayors fall school.

20 Let's see, another hiring
21 resolution, and then below that there's
22 a resolution to adopt Village HR
23 policies. Just for the sake of the
24 public's knowledge, these policies are
25 in place, but there are some updates as

1 laws change over time that need to
2 happen, so that's why this is on here.
3 There were three of the six that have
4 been approved already. In the time
5 that it took me to edit these, laws
6 have changed again. So there's three
7 that are still pending Counsel's
8 approval, but they are just your
9 standard HR policies, which include
10 expression of breast milk in the
11 workplace policy. That is a new law,
12 so that is I think that is the sole one
13 that was not in place already. Equal
14 opportunity, ADA policy, FMLA policy,
15 anti-discrimination, anti-harassment
16 policy, policy against workplace sexual
17 harassment, and then the employee exit
18 policy just needed some refining.

19 Next up is a resolution for salary
20 increase for the Deputy Clerk Jean
21 Marie.

22 And then the final is a resolution
23 to have the Mayor sign off on a
24 contract with McBride Consulting.

25 And then finally I'll quickly go

1 through the public assembly
2 applications. So the first application
3 is from Reverend Wimberly on behalf of
4 the Long Island District AME Zion
5 Church to host church service and a
6 church meeting at Fifth and Sixth
7 Street Beach on August 23rd. So just
8 to note, that is the same day as the
9 skate park event but obviously a
10 different location.

11 The next public assembly
12 application is from the fire department
13 to host a picnic at Fifth and Sixth
14 Street Beach on August 30th. Again,
15 that is a duplicate date, that is the
16 rain date for the skate park event.
17 Again, a different location.

18 Next up is an application from
19 Jefferson Temple COGIC Church to host a
20 church service, baptism, and picnic at
21 Fifth and Sixth Street Beach on August
22 10th.

23 Another application we received
24 from Reverend Wimberly on behalf of
25 Clinton Memorial AME Zion Church to

1 host worship service and a picnic at
2 the same beach, Fifth and Sixth Street
3 Beach on September 14th.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon me for
5 interjecting, none of these have
6 requested waivers of fees? I see it's
7 noted.

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: They did not.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Including the fire
10 department?

11 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: The fire
12 department has not paid fees, and that
13 was I believe just the practice that
14 has been in place.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They're part of
16 the department of the Village.

17 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Because it's
18 the fire department and under the
19 Village umbrella, they don't turn in
20 checks.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: I get that, I just
22 think we should note it for the public.

23 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. I can
24 note it in the resolution.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Don't say

1 requesting, waived per Village policy
2 if that's the case.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well,
4 technically our code specifically
5 exempts Village events from having to
6 do public assembly permits, but we can
7 talk about that later.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, it does.

9 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: The next
10 application is from Arlene Klein on
11 behalf of the Paul Drum Life
12 Experience. So they requested two
13 different events, so one is in
14 collaboration with the Southold Town
15 Police Department, which they're
16 looking to host on Wednesday, August
17 6th at Mitchell Park. This applicant
18 is requesting for both of these events
19 to waive the application fee.

20 The second event they're looking
21 to host -- that is a typo, I apologize.
22 The second date is August 27th, which I
23 believe is another Wednesday for their
24 second event. So this event is in
25 collaboration with the fire department.

1 So the applicant is looking to -- I
2 think this has been done in the past
3 with I think the fire department -- I'm
4 sorry, with the police department. I'm
5 not sure that it's been done with the
6 fire department in the past, but it's a
7 community style event where they, you
8 know, promote our fire department and
9 our police department.

10 The next application is from Kim
11 Loper of Harbor Pet to host the North
12 Fork Dog Dock Diving weekend.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Say that three
14 times fast.

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I won't. At
16 the polo grounds on June 6, 2026 and
17 June 7, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00
18 p.m. I believe this is a duplicate of
19 what was approved this year, so I won't
20 go into the details of that event. The
21 next bullet is just to note that the
22 applicant is, again, asking for a
23 waiver of the alcohol prohibition so
24 that vendors can sell craft beer and
25 local wine.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can I
2 just ask a quick question, is this
3 going to be a similar event, is this
4 going to be a fundraiser for the skate
5 park?

6 MS. LOPER: It's going to be a
7 fundraiser. What it is going to
8 fundraise for a hopefully a dog park
9 for Greenport as well as -- as long as
10 this event continues -- I don't want to
11 say annual -- as long as this event
12 continues to be -- we're able to host
13 it here, I would always like to donate
14 something back to the fire department,
15 so there will always be a donation back
16 to the Village in some capacity.

17 This year everything that was
18 gained profit was donated back to the
19 Village.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Thank
21 you.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Are you
23 looking for the fire department to be
24 involved next year?

25 MS. LOPER: Yes. And the fire

1 department already had it marked down
2 on their calendar because they are
3 looking to be involved as well.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: We had a
5 warden's meeting last night and that
6 was not clear at all, so I'm sure who
7 you're speaking with.

8 MS. LOPER: Albie and (inaudible).

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: They were
10 both not there.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: The chief and the
12 assistant chief.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's why
14 we didn't know.

15 MS. LOPER: They're eager, they
16 want to expand. I think David even
17 said something about, like,
18 specializing in what they actually
19 serve, like, kind of like a chili kind
20 of thing or chili dogs. We were
21 conversing, like, we might bring in a
22 couple of food trucks and stuff like
23 that to offset their food, like, not
24 compete with their food. There will be
25 a couple of more activities within the

1 footprint added and talked about.

2 I know this is, like, so far in
3 advance that things could change on
4 both of our parts. However, with the
5 part of planning, a lot of
6 organizations request their request for
7 sponsorship so far in advance that I
8 would like to at least know that I am
9 able to do the event here to be able to
10 ask people to put in sponsorships as
11 well.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Listen, you get
13 gold star of the year for requesting
14 your event a year in advance.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: We should
16 probably not have people speak from the
17 audience. I was just thinking, we
18 don't have a stenographer, right?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: It will be taken
20 from Jay's recording.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: If you can
22 hear.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: If you can
24 hear. Anyway, we should probably as we
25 continue. I'm not asking you to get

1 up.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Good point.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I saw Jay
4 trying to move the camera, I think, to
5 try to capture that.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Kim, getting in
7 ahead of time with the date for the
8 sponsorship is important because, you
9 know, it's important to have it set,
10 but I probably myself am going to ask
11 that the resolution include some kind
12 of review date to see where you are
13 with the activity on the site itself.
14 You know, probably maybe once or twice
15 so that we can kind of keep up to date
16 and make sure that we're -- the Board
17 is comfortable but also the public is
18 comfortable. I'll be honest with you,
19 I've had several e-mails from some
20 residents who have been concerned about
21 the commercialization on the polo
22 grounds, but I think that's just a
23 communication and getting it out to
24 everybody as to what's going on.

25 MS. LOPER: Can I ask what you or

1 they or mean by commercialization?

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: In other words,
3 having it being a private -- in other
4 words, whatever you donated was fine,
5 but whatever was being made profit was
6 being made profit on public land.

7 MS. LOPER: So I didn't make a
8 profit.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no, no, I
10 know, it's just, as I said, people
11 expressed a concern about it.

12 MS. LOPER: No, no, and I'm just
13 trying to understand that because I
14 know that the person who originally
15 started this as far as like profit and
16 not profit.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That had
18 nothing to do with him.

19 MS. LOPER: One thing that I am
20 planning on doing is forming a not for
21 profit so that I can continue to do
22 these type of events and do -- and get
23 the benefit of grants and stuff like
24 that especially since I do want to move
25 forward and try and create a dog park

1 over there. So on my end, I'm trying
2 to eliminate that as much as I possibly
3 can as well as aid in you guys being
4 able to approve events.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: As I said, and
6 you and I will talk about it, okay, is
7 that we've always talked about things
8 is that the community just needs to be
9 informed as to what's going on so that
10 this stuff and what happened with the
11 previous event is a little less --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, but I think
13 can't we clarify that in the resolution
14 that, you know, this is what the event
15 is, which we have in the description,
16 if it's for profit or not for profit.
17 It would seem like we should be doing
18 that because if we're approving it, we
19 need to approve it and then the
20 applicants -- in this case, her -- off
21 to the races to plan. I don't think we
22 should be doing any subsequent review
23 at a later date.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I disagree
25 with you in that we don't really know

1 how many vendors she's planning on
2 having and what the site plan is going
3 to look like. She doesn't have that
4 information yet, right, Kim?

5 MS. LOPER: No, and I agree with
6 you one hundred percent. I think even
7 six months out we could have another
8 meeting. I just don't want to ask
9 people to start sponsoring an event and
10 then I'm told I can't have the event.
11 That's what I'm looking to do.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, and that's
13 why I asked you before is it you're
14 looking at for the date, okay, but the
15 actual activity and whatever I think
16 would behoove us as a Board to have you
17 come back and tell us what you're
18 doing.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Is that not in the
20 application? I haven't read the
21 application.

22 MS. LOPER: The application is a
23 duplicate of exactly what we did this
24 year. So that I guess we could look at
25 that as the minimum.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: That's what I'm
2 saying, the one you had before, as I
3 recall, showed where things were.

4 MS. LOPER: Correct.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: And there was a
6 whole zone, it was all laid out, food
7 truck, fire department, whatever. Is
8 there something else?

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
10 she was just saying that she wants to
11 have new activities.

12 MS. LOPER: If I can expand it,
13 I'm looking to expand it, and that's
14 where the communication with us between
15 if you wanted to do every four months
16 from now.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's an
18 application that's a year out and, you
19 know, I think that it behooves the
20 Board to kind of get an idea where
21 you're at, you know, six months from
22 now, okay, because you could completely
23 come in with a new concept that, you
24 know, might not --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Let me finish a

1 thought. I want to be sure that if we
2 as a Board are approving something,
3 we're approving it, and we wouldn't go
4 back. So that in my sense, like, if
5 there's a modification to it, we would
6 then approve a subsequent application.

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Can I suggest
8 just because Kim and I have been in
9 touch and Kim, Andrea, and I have been
10 in touch about the application requires
11 that she submits checks. Those checks
12 are only good for six months, so Kim
13 and I and Andrea already have a date
14 planned for maybe January for her to
15 come back and swap out the checks. So
16 maybe at that time in January you could
17 come back to the January Board meeting
18 and share any updates.

19 MS. LOPER: I have no problem with
20 that.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think
22 Trustee Phillips' suggestion is
23 reasonable and sensible. I think we
24 should have a revisit, and not that
25 we're going to backtrack and not give

1 you the date, it's just to get closer
2 in for us to understand the details.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Just to be clear,
4 we would be as a group either approving
5 or denying the application as it is,
6 and then at a certain point we would
7 ask to have the applicant come back for
8 another review with an update on it.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think so
10 because there may be something that
11 we're approving now and she wants to do
12 that we may need to add to a
13 resolution. That's what I'm talking
14 about.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: I feel like I was
16 saying the same thing. I think we may
17 be saying the same thing. I'm
18 suggesting that if she wishes to modify
19 the application, of course, you have to
20 come back.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I also
22 think, like, so my question at the
23 start of this was which is what is this
24 benefitting I think is a very important
25 one, which Patrick brought up earlier,

1 and I totally appreciate your answer,
2 but I also think we need to know that.
3 I think we can say this date and time,
4 we're supportive of this, we approve
5 it, but I do think at some point we
6 want to know exactly what is happening
7 and what it's fundraising for.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: If it's for profit
9 or not for profit.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
11 even what it's fundraising for because
12 I don't think anyone could just come
13 and be, like, I'm a nonprofit, I want
14 to use the park, and, like, we don't
15 even know what --

16 MAYOR STUESSI: I agree with you.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We
18 need to know what it's for and we need
19 to be, like, this is a good thing we
20 support, not, like, you know, something
21 that we don't, which I think is what
22 Kim wants to do, I just think we do
23 need to have that information before it
24 actually happens.

25 MS. LOPER: I think this whole

1 process right now is a whole learning
2 experience and work with what you guys
3 were talking about before for the
4 people like me who put in an
5 application a year in advance, there
6 needs to be other guidelines as well,
7 and I completely understand that.
8 You'll probably see me between now and
9 January anyway trying to get a dog park
10 accepted in the location that I'm
11 looking to do it in. So --

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, so
13 that's what -- to your point, we need
14 to know if it's going to involve a
15 donation, it's ostensibly for the
16 community, but if it's for a goal or a
17 policy that's not consistent with our
18 own policies, that could cause a
19 problem. What are we going to do with
20 that money you set aside if this Board
21 is not of the mind to grant a dog park?

22 I think it also behooves the Board
23 to make sure we understand specifically
24 what the donation or the profit share
25 formula will be. So in the last event,

1 you presented that you didn't know but
2 your intention was to be generous and
3 raise money for the skate park and we
4 approved it as that. And then I
5 subsequently learned from you that you
6 were able to donate all of your net
7 proceeds or whatever the term was,
8 which was great, and I totally
9 appreciate that. But this time I'm
10 going to want to know the specifics.
11 Is it 50 percent, a hundred percent or
12 whatever.

13 MS. LOPER: I think actually when
14 we did discuss it last time I said the
15 bare minimum would be 50/50. I mean, I
16 did do it back then as well, and I have
17 no problem saying that as well. Bare
18 minimum it would be a 50/50. I'm not
19 looking to make a killing on the
20 Village. I'm looking to improve the
21 Village and not have it come out of my
22 pocket.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I
24 totally understand it. We do --
25 everyone appreciates that. I came away

1 from that last meeting, your last
2 presentation being unclear about what
3 the split was going to be. That was my
4 take away. I want to make sure that
5 next time or in this case I completely
6 understand. I do have to respond to
7 the public.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think it's
9 the resolution needs to be crafted in a
10 way that it has certain conditions to
11 it, conditional approval, which gets
12 you the date, which is what the goal is
13 tonight.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: I think we're all
15 saying a lot of the same things. In my
16 mind, if we're looking to approve
17 something that is a call it not for
18 profit or charitable event, then that
19 needs to be clearly stated that, you
20 know, it's not for profit, meaning
21 after expenses, whatever profits there
22 are is being donated to X, Y, Z cause,
23 25/75 or 50/50, we have no idea what
24 the economics are.

25 Interestingly I had this

1 conversation with somebody recently
2 about what's it called, not Seaport,
3 but Maritime Festival, and they were
4 talking about, oh, it's all a charity.
5 Not really. You think about all the
6 people that are on the streets making a
7 lot of money. You know, somebody is
8 paying whatever the number is, \$250 for
9 a space on the street, and if they're
10 selling a whole bunch of beer, like,
11 they might be walking home with \$10,000
12 after the weekend and the Maritime
13 Museum is only getting \$250. So we are
14 passively approving a whole bunch of
15 economics in Maritime Festival by
16 example that we might not be as part of
17 Juneteenth or Pride, which is, you
18 know, aside from the T-shirts.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: To the clerk's
20 point, the events have become more
21 frequent. We've developed from one
22 over the years to many, and I'm
23 assuming that the goal -- the Business
24 District's goal is to create even more
25 in events in the winter months. So I

1 mean, it is -- you're right, it's going
2 to be a learning experience for all of
3 us.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Thank you.

5 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. So the
6 next application is a public assembly
7 application from North Fork Kid Connect
8 to host a community barbecue and
9 outdoor movie from 2:00 to 9:30 p.m. on
10 Saturday, August 16th with a rain date
11 of August 17th at Fifth and Sixth
12 Street Beach.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

14 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: For the sake
15 of the public and the Board, as you all
16 know, I am a founding member of this
17 organization and also one of the
18 organizers of this particular event.

19 The final note, which is not on
20 here, is just a reminder to the Board,
21 there was a letter sent from Rich
22 Israel regarding the tabled resolution
23 for Halloween. It's not on here
24 because it's not a new resolution, it
25 would be on next week's agenda because

1 it was tabled -- I'm sorry, last month
2 -- so I just want to draw the Board's
3 attention back to that, and I believe
4 it is a Board discussion topic but that
5 is -- that concludes my report.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Going back to
7 the application for North Fork Kid
8 Connect, I noticed that there wasn't a
9 responsible person, it just had the
10 corporate name on it. Is there an
11 officer that's going -- I'm going back
12 to the Planning Board and the ZBA that
13 have applications that are complete.
14 Is there someone that's going to be
15 signing that, an officer of the inc.,
16 of the corporation.

17 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: With all of
18 the problems last month and continuing
19 with my involvement with this
20 organization, I can ask someone to sign
21 it if that's what you all would prefer,
22 but I am, again, one of the lead
23 organizers, so I don't know where the
24 Board falls with that with my signature
25 being on these applications. As

1 always, I'll make it clear that I am a
2 founding member and usually one of the
3 head organizers of these events from
4 North Fork Kid Connect.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I'm
6 assuming you have a secretary for your
7 corporation?

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That person
10 could probably sign -- I think could
11 sign the application.

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I just think it
14 needs a signature on it for a
15 responsible person.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. With
17 that in mind, being the lead organizer,
18 where does the Board fall with me being
19 that signer? Because I am the lead
20 organizer on many of our events that
21 come before the Board, so we've come up
22 with a process within the clerk's
23 office to avoid any confusion. When
24 these applications come in, I will not
25 be sending them out to the Board, and I

1 just don't know where you all fall with
2 that because --

3 MAYOR STUESSI: My personal
4 opinion is there's no problem with you
5 signing it, you're not voting on it,
6 it's simply being processed by the
7 team.

8 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: If there's any
9 concern, it's the appearance of a
10 potential conflict of interest, whether
11 Candace's role as clerk may influence
12 all of your decision. In my view, it's
13 probably better to have somebody else
14 sign on behalf of so that appearance is
15 completely obviated, rather than have
16 Candace and put you in a weird spot
17 with respect to the Board, with respect
18 to the public, I think it's just
19 cleaner. That would be my
20 recommendation.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I agree.

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. I will
23 have someone else sign it and we will
24 recirculate it.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I just

1 had a question about this because and I
2 don't remember but didn't we make
3 parking down there, like, don't we end
4 it at a certain time on Fifth and Sixth
5 Street?

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: At the road
7 ends.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Is it
9 before 9:30, or 10:00, 11:00?

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I can't
11 remember what it was.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That's
13 just something --

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: You're
15 wondering if this time conflicts with
16 our parking?

17 MAYOR STUESSI: It's later, I
18 think.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
20 think it may be later as I'm saying it.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think it was
22 10:00.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That
24 was my only question.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: We had this

1 discussion about how late is dusk
2 and --

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, right.
4 And the police department wanted a time
5 because then it needed a clear end
6 time.

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Just so the
8 Board is aware, we have an inflatable
9 screen that we're looking to set up,
10 which I think we put in the application
11 to set up. There's trees that line the
12 back of the park near Johnson Place and
13 they get really shady back there, so we
14 could actually start the movie before
15 sunset to avoid being at the park too
16 late because the screen would sit kind
17 of nestled into where those trees are.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: That was in the
19 application. I remember going to
20 something, I'm trying to remember --

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It was
22 Mitchell Park.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: No, this was in
24 the Fifth and Sixth Street park, I went
25 down there and saw some film.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, there was
2 a movie. The Southold Town
3 Recreational had an application a
4 couple of years ago.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I was
6 remembering the one in Mitchell Park
7 and I was just going to worry about
8 wind because I know that that one had
9 the screen kind of kept falling over.

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's actually
11 inflatable, it's pretty cool.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
13 think that's what they used too, but if
14 it's windy, you know, how it -- maybe
15 if you can affix it to trees.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. That
17 concludes my very long report. Thank
18 you.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Adam?

20 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Thank you,
21 Mr. Mayor. Good evening. I have a
22 much shorter report. I'll start with
23 my resolutions -- I'll start with my
24 resolutions this evening. My first is
25 to appropriate general fund reserves to

1 fund no more than 25 percent share of
2 the New York State DOS, LWRP grant.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have a
4 question on that. You're only doing
5 our portion of it, or are you doing the
6 whole --

7 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: No, it's for
8 the whole thing.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, is it? Did
10 it get changed?

11 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It was
12 revised.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay. I
14 didn't read the revision, I'm sorry.
15 There was a little family hubbub going
16 on before the meeting.

17 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I do believe
18 Deputy Mayor Brennan will be going
19 further into detail on this later in
20 the evening, so I'll leave it open.

21 My second resolution is to
22 appropriate general fund reserves to
23 fund the repair of the Mitchell Park
24 carousel. There had been a previous
25 budget transfer from fiscal year 2025

1 reallocating funds to assist in the
2 repair of the carousel. That budget
3 transfer was not adequate to fund the
4 final phase of the repairs, so this
5 budget modification covers the
6 difference.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: On that note, our
8 problems with the big panel doors have
9 gotten worse. Obviously this was not
10 something we planned to fund for.
11 They're getting harder and harder to
12 open and close. We've got someone who
13 has been coming out and looking at
14 them, but it is going to be something
15 we're going to need to discuss in our
16 next meeting.

17 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: To continue,
18 my next resolution is to reallocate
19 funds from the transportation rights
20 expense line to the repair of the
21 generator expense line. After the
22 Board approved the TCC contract last
23 month, it did free up funds in the
24 expense line, which can now be utilized
25 for this unexpected expense we have.

1 This is for the generator at the power
2 plant. This is a transfer of expense.
3 It does not alter the original budget.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: As I notified the
5 Board on this, the team that came up
6 from Florida, this is, again, because
7 of the age of these generators, it's a
8 single source team of folks who do this
9 type of work, and then dug and actively
10 looks with them for used parts if they
11 exist. When they don't, they have to
12 be custom fabricated. The biggest
13 issue here was an increase due to labor
14 costs because this team who came in had
15 to come back and do additional work
16 because they were having challenges.

17 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct.

18 And my final resolution is to
19 reallocate funds from the recreational
20 administration personnel expense line
21 to the law contractual expense line.
22 This effects the fiscal year 2025 as
23 well. It's to reallocate funds.
24 Again, this does not increase the
25 original budget. It is to cover the

1 final legal invoices for fiscal year
2 2025.

3 Moving right along, utility
4 billing is on time.

5 Talking points, application fees,
6 we covered that a lot this evening.
7 Very briefly, I'll just say I do agree
8 with most of what the Board was
9 mentioning specifically when the Mayor
10 referenced that we're discussing
11 increasing of fees, meanwhile we're
12 waiving a lot of these fees, and how we
13 should probably focus on looking at the
14 waiving of the fees prior to any
15 increase of it.

16 I'll just say, to reiterate, the
17 fees serve a purpose in managing the
18 true costs of hosting public events in
19 this Village. When we waive fees
20 selectively, I think we create an
21 inconsistency. It can create confusion
22 and make the policy harder to enforce
23 consistently in the future. Again, I
24 don't want to continue on too much
25 further with this. I think charging a

1 reasonable fee helps us ensure the
2 event is fair and well managed and
3 sustainable most importantly without
4 shifting the cost to taxpayers who
5 might not even be attending these
6 events. I'll leave it at that for now.

7 Significant collections, rent
8 collected in June 2025, \$42,673.56.
9 And property taxes collected through
10 June 2025, about 70 percent of the
11 Village taxes have been received,
12 approximately \$977,175.04.

13 Significant payments, the first
14 one being Corazzini Asphalt for
15 \$333,143.56. That was for the Sixth
16 Street paving, which is completed now.
17 This has already been submitted to
18 PaveNY for a 100 percent reimbursement
19 so we can continue to fix roads once
20 that money is received. I believe it
21 is scheduled to be reimbursed to us in
22 mid-September.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Where is it
24 coming again, I'm sorry?

25 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: PaveNY.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: What is
2 that?

3 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Pave,
4 P-A-V-E.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: That came in what,
6 30,000 under budget?

7 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It did come
8 in approximately 30,000 under budget,
9 correct.

10 We also paid the TCC payment for
11 the first 25 percent, which was about
12 \$112,119. Previously, if we had not
13 adopted the new TCC contract, this
14 number would be approximately \$172,000.

15 We also made some insurance
16 premium payments for the new fiscal
17 year totaling \$283,129.77 as well as
18 our yearly contribution to PERMA and
19 LOSAP for \$72,966 and \$258,714
20 respectively.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Does the LOSAP
22 -- that pays us up for the year?

23 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct,
24 yes. That's the full amount and
25 usually what will happen is as we

1 progress further in this fiscal year,
2 the remaining budgeted amount will be
3 submitted as well to them.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Is the
5 representative from LOSAP going to come
6 back to the Village Board at some point
7 to do a presentation?

8 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes, they
9 are. I can talk dates with them
10 tomorrow to see what their availability
11 is.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Before you go
13 on, I have a couple of questions on the
14 abstract. Do you want to take them
15 now?

16 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. There
18 was the -- there were two vouchers that
19 were for -- from Long Island Railroad,
20 was it, for -- one was for \$10,583.82
21 and the other one was for \$4,067.07.
22 You want to explain that a little bit
23 because it was budgeted within the
24 North Ferry project, but a lot of
25 people won't realize that, I think.

1 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Absolutely.
2 And I was questioning it myself when I
3 first saw it. So I did reach out to
4 ND5. What Trustee Phillips is
5 regarding to is the cost for the
6 flaggers, which are required for work
7 being done -- performed near the Long
8 Island Railroad tracks. As Trustee
9 Phillips mentioned, these were expected
10 invoices as per our consultants and
11 they are a part of the original budget.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
13 Flaggers as in people making sure --

14 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah,
15 safety, correct. It's a requirement
16 when you work that close to the tracks.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And then there
18 was an increase in the contract -- we
19 have a change order that we need to
20 have a resolution for for \$121,000.
21 You and I talked about that.

22 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Right. So I
23 did see -- I did reach out to ND5 as
24 well.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: We don't have the

1 final numbers on that yet.

2 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct.

3 Yeah, their response was that there
4 were no -- that there were --

5 MAYOR STUESSI: It's going through
6 the State right now.

7 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Currently
8 there's no formal change order has been
9 processed.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: What this is, Mary
12 Bess, as we talked about before, is
13 there were some site condition items
14 that had to be adjusted over there,
15 electrical, and then there was the
16 weather conditions with the winter and
17 the concrete pour over there. And so
18 that goes to the State, the State
19 reviews as part of the overall budget,
20 and so we're expecting -- we had our
21 weekly construction meeting yesterday
22 as a matter of fact. We're expecting
23 two more payment schedules that we --
24 not payment schedules, two more
25 payments that will be coming from ND5

1 through the contractor and the State
2 over the next sounds like three to four
3 weeks, and they're tallying up
4 everything now for us to provide a
5 final summary. The State actually
6 walked the project on, what's today,
7 Thursday, I believe -- no, it was
8 Monday morning the State walked the
9 project, they gave us the sign off on
10 the project for all of the
11 construction. The written
12 documentation hasn't been provided yet
13 by the State to ND5 in order for them
14 to move all that through, but they're
15 working on getting all that put
16 together and processed. So your last
17 bill from Corazzini was how much again?

18 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It's on this
19 month's voucher, it's just over a
20 million dollars.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. And that is
22 trailing, what, about three months, the
23 work?

24 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: And then you

1 submit it to the State to get
2 reimbursement, which we haven't
3 received payment yet on the first
4 payment, which went -- Board approved
5 and funded, what, how long ago,
6 January?

7 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I submitted
8 it -- no, the first submission I had
9 for reimbursement was in May.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: May 5th you
11 gave me the date.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm thinking
13 consulting, that was for ND5.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm talking
15 about the money from MTA from the grant
16 write. You put in -- the Department of
17 State, you put vouchers in for
18 reimbursement, correct?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Department of
20 Transportation.

21 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes, the
22 DOT, yes.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what you
24 did on May 5th?

25 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And that's --
2 so that the other ones know the
3 conversation you and I had was that
4 we've already submitted four of them so
5 far?

6 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct,
7 four.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And we haven't
9 been paid for any of them yet, correct?

10 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct, we
11 haven't received any of them back yet.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's where
13 I'm trying to figure out where this
14 change order comes in is this amount is
15 going to be increasing the contract, we
16 have to have a resolution to do the
17 change order. That's why I'm trying to
18 figure out, do we need to do that now,
19 or when do we need to get that done?

20 MAYOR STUESSI: I think we need --
21 it sounds like it would be on two of
22 the different billings upcoming as part
23 of, so we need that final summary
24 report.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because if

1 you're increasing -- if the change
2 order is increasing the amount of the
3 project, that's changing -- right,
4 that's what I'm getting at.

5 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: You'll have to
6 wait until you get the invoice to
7 approve the change order.

8 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: As I
9 mention, ND5 stated that there was no
10 formal change order -- I'm sorry,
11 currently no formal change order has
12 been processed yet.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay. So I
14 just want to clarify something, Jared
15 just said we have to get the invoice.
16 That's not typically how change orders
17 work. Change orders get approved and
18 then invoice follows. That's what we
19 should be doing.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. We
21 should be doing the resolution for the
22 change order.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I know
24 you've brought this up several times.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Legally if New

1 York State Comptroller comes through,
2 I'm afraid we might get our hand
3 slapped for not doing that process,
4 that's my concern.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well,
6 also, to go back many months, hasn't
7 there been sort of talk, like, oh,
8 there were a few changes with the whole
9 plan and we were going to get the
10 details on that at some point. Now,
11 it's, like, done mostly, right? So it
12 seems like that was also part of the
13 change order, getting the details of,
14 like, what actually changed. Because
15 now it's done, probably all of you are
16 having questions from the public or
17 trying to use it yourselves where
18 there's some questions. So maybe all
19 of us understanding exactly what
20 changed would be helpful, I mean,
21 including the financial part but also
22 the actual.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The other thing
24 we had was the McBride invoice was had
25 nothing on it that actually broke down

1 what they've been working on for the
2 \$6,500.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we've had a
4 discussion with them. Their future
5 invoices coming forward that they break
6 it out, much like we discussed with
7 legal in asking for further clarity.
8 So they committed to doing that moving
9 forward.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: All right. The
11 Robert Haffe, that was dealing --
12 that's with the help in the Building
13 Department?

14 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Haffe, yes.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm sorry, I
16 didn't hear.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The lady that's
18 working in the Building Department,
19 Robert Haffe, that's her --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm sorry, I
21 didn't --

22 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Robert Haffe
23 is the name of the --

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Robert Haffe is
25 the name of the voucher.

1 The other question I had is since
2 you and I discovered that on the
3 Medicare reimbursements there was a
4 little blurb, have we sent out the
5 annual letters confirming that people
6 still claiming that are entitled to the
7 Medicare payment?

8 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah,
9 Medicare Part B. I request those
10 letters in January, and I received them
11 all.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But the other
13 situation we talked about, you were
14 able to --

15 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It's been
16 rectified.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, good.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: What's the other
19 situation?

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There was one
21 where the Treasurer's Department didn't
22 catch an obituary and a person was
23 being overpaid for Medicare payment
24 but --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Procedurally, how

1 do we catch an obituary? How would --
2 is there not something through the
3 insurance company that when somebody
4 dies, we're notified?

5 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I don't
6 believe -- I believe that there is
7 regarding the major health insurance.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But not
9 Medicare.

10 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: But for the
11 reimbursement of Medicare Part B, I do
12 request a letter at the beginning of
13 the year showing that they're entitled
14 to this reimbursement, but that
15 essentially buys them 12 months of
16 reoccurring disbursements for Medicare
17 Part B, which is almost \$200 a month.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, it's just
19 shocking that they wouldn't notify us
20 if somebody passed away. Because I
21 spend a constant fight every month
22 trying to fight for the services that
23 I'm getting, and I'm alive.

24 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: When an
25 issue like this has presented itself in

1 the past, I was always notified by a
2 family member essentially. Somebody
3 would reach out to me and say that this
4 person passed away and to remove the
5 check.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: That's crazy. So
7 what -- I don't want to go down a
8 rabbit hole here, but what is the
9 policy? I mean, I haven't talked about
10 insurance in so long since I think I've
11 walked into the Village for employees
12 that retire, is it over a certain
13 number of years?

14 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah, it's
15 based on your years of service. I
16 believe that the Board actually passed
17 something several months ago approving
18 something that we already had in place,
19 but there just hadn't been a formal
20 vote on it yet. But it's based on your
21 years of service and a percentage of
22 the coverage that you would be
23 responsible to pay.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's in the
25 contract, isn't it? It's in the union

1 contract.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: What about for
3 nonunion employees?

4 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: That's part
5 of what we approved.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But the
7 Medicare, that's the question is the
8 Medicare isn't really -- there isn't
9 really a process, other than for
10 somebody being the family member
11 mentioning that there's been a death in
12 the family.

13 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Right. To
14 my understanding, there is no database
15 I can research these items in. Once a
16 year, I request letters, copies of
17 letters from these individuals with
18 social security letterhead stating what
19 amount they would be entitled to get
20 reimbursed, which is always the same
21 amount for everybody. This year it's
22 \$185 a month. So I ask for all those
23 letters in January as I'm prepping for
24 the new budget, so I can budget
25 accordingly, but those letters are only

1 required by my office once a year when
2 I do the budget. So if there is -- you
3 know, if somebody passes away in the
4 middle of the year, without a direct
5 notification, a check for \$180 could
6 still be produced and mailed out.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think that's
8 why some of the school districts and
9 some of the other municipalities have
10 gone to not monthly checks but to every
11 three months or every six months
12 because I know -- I just helped someone
13 fill out one for their retirement to a
14 school district, and they get paid
15 every six months. But in the past,
16 we've suggested that, and previous
17 administrations have felt that the
18 people need that funding to supplement
19 their own income at home.

20 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: That's
21 interesting. I feel like the Village
22 could still end up in a similar
23 position, even if I send them out every
24 six months.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It could

1 still happen.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But I
3 mean, it would be less time, right?

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It would be
5 six months as opposed to --

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: To be able to
7 kind of -- as I said, I caught it
8 because I knew the person, that's the
9 reason why I caught it.

10 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Specifically
11 this was about three months. Three,
12 four months.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Seems
14 like it might not hurt to do the six
15 months just so that in the future, if
16 we're in this position, at least it's
17 only six months rather than twelve.
18 But I don't know if that's more work on
19 your --

20 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: That's okay.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Maybe
22 that doesn't actually help us.

23 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Based on the
24 number of individuals these checks are
25 actually cut to, I don't think it will

1 be difficult for my office to check
2 these items more regularly. I'll say
3 that. We don't send out hundreds a
4 month. Somewhere around 35 I think,
5 40. So I think it wouldn't be too
6 difficult for us to review at least
7 periodically to make sure that these
8 items are caught.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: How many people
10 are on insurance getting payments?

11 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: The Medicare
12 Part B reimbursement? About 35, 40.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: That are no longer
14 employed?

15 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: I know there were
17 some spouses as well.

18 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes, that
19 includes the spouses.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And then you
21 mentioned \$15,000 for fencing at,
22 where, Fifth and Sixth Street Beach?

23 MAYOR STUESSI: 10,000.

24 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: \$13,6 I
25 believe the cheapest quote was.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we had two
2 that came. One was --

3 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Two were
4 extremely high, one was definitely the
5 more reasonable one.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: This is to replace
7 all the split rail fencing over at
8 Fifth and Sixth Street Park, which is
9 in -- we continue to try and make
10 repairs, but it's just at different
11 levels sinking and causing issues, and
12 neighborhoods talk about it a lot.
13 We're looking to pull this out of a
14 combination of parks and road
15 department ledger.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So this
17 wasn't -- replacing the fencing wasn't
18 put into the original budget for this
19 year?

20 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: No. It's
21 currently being allocated -- well,
22 technically nothing has been --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, it's a
24 maintenance item. What do you mean?

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Usually each

1 department starts out with a budget for
2 what they have planned, and that's why
3 I'm asking, this was not part of --

4 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: This was not
5 budgeted originally, no. I'm trying to
6 avoid modifying the budget increase so
7 early in the fiscal year. So I was
8 going to be pulling it from expense
9 lines where I believe it could be
10 funded from, and then later in the
11 fiscal year if those funds are still
12 required at that point, I would do a
13 budget modification. We always try to
14 --

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no, I'm
16 just asking because I noticed a fence,
17 and I was asking what happened.

18 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: One of the
20 questions that we took a look at was is
21 this something we could potentially do
22 in house, which is a reasonable
23 question to ask, and of course, the
24 biggest challenge we have with the road
25 crew is the amount of work that they

1 have to do and how much time it would
2 take them to do, what their labor would
3 be to do that, and plus the expense of
4 the materials and the fact that they
5 literally cannot get done everything
6 they need to do right now.

7 I know this is a very sensitive
8 subject, but we need to talk about it
9 at some point is how much and how often
10 we do brush pick up. Adam tallied up
11 the numbers, and what was it again,
12 \$140,000, which is something like 28
13 percent of the total labor number. Do
14 you have it handy?

15 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I do have it
16 handy. Labor, health insurance, as
17 well as the dumping fees, it's about
18 \$125,000. Not including the dumping
19 fees, \$115,000 just for staffing, which
20 is approximately 23 percent of the
21 total compensation for the road crew's
22 budget for the fiscal year.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That's
24 for the year for the time spending on
25 brush.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: 23 percent of
2 their total payroll and benefits cost
3 is going towards brush.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: For
5 the year and for that -- just that
6 work.

7 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Just that
8 work. It's approximately three and a
9 half days every two weeks for, what, 19
10 weeks.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, it starts
12 the first week in April and goes
13 through I think it's the second week in
14 December. We estimate it's about one
15 out of every five houses on average
16 that use it. So when you take a look
17 at it -- and listen, I'm somebody who
18 uses it myself, I mow my own lawns and
19 trim bushes and put it all out there,
20 but do you have the numbers on what it
21 costs? Each taxpayer was paying how
22 much?

23 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah, so
24 what I did was I took just the
25 residential households specifically,

1 and I concluded that each of
2 residential households approximately
3 \$160 of their annual tax invoice is for
4 brush pick up.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: So if you look at
6 the total expense versus those of us
7 that use it, wasn't that close to 8 or
8 900 dollars a year for --

9 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: If one in
10 five, then yes.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It
12 just seems like then you're asking
13 residents to pay a landscaper, I mean,
14 you know what I mean.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm not asking for
16 anything, I'm saying that it's an
17 expense relative to how much the road
18 crew can do.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.
20 I'm just saying no matter what, it's an
21 expense probably, unless we're going
22 to, like, compost it or leave the
23 leaves or, you know, there's other
24 things. But otherwise, it's an expense
25 somewhere for someone. So do we want

1 it to be a municipal expense, or do we
2 want people to pay for it on their own
3 and have private companies do it.

4 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: The expense
5 so much isn't with the items per se,
6 it's just the cost of the labor.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
8 understand that.

9 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: And other --
10 I believe what the Mayor is trying to
11 reference is, you know, other things
12 that could be tended to in the Village
13 that the brush pick up is taking
14 priority over.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Are we
16 allowed to subcontract it?

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It was talked
18 about years ago to be honest with you.
19 But we also years ago didn't have to
20 pay the dump fee either because they
21 used to put it -- where did they used
22 to put it? Up, up, up near the water
23 -- yeah, behind the water tower they
24 used to dump it back there. There was
25 also a point --

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Didn't we get in
2 trouble with the DEC for using that
3 area?

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, it got
5 too big. And then the other thing is
6 we used to mulch.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We
8 weren't buying mulch, we were using the
9 piles of mulch we already had.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. And
11 then the residents could come get the
12 mulch on their own, you know, it was a
13 byproduct of --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Did we have a
15 grinder at that point?

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, we had a
17 grinder. I believe -- well, it was
18 fixed at one point because a relative
19 of mine fixed it when he worked here,
20 but somehow it was not an important
21 item among the staff nor management at
22 that time, so I'm assuming it may be
23 around here someplace, but it was a
24 thought. I mean, it was something that
25 was done --

1 MAYOR STUESSI: That would be --
2 the challenge would be that would be
3 even more work to pay somebody to grind
4 everything.

5 And genuinely, the other thing we
6 need to talk about -- this all sort of
7 is going to need to be a bigger
8 conversation here in the coming months
9 is looking at continued rising costs of
10 labor and health insurance, what we
11 need to get done day-to-day work in the
12 Village. And so, again, like, I love
13 having brush pick up because I put all
14 my -- do all my work and put it all out
15 there, but one of the biggest things
16 that we're doing is we're doing
17 tremendous damage to our curbs bringing
18 this pay loader on the streets and
19 picking stuff up as well. We all know
20 how much we're spending on fixing
21 concrete and it's not nearly enough
22 around the Village too.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
24 Private landscapers wouldn't do that?

25 MAYOR STUESSI: What's that?

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
2 mean, I guess the pile wouldn't be on
3 the street.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: No, private
5 landscapers -- we don't pick up from
6 private landscapers, they're required
7 to take --

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
9 understand that, I'm just saying, like,
10 people are going to generate the brush,
11 you know, like anyway, so how, you know
12 -- but I understand.

13 (Whereupon, there was simultaneous
14 crosstalk.)

15 MAYOR STUESSI: If you weren't
16 doing it every other week and you were
17 trimming -- if I were trimming a bunch
18 of trees and stuff, you'd have two
19 options, you either pay somebody to
20 remove it or you do it yourself and you
21 take it to the Town dump.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What I've
23 noticed over the years just in
24 observation is that there is this big
25 push in the springtime where you see a

1 lot of -- there are more piles on the
2 road in springtime, then it lulls off
3 during the summertime, and then there's
4 the big push in the fall before the
5 brush pick up ends, and then you start
6 to -- I've seen more piles or more bags
7 along the streets. It could be, you
8 know, a varied schedule, but as I said,
9 it kind of depends on the season too.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: It definitely
11 does. The other thing we're having a
12 lot of challenges with is just how much
13 crushed debris, grass in particular,
14 and leaves ends up in the gutters and
15 in the storm water drains. Like, it's
16 unbelievable. It's hard to pick up as
17 well.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
19 think it's an important conversation,
20 but I also think we have a lot of
21 stuff, so maybe we put it on the agenda
22 for next meeting.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Sure. I
24 would just add something to that is I'm
25 aware that there's commercial debris

1 being put in front of people's houses.
2 So we need to be on top of that. I
3 guess I would start with some kind of
4 mailer to --

5 MAYOR STUESSI: When we're aware
6 of it, and believe me, like everybody
7 is watching out for it, they will have
8 a conversation with them directly and
9 say, hey, we're not picking this up.
10 You hired somebody to do this. This
11 happened down on Sixth Street. A
12 reminder would be --

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I'm
14 aware of it and I don't want to talk to
15 them, so I'd rather you send out a
16 notice.

17 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: That's all I
18 have.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Wendell, you've
20 been here a long time, sir, was there
21 something you wanted to speak on?

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: No.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: I just wanted to
24 give you the courtesy of speaking if
25 you wished to. We still have more

1 agenda items.

2 Patrick, do you want to go into
3 the Fire Department report?

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah. So
5 -- all right. So Chief DeKerillis
6 wasn't available and he asked me to
7 just mention two things on his report,
8 which is number one, there's no new
9 applications. And number two, he would
10 like the no parking signage on Fourth
11 Street picked up. And that segues into
12 my own liaison report, so I'll just do
13 that now; is that all right?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. And then
15 the only thing I wanted to ask about, I
16 don't know if you've seen the e-mail
17 yet, was the Chief sent an e-mail I
18 think an hour before we got in here
19 about some marine rescue, all hands on
20 deck event including other
21 municipalities?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I'm
23 going to touch on that.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: First off,

1 Fourth Street signage -- you can take
2 that, Mary Bess, you can take one of
3 these. I need that back.

4 So we had a warden's meeting last
5 night, and I brought this to the
6 warden's meeting to clarify what the
7 Fire Department wants to achieve. The
8 purple pinkish area is already no
9 parking and around the playground, and
10 the yellow highlighted area is where
11 we'd like to extend no parking to.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Fourth Avenue,
13 not Fourth Street.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I say that
15 wrong all the time. Fourth Avenue. So
16 it's the east side of Fourth Avenue
17 along the fire department area from
18 South Street to --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Good night, sir.
20 Thank you.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think
22 it's South Street to West Street.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: So did they not
24 bring up the issue over by the
25 Greenporter Hotel because we discussed

1 that prior. This is a recommendation
2 from the Planning Board --

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I did
4 bring that up, I did bring that up and
5 I reminded the wardens that that was
6 before the Planning Board, but I'm
7 recommending to the wardens that we
8 look to do this first and disentangle
9 it from the Planning Board Greenporter
10 project. So the Greenporter is from
11 Front Street to South Street.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Correct.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think
14 that could be a different discussion.
15 I think the Fire Department is most
16 interested in the segment highlighted
17 in yellow.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: And this would
19 only be on the --

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: East side
21 of Fourth Avenue. Fourth Avenue,
22 right, Mary Bess?

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, it's
24 Fourth Avenue.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: This

1 is something we need to like have an
2 actual --

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The code has to
4 be changed.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: The
6 code, like, law saying no parking there
7 and then we can put up signs. I think
8 it makes sense, I know we've been
9 talking about it.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We've been
11 talking about it, but the code needs to
12 be changed, but also I think there's
13 some other issues with the code with
14 parking that we could also present in
15 other areas that I talked about with
16 the BID in the past conversation, so
17 perhaps now would be the time to -- if
18 we could get the thoughts together on
19 my end, we could get something so that
20 legal could start dealing with it.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: But if this one is
22 an important one, it would seem like we
23 could do this as a one off, schedule a
24 public hearing, which would be
25 required, right?

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, yes, you
2 have to have a public hearing for it,
3 but what I'm suggesting is there was
4 some changes that the BID wanted that
5 we could include, so that was done in
6 the presentation, so maybe I will pull
7 them up and we could put them all
8 together.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Are
10 you talking about loading zones, or are
11 you talking about no parking downtown?

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No parking. It
13 had to deal down the end of Main
14 Street, changing some of the times down
15 there. So I don't have any qualms. I
16 could get it pulled back up over the
17 weekend.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Why don't
19 you make a recommendation to us whether
20 that could be done, like, reasonable
21 quickly as a full project or whether we
22 do it in two parts.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, it would be
24 piecemeal. There's only the section of
25 lower East Main that needed to be taken

1 care of, there was some time changes on
2 the parking, which is included in the
3 same section that this would be
4 included in the code.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Is that no
6 parking that you're talking about going
7 to be controversial? Because this is
8 not.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, it's not no
10 parking, it's changing the time.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Like,
12 making a 15 minute time.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Making it 15
14 minute time instead of 30 in front of
15 the pet store and on the other side of
16 Claudio's where the pizzeria is so that
17 pick up and take out can be a lot
18 easier down there. But let me pull it
19 up, Patrick, and then I'll let you
20 know. If it's too complicated, then
21 this can get done.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I'm fine
23 with that. Everyone understands this
24 part of it anyway, right?

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. And this is

1 just for clarity for the public, why
2 are you saying -- we don't have it
3 attached.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, it's
5 for to improve emergency access when
6 the Fire Department is responding to
7 calls. I guess it's a little narrow
8 along Fourth Avenue there, and there's
9 vehicle parked on both sides of the
10 street, and it's hard to make a turn
11 into the back entrance of this driveway
12 here.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They also want
14 to come out that way also, it's
15 difficult to get out in case they have
16 to exit the back door instead of the
17 front.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I know this
19 is something that you were working on,
20 so it's little longer story.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, there's a
22 lot to it, but it was just caught up in
23 the code changes for the loading zone
24 and parking.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I would

1 love to be able to get this done for
2 the Fire Department. I don't think
3 it's controversial.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: No, I think it's
5 an easy thing. There aren't that many
6 cars parked over there.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Mary Bess,
8 I'm going to need that back, my notes
9 for the meeting.

10 All right. So that's Fourth
11 Street parking. All right. Then the
12 chiefs were concerned about some budget
13 line items, particularly to do with
14 apparatus replacement, and I wasn't
15 clear about what they were talking
16 about. I was going to circle you and
17 the chiefs and me into an e-mail, maybe
18 you could just answer those questions.

19 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah, sure.
20 I don't have anything in front of me
21 regarding that, but I can get back to
22 you.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Is that dealing
24 with the transfer that takes place at
25 the end of the budget year?

1 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Probably
2 because they were basically saying it
3 was much lower than they expected. I
4 figured it had something to do with
5 balancing out or moving.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: When I looked
7 at the -- when I was looking over all
8 of the funds when you e-mailed me all
9 of the funds, the revenue and the
10 expense from 2024/2025, they spent a
11 lot of money and their net leftover in
12 their budget line items was smaller
13 than its been in years past, so that
14 could be part of the reason why.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Adam, maybe
16 you can look into it and be prepared
17 for an e-mail or a conference call or
18 something to try to satisfy that.

19 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The next
21 thing was the dog diving event, I
22 mentioned this to Kim Loper, the
23 wardens last night were aware that the
24 event is coming up next year and they
25 decided not to decide on it last night.

1 They were not clear whether they wanted
2 to participate or not. But I
3 understand that there's some of the
4 other chiefs that were more tuned into
5 this.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Their
7 participation, as I understand from
8 going, was they set up a booth and made
9 money selling hot dogs and hamburgers.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I
11 think they were evaluating whether it
12 was worth the time. They got a lot of
13 things going on. I don't want to speak
14 for the Chiefs that were involved, that
15 was really Chief David Nyce and Chief
16 Albie, so more to come on that.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can I
18 just interrupt? It's not that related,
19 but did anyone else get an e-mail from
20 a woman whose daughter had fallen at
21 the dog diving event, and the Fire
22 Department helped rescue her? It was
23 in my spam, and then I saw it. Anyway,
24 I talked to Chief Nyce about it and he
25 did remember. Anyway, the woman just

1 wanted to make sure that we were fixing
2 -- I think it had something to do with
3 a manhole cover by --

4 MAYOR STUESSI: It was a water
5 valve. I heard about it from the Fire
6 Department. They used it to fill the
7 pool, and then apparently it was not
8 placed back properly by the Fire
9 Department, and the person tripped in
10 the actual --

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.
12 I just wanted to make sure. Chief Nyce
13 said something that the Road Department
14 was aware and it was going to get
15 fixed. I just wanted to make sure that
16 it had, and maybe I will get back to
17 her now.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The next
19 thing that came up was the --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: They took care of
21 it right away between the Fire
22 Department.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
24 think she's also fine, they just wanted
25 to make sure that no one else was going

1 to get hurt in the future, especially
2 if we're going to have this again
3 perhaps another time.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The fire
5 hydrant, so questions about the
6 schedule for replacing fire hydrants
7 that were identified in last fall's
8 fire hydrant inspection because I know
9 people are aware that there's some
10 surplus, there's an inventory of
11 hydrants, they're questioning --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: So there's a whole
13 number of them that have been done. I
14 mean, we had last discussed I think you
15 were going to put David Nyce with Steve
16 Brokowski (phonetic) to go over the
17 list and make sure everything is
18 matched up.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I mentioned it
20 to David, I don't know if that meeting
21 transpired.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It doesn't
23 sound like it did.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: He's on the Fire
25 Department plus he's in charge of the

1 the Water Department, whoever the
2 designated person is, they can do the
3 review together.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So ask
5 Steve Brokowski (phonetic) and Dave --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: You just let me
7 know whoever the designee is from the
8 Fire Department, and I'll make sure
9 that Steve coordinates a meeting.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, it's
11 probably Chief Nyce because he actually
12 spent the time last year to go through
13 all of the hydrants in the Village to
14 get them actually documented because
15 the list they were working off didn't
16 have some of them, but there is still
17 the question --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The ones that
20 are on private property, I don't know
21 if that was ever settled as to who is
22 supposed to do the inspections -- the
23 testing on those. That's something
24 that I don't know if that got resolved.
25 I know I raised it.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: That's not our
2 department, that's the property owners
3 and the Fire Department I thought was
4 going to review and make a
5 recommendation on what needed to be
6 done as to whether they wanted some
7 sort of letter that they will send out
8 that the Village could help coordinate
9 for private property.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because there's
11 one on the hospital property.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, so I
13 can bring it back up with the Fire
14 Department. I feel like that
15 conversation doesn't get anywhere.
16 There's a lot of confusion over what we
17 should be asking for, what the actual
18 technical requirements are.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I think
20 part of it was it was getting thrown to
21 us as a Village Board to kind of make a
22 decision on it, and I think that's
23 something maybe we should pass to legal
24 and say how responsible are we for fire
25 hydrants that are on private property,

1 whether they work, do they have the
2 proper pressure? Our Fire Department
3 would be hooking up to it, once we hook
4 up to it, does it have all of the
5 required pressure to do a fire? How
6 liable are we -- do you hear where I'm
7 going?

8 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: Yeah.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Also
10 what water, I mean, is this like
11 metered water, or it's on their
12 property but it's accessing water --

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, that is
14 metered through the Village's whole
15 system for fire hydrants I would assume
16 because --

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right,
18 and it's not like -- like, you're not
19 going to get paid for it.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's
21 probably non-metered.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So it
23 does seem like it's sort of the Fire
24 Department. I think it's a
25 collaboration.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Have you seen this
2 issue before, Jared, any thoughts?

3 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: No, I mean,
4 most of the communities that we work
5 with have water through the public
6 municipal system, so they're not
7 drawing on wells or whatnot.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, they're
9 drawing on our public water.

10 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: So how is it
11 not -- that's a fire department asset.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But it's placed
13 on private property.

14 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: They have an
15 easement to --

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Do we?

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We don't know
18 if we do or not.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So we are
20 -- as part of our annual fire hydrant
21 testing, we don't go onto the private
22 property to test.

23 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: Oh, really?

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
25 mean, it seems like it would be the

1 Fire Department's --

2 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: Probably
3 something that ought to happen to make
4 sure that that equipment is working for
5 the exact reasons that --

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's what
7 we wanted, like, the Fire Department
8 wanted the private property owners to
9 attest that they are doing their own
10 maintenance or testing on this.

11 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: No, I don't
12 think that's -- that's not on the
13 private homeowner to maintain the --

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Not the
15 homeowner, but it's like a hospital or
16 a school.

17 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: Oh, these
18 aren't standpipes, there are actual
19 hydrants?

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Like a condo
21 development would be a good example.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But it
23 seems like it's to the benefit of the
24 Village, the Fire Department, and these
25 property owners that they have working

1 fire hydrants. So it seems like -- I
2 mean, I understand, everyone is like
3 whose responsibility is it, but
4 everyone should want --

5 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: I'll look into
6 this issue.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
8 Everyone should want them all to be
9 working.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Then to take it
11 one step further, we have the East/West
12 Fire District where Suffolk County
13 Water Department does the tests on the
14 hydrants and they don't -- refresh my
15 memory, I don't think they do it on the
16 same schedule that we do or they --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: There's a
18 different schedule.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Different
20 schedule. But we do not receive
21 verification from Suffolk County Water
22 Authority that they've done the
23 testing, and that was the other
24 question is we have to -- how do we get
25 Suffolk County Water Authority to say,

1 okay, we've done the testing, here is
2 our results? And to make sure that if
3 they're not working they get --

4 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: That the Fire
5 Department is made aware of it.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's been a
7 long day. And that they're also, you
8 know, verifying that if they have to be
9 replaced or they have to be fixed,
10 that's not on us, that's on Suffolk
11 County Water Authority.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, so
13 that's an important issue too. It's a
14 separate issue, sort of related.

15 The other thing is I made another
16 request to the Fire Department to do
17 what they call pre-incident planning at
18 the mini railroad, so that was not done
19 as far as I could tell. The Fire
20 Department needs to get back over
21 there, take a fresh look at it. We
22 talked about making this an annual
23 thing. They said they will do it.

24 And then I'll just give an update
25 on the fire boat acquisition. This is

1 for the new boat. We did obtain a
2 draft purchase agreement from the
3 vendor, the bidder, and I sent that to
4 legal Counsel for review. Brian
5 provided some comments. I looked at
6 it, that's as far as we've taken it
7 right now. There's a lot of issues
8 with the contract that they put forth.
9 It doesn't match bidding specs in a
10 sense. Like, for example, one of the
11 big things was the agreement they put
12 forth does not include delivery of the
13 boat from Washington State to New York.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, shit. I'm
15 sorry, but that's not insignificant.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: But the
17 specification did require delivery, so
18 I'm assuming that the bid amount
19 includes that. So anyway, things like
20 that. The biggest thing --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: You feel like
22 there's a good amount to get resolved
23 between the --

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think so.
25 I'm not sure, maybe the vendor didn't

1 put that much work into making the
2 draft agreement.

3 The other thing that Brian pointed
4 out was that the payment schedule that
5 the vendor put forth, which was like a
6 10 percent deposit, 20 percent
7 intermediate payments, whatever,
8 progress payments, Brian was saying
9 that the municipality can only pay for
10 this upon acceptance, right, of the --

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. That's
12 for everything that we do, we don't pay
13 until it's actually accepted and
14 then --

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So they
16 would have to give us, like, a net 30
17 agreement, right? Which I know they do
18 because in a prior conversation we had
19 mentioned this that they have done
20 that. That's what we're going to need
21 though, right? What do we call it, is
22 it net 30, net 60?

23 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: We can do --
24 I've seen net 45 and that works. Net
25 60 is great too, net 30 might be --

1 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: If memory
2 serves, I think the statute -- I think
3 New York State law allows
4 municipalities to make payment within
5 90 days.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. But
7 usually what has happened in the past,
8 and it will probably happen when the
9 ambulance comes in, which is another
10 question, I think we need to find out
11 when that's going to get delivered, is
12 that if we can't make it on the
13 abstract -- I mean, if we have the
14 invoice ahead of time, we could put it
15 on the abstract and then hold the check
16 until the equipment is actually
17 received, which we've done in the past
18 because we try to avoid the manual
19 checks, but we can do a manual check
20 for payment. But in the past, we've
21 always had the invoice, so we know when
22 it's going to be delivered so that it
23 gets on the abstract, but the check
24 just doesn't leave the Village until
25 it's arrived. But that's usually

1 within a week, like, within a week of
2 the dates. If it's going to be a month
3 away, then you kind of wait and do a
4 manual check.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: All right.
6 So we just need to get the terminology
7 to the agreement correct, and but the
8 actual payment -- if and when this
9 comes to fruition, the actual payment
10 is, like, two and a half years from
11 now, so we've got a lot of time to get
12 that to you.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Out of
14 curiosity, were you able to reach out
15 to the DASNY to see if the -- you know,
16 all that paperwork that was done they
17 finally have given us the go ahead?

18 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I actually
19 e-mailed them today and I CC'd the
20 Deputy Mayor on it to get another
21 status update. I haven't heard from
22 them in about a month, so I'm
23 definitely curious to know the status
24 as well. If I'm informed tomorrow, I
25 will forward that information.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: They've been very
2 responsive though every time you've
3 reached out.

4 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: They have.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I know your
6 prior update from them they responded,
7 they just didn't really respond with
8 anything useful.

9 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Right.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It was kind
11 of --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I think the
13 important thing is that if the Fire
14 Department is asking, he can provide a
15 copy of what it is. I know they're,
16 like, going to our State Senator and
17 our State Assemblyman who both point
18 back, like, you have to go through
19 DASNY to get further information.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So last
21 time when Adam got a response from
22 DASNY, I clipped the response and I
23 sent it to the Chiefs only, not the
24 entire department, just saying, like,
25 look, there is a conversation, this is

1 the results and that's all. Just so I
2 did share that with them to try to make
3 sure everyone feels like they're
4 getting a straight story.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: I think that's
6 good to be helpful because I know that
7 certain members have asked each of them
8 when they've seen them at parades and
9 things, and they're, like (inaudible)
10 going to DASNY.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's a
12 little unavoidable to, like, have
13 different messages going through
14 different people. I am sharing Adam's
15 updates.

16 The last item is the training. So
17 our Fire Department participates in
18 Town-wide joint marine rescue training
19 once a month. And this month Greenport
20 is the host. It's happening on Sunday.
21 Why are you making a face? Oh, I
22 thought you were -- what is this? You
23 were just yawning.

24 Rick is aware of it. So the
25 training is this Sunday, it will be

1 from about 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. It
2 will be somewhere out in the waters
3 probably out by Pipes Cove, but at the
4 end of the event the departments will
5 be coming into Mitchell Park, tying up
6 their boats, and then they'll be coming
7 back to the station for kind of a
8 critique discussion of the training and
9 some food.

10 It's going to be handled like a
11 drill, so this is what's important
12 here, this is what Chief DeKerillis was
13 trying to communicate. The drill is
14 different than a training in that
15 nobody is told what's happening until
16 it's dispatched. So the dispatcher
17 will send out a call around 9:30 Sunday
18 morning saying that there's a missing
19 person in some area, and they'll
20 dispatch, you know, Greenport, or
21 they'll dispatch Cutchogue. And it's
22 meant to replicate, like, a real life
23 scenario. It's a little chaotic and
24 there will be several fire departments
25 participating, there may be ambulances,

1 different things going on. And so I
2 think just to be aware.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: We just got notice
4 today on this?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Well, I've
6 known about this for a while, but the
7 idea that it was going to be a drill
8 versus a training is new. So this is
9 -- so sometimes these are what we call
10 just joint training which we meet
11 somewhere and the various departments
12 do a little exercise, like, how to
13 extricate someone out of the water.
14 Chief DeKerillis wanted to make this a
15 drill and so that's -- he's kind of
16 managing that aspect of it.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Will this be --
18 might it feel frightening at all to the
19 boats that are in the marina? Because
20 it's a weekend and we're going to be
21 busy, and I want to be able to notify
22 people. And this is new for Rick and
23 it sounds like there was a conversation
24 today about utilizing some space at the
25 marina.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I expect you're
2 going to be on Channel 16?

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: You mean,
4 on the VHF radio?

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: We use fire
7 radio, which is a different thing.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's just that
9 the commercial guys are going to be
10 listening, you know, their obligation
11 when they're out on the water is if
12 there is a situation going on,
13 especially the federal boats, they're
14 supposed to respond, so that's the only
15 reason I'm asking you. I mean, the big
16 boats aren't going to respond because
17 you're going to be in Pipes Cove.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can
19 you say it's a drill? Like, all the
20 firefighters know it's a drill. Can
21 you say --

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: This is similar
23 to what they did up at the school, is
24 it not, when they had the drills for --

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Mass

1 casualty? Yeah, but it's much smaller.
2 This is not that involved. We have had
3 some of these drills and they have been
4 dispatched in this way. I don't think
5 the activity will be centered around
6 Mitchell Park and the marina, it's
7 probably going to be further afield.
8 And afterwards, the departments will be
9 invited to come back to Greenport -- to
10 come back to Greenport to have food and
11 discuss.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: How many -- is it
13 just going to be our boat and
14 firefighters, volunteers coming to
15 Mitchell Park?

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It might be
17 four departments with their own boats.
18 So I've discussed it with Rick, and he
19 believes there's some capacity around
20 that notch cut out there.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, where
22 they have the transient people go in.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm just wondering
24 if we should communicate and, like,
25 send out a simple letter to all the

1 boaters. We'll probably have 65 boats
2 in there.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, the
4 Harbor Masters are going to be in on it
5 as well, aren't they?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The Harbor
7 Master, you mean, from the Southold PD?

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, and
9 Shelter Island.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean the marina
11 where customers are sleeping overnight
12 and waking up.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Does
14 the fire boat leave out of Mitchell
15 Park, where does it dock?

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's docked
17 at Mitchell Park, but it doesn't go,
18 like, screaming out of there.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right,
20 but it probably will leave.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: But others will be
22 leaving from other places, or you're
23 saying they're leaving from Mitchell
24 Park?

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No, they'll

1 be leaving from wherever they enter the
2 water in their hamlet.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: So when the
4 incident is called, the fake incident,
5 the test incident, it's just our
6 department, the one boat, no fire
7 trucks coming into Mitchell Park?

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: So just personal
10 vehicles.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Ambulance.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: An
13 ambulance could be dispatched at some
14 point, but it might go to, like, some
15 location like Fourth Street or
16 somewhere else where the --

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The end of
18 Fifth and Sixth Street.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: They'll try
20 to simulate, like, where the victim
21 would be picked up.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Seems
23 like communication to marina customers
24 might not be a bad idea.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: In my mind, that's

1 the best thing to do.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Can Rick do
3 that tomorrow? How does he communicate
4 with his customers?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, we talk to
6 them, but this would be something I'd
7 want to put on a simple letter and hand
8 it to everybody. A lot of times nobody
9 is on the boar or somebody else
10 might -- cover our bases.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: One question,
12 if you do come off of Fifth and Sixth
13 Street Beach, maybe the life guards
14 need to know what's going on so they
15 don't rush into action. I'm assuming
16 you're going to be further down off of
17 Silver Sands maybe, is that where
18 you're headed? You don't know where.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I don't
20 know yet. The Chief wants to make it
21 like a surprise. I'll talk to him
22 about -- I understand -- I think I
23 understand your concerns, you don't
24 want a whole lot of activity around the
25 marina and Mitchell Park.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: I don't want to
2 panic people that are staying at the
3 marina or park goers, if they're like,
4 oh, my God, what's happening.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I have a
6 meeting tomorrow evening with some of
7 the folks who are putting the training
8 -- the drill together, so I'll have an
9 opportunity to.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Just use your
11 judgment and then let us know. Even if
12 the Fire Department wants to type up a
13 simple we're running a test scenario.

14 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: If I may, I
15 think it might be the easiest and most
16 efficient way to send out the message
17 through the software that we use to
18 book these vessels. We can send
19 messages. We can send them messages.
20 To the Mayor's point, they might not be
21 on the vessel, so I don't know how
22 effective a letter posted on their
23 windshield might be, but the Dockwa
24 platform I know they get notifications
25 and there's usually a good response

1 with that. I think that would be the
2 most efficient way.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That sounds
4 good.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: I'll ask Rick. I
6 just want to make sure we're confident
7 that everybody is knowing.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Good.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Can take a three
10 minute break to use the restroom?

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's the
12 end of my Fire Department report.

13 (A recess was taken.)

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Do you know
15 anything about the ping-pong? Seaport
16 Museum asked the Fire Department to
17 consider bringing one of the trucks
18 over as part of the festival and
19 dropping ping-pongs, and they were
20 concerned about liability.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I haven't
22 heard about that. Off of, like, the
23 ladder truck?

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I hadn't

1 heard that one.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: They asked if we
3 would consider doing it from the
4 Village off of our bucket truck,
5 electrical, and I was, like, sure. I
6 can't imagine what the -- I got no
7 worries about Doug dropping ping-pongs
8 when he's up there touching wires.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They're not
10 going to go in the water, are the
11 ping-pong balls?

12 MAYOR STUESSI: No, no, no.
13 Mitchell Park.

14 Do you want to touch on the
15 visitors' dock?

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, do
17 you want me to talk about that?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay. So
20 the visitors' dock, as you folks all
21 know, there's no visitors' dock in
22 place this year. The floats, the
23 pilings, and the ramp --

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Deteriorated.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Removed,

1 become obsolete. There's been a lot of
2 feedback coming to me and the Mayor,
3 all of you folks saying where is the
4 visitors' dock, why can't we have a
5 visitors' dock? It wasn't budgeted
6 for. I think what we're looking at is
7 maybe, like, a \$75,000 price tag to put
8 that back together.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Just
10 to clarify for anyone watching, this is
11 the visitors' dock by the jitney, ferry
12 area.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's
14 right, yeah, thank you. So over by the
15 jitney parking lot, that's the
16 visitors' dock, some people call it the
17 courtesy dock. It's been a little
18 unclear whether that was always
19 intended to be free or if that was
20 supposed to be paid for. In any
21 case --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: It's been free for
23 basically forever, right?

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It started out
25 -- it actually started out where there

1 was supposed to be a fee for it, but
2 there's never been staff over there to
3 take care of it, which has caused a
4 fair amount of discord on people who
5 are watching some of the commercial
6 activity that's been taking place at
7 that visitors' dock.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: You say
9 forever, the dock hasn't been there
10 forever, it was put in there in, like,
11 the early '90s, late '80s.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: When the
13 railroad dock was built.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: At the same
15 time. In any case, it's not there,
16 people are missing it. People think
17 it's an important part of Greenport
18 being a welcoming place for people to
19 come and partake in eating at the
20 restaurants or whatever.

21 Now, I have real concern about how
22 the Village affords these things and
23 maintains them, right. So that did not
24 have any kind of funding stream that
25 went specifically to it, so there

1 didn't generate any income, and so
2 maybe as part of the entire marina you
3 could say that that could be funded
4 through the marina. But we haven't
5 really set aside any funds for that,
6 and it's not a revenue earner, and so
7 basically it's a taxpayer is paying for
8 it, which is fine, but the public needs
9 to understand that they're paying for
10 it and it's to welcome people for the
11 most part who are not Greenport
12 residents coming in. You know, some
13 Greenport people will also use it, but
14 by and large I would think it's people
15 from Shelter Island or other parts of
16 the Town of Southold.

17 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Out of state.
18 We've gotten a few calls from people
19 out of state.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Out of
21 state, yeah. So right now I've been
22 telling people that if they want to
23 visit Greenport, they should go to
24 Mitchell Park Marina, contact the
25 marina office on the radio, and ask for

1 a slip. We are -- our small boat slips
2 are undersold this year to some extent,
3 so there's been some availability, so
4 it's not like there's no capacity.
5 Now, I did speak with our marina
6 manager, Rick Albanese about this this
7 morning. He does not offer any kind of
8 a discount for, like, a short stay, you
9 know, 20, 30 minutes, an hour. He's
10 only selling full, half day, or daily
11 rates, which is \$2 per foot for a boat.
12 So a 20 foot boat is going to cost \$40
13 whether you stay there 10 minutes or
14 four hours. And he said the problem in
15 the past is that if they try to offer a
16 discount for, like, a 30 minute stay,
17 people would agree to that and they
18 would not come back. So they come back
19 four hours later, and there's no way to
20 collect, and, I guess, it leads to
21 arguments. And you have to remember
22 that we have a great crew down there,
23 but it's a lot of young folks who work
24 at the marina. They're very good,
25 they're responsive. Rick is running a

1 good crew there, but people take
2 advantage. And they're not really
3 equipped to navigate -- negotiate this
4 thing. So the marina manager doesn't
5 feel like he can implement, like, a
6 short term fee. Now, you have to
7 remember, for most people who are
8 recreational boating, that's a pretty
9 discretionary kind of hobby. I'm not
10 sure they can't afford 20, 30, 40 bucks
11 to visit Greenport.

12 The other issue is that while some
13 harbors have courtesy docks, like
14 Dering Harbor has a dock that's free,
15 it has a two hour time limit on it. I
16 don't know how they enforce that. It's
17 not manned. But Greenport runs a
18 commercial marina as one of its
19 enterprises, so it's a little bit of a
20 conflict to try to run a business and
21 then give free docking 200 yards away.
22 We're kind of, like, undercutting
23 ourselves, right. So I think there's a
24 lot to think about here. I think the
25 visitors' dock is important and I would

1 like to get it back in some capacity.
2 I don't see how we could do that this
3 year, right, so it's not going to
4 happen this year. The summer is half
5 over. We had contemplated, made some
6 adjustments about maybe people could
7 use other docks in the Village for
8 visiting, like the Bay Avenue dock is
9 the other dock that's accessible to the
10 harbor, and the other one is the one on
11 Fifth Street. Those are both fixed
12 piers, they're not great for tying
13 boats up to, and they're used largely
14 by people swimming, fishing, jumping.
15 It's a little bit of a hazard to ask
16 people to tie up there. And some of
17 the feedback that we've gotten from the
18 people in, like, the Bay Avenue
19 community is it's not an appropriate
20 place for visitors because they're kind
21 of entering into a residential
22 neighborhood.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I've
24 also heard complaints about people who
25 do swim there and said how, you know,

1 people tie up and they block the ladder
2 and it's just made it, like, not a
3 nice --

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah. So
5 the Mayor and I had a meeting, what day
6 was it, Monday?

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Sunday.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Sunday with
9 this group to hear their issues. You
10 know, it's not an unreasonable thing
11 they're asking for. The thing is we
12 don't regulate how people use their
13 docks at all. It doesn't say you can't
14 boat, you can't fish, you can't swim,
15 you can't stroll, and so we're pretty
16 open ended about it, so we have to just
17 be careful about how we kind of walk
18 our way through this and say is this
19 only a swimming dock, is this only a
20 boating dock. You don't have life
21 guards.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
23 mean, I do think on some of them we do
24 say no fishing. I'm not saying it's
25 super well-enforced, but like the

1 railroad dock does --

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, also
3 Mitchell Marina there's no fishing on
4 that one, and supposedly off of Fifth
5 and Sixth Street Beach you're not
6 supposed to be fishing off the dock.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I don't
8 know if there's a sign there to that
9 effect.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There used to
11 be one.

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: The sign says
13 no diving.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So anyway,
15 so the thing with docks is just like
16 the bulkhead, any other piece of
17 infrastructure, it's an asset for the
18 Village and then by day two it's
19 becoming a liability because these are
20 depreciating assets, right, so they
21 only have a finite lifespan, 25 years,
22 30 years. If you can aggressively
23 maintain something like this, it will
24 work forever. You'd have to have a
25 very aggressive repair and maintenance

1 schedule where you're literally taking
2 out a portion of the pilings every
3 year, and it would be quite expensive.
4 That's not the kind of repair and
5 maintenance regimen we have here in the
6 Village. And so what happens is these
7 assets become a liability over time,
8 and they're a liability in two ways.
9 So they're, like, an unfunded
10 liability, think about, like, normally
11 you think about a pension plan for a
12 municipality, you've heard the term
13 unfunded liability where you're
14 creating a liability, but you're not
15 funding it fast enough to maintain it
16 as an asset. It's the same thing with
17 infrastructure. So we have to be very
18 mindful of when we're putting
19 infrastructure in place, it's like
20 what's the long term way that we're
21 going to keep it financially feasible.

22 I had a former trustee get me over
23 the weekend or a couple of days ago
24 saying why do we charge anyone for the
25 railroad dock because we got it for

1 free. So this is the thing, we got the
2 dock for free, the County or the State
3 or someone paid for it. I said, yeah,
4 but as soon as we got that dock, it
5 became a liability, and you can't just
6 -- there's no free docks, you can't
7 just give stuff away for free without a
8 strategy to pay for it. So as much as
9 I understand the courtesy dock is
10 important, I would like to see it back
11 in some capacity or another, we have to
12 be deliberate about how we afford it.
13 So afford the initial installation and
14 afford it going forward.

15 I was personally recommending that
16 we move the courtesy visitors' dock
17 into Mitchell Park so that it could be
18 supervised by the marina manager. So
19 it would be like near the Camera
20 Obscura or East Hardwood Notch or
21 something like that so that guests
22 could be welcomed, but they could do
23 like a quick drop off, so someone who
24 is dropping off someone for the jitney
25 or to get ice cream, and then we could

1 also offer short stays, half an hour,
2 an hour because it would be right
3 there, so it could be actually be
4 supervised. And it still may require
5 an app or something so that we could
6 ensure payment. Maybe the Dockwa
7 system could be used there. I don't
8 know what the functionality of that is.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: But we obviously
10 have to -- this would have to be funded
11 somehow, which we're easily looking at
12 75 grand.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, for a
14 variety of reasons, I mean, this is all
15 up to the Board, but I would like to
16 move it into the park, get it away from
17 the commercial fishing boats and the
18 ferry traffic. It's not a great place
19 over there for recreational boaters to
20 be navigating because it's in a
21 commercially active area. It's
22 convenient in that it's close to the
23 jitney and the parking lot if you're
24 picking up travelers, but I don't see
25 it as being terribly inconvenient if

1 it's in Mitchell Park. And certainly
2 for all the people that are coming to
3 actually eat and drink and buy ice
4 cream and stuff, they'll be right down
5 there. So if we can do this for next
6 year, we figure out a way forward, I
7 think I would like the Board to think
8 about moving it there. Obviously we
9 need to schedule a consultation with
10 Rick Albanese and see if this makes
11 sense for him.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Are
13 you talking about, like, actually
14 building out another dock there, or are
15 you talking about using the existing --

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Putting,
17 like, floats along the bulkhead.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Part
19 of the earlier wetlands application,
20 part of my thought right now is
21 probably an unpopular opinion, but,
22 right, the less docks environmentally
23 would be the better. So maybe we don't
24 have a visitors' dock period.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: In all honesty,

1 Lily, whatever you're trying to do
2 within Mitchell Marina environmentally
3 for the bottom is not really going to
4 do much because you have the function
5 of the engines from the boats, and I
6 mean, I understand where you're coming
7 from. It's a marina and DEC looks at
8 that in a totally different
9 environmental discussion than on what
10 you're talking about on wetlands.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Are you
12 advocating for less boats in Greenport?

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I'm
14 just saying right there it would be
15 less boats. I mean, we have a lot of
16 boats. Like, this is sort of similar
17 to, like, tourism or traffic or, you
18 know, I don't know, maybe we reach some
19 capacity that we don't need to --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Relative to the
21 conversation about having a lot of
22 boats in the summer, like, if we had a
23 longer pier, we could sell space to big
24 boats that we can't currently handle
25 and make more money. I'm not

1 suggesting we do it, but our demand is
2 greater than our capacity for larger
3 boats, not for the smaller ones.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Getting back to
5 Patrick with the observation of the
6 smaller slips, it's similar to when we
7 approved the Safe Harbor ones is if the
8 client -- the recreational boating has
9 changed. Those who have smaller boats
10 that would fit in some of those smaller
11 are now putting them on trailers
12 because they don't want to spend the
13 fee. So that whole thing, some of
14 those slips eventually could end up
15 being the visitors' spaces because
16 we're just not going to have that
17 clientele coming into Greenport.

18 The other thing is in that
19 visitors' dock area, there's a
20 potential -- and this would be looking
21 for grant money, which I think there is
22 going to be infrastructure for
23 commercial waterfront activities, is to
24 do something there to move the party
25 boats away from the railroad dock

1 itself and give them a little bit more
2 of where the customers can use the
3 parking lot to go on. I mean, there's
4 a lot of potential in that area, but
5 right now what concerns me is that that
6 visitors' dock that boats park there
7 for hours upon hours. They had boats
8 that were bigger that should have never
9 been moored against a floating dock.
10 There was the speeding activity that
11 was taking place because they weren't,
12 you know, they didn't stop way out
13 there, they stopped right before and
14 then, of course, the wave action was
15 bothering everybody. I just think that
16 that area as a Board we could rethink
17 that to become a revenue generator for
18 repairing things. That's my thought.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I
20 want to address that and I want to come
21 back to your question about the
22 environmental thing. So I agree that
23 that area can be rethought of as more
24 commercial opportunities. We've
25 already talked to people who want to

1 operate a ferry to Sag Harbor, whether
2 people like that or not, or whether
3 there's an opportunity for water taxis.
4 That would be the appropriate place to
5 do that. And again, visitors' dock I
6 think should be moved. Now we have no
7 dock, so if we're going to build, make
8 new floating docks to create a
9 visitors' dock at Mitchell Park, they
10 could be smaller, maybe they could also
11 be built better in the sense that
12 they're -- like the discussion earlier.
13 So there is an opportunity to improve,
14 I think, on the visitors' dock and make
15 it more environmentally friendly
16 possibly.

17 When the Mayor and I met with the
18 folks down by Bay Avenue on Monday, I
19 came by boat and tied up to that dock
20 because I wanted to see how difficult
21 it was, and it's really not a good
22 situation. But as I was leaving, there
23 was another boat coming. This was a
24 center console boat, it was large, it
25 was maybe 26 feet. This is a boat that

1 costs at least a quarter of a million
2 dollars. And the fellow who was coming
3 in, he said can I dock here? And I
4 said don't dock here. I just left that
5 meeting. I said please don't dock
6 here. He said but there's no visitors'
7 dock anymore. I said just go to
8 Mitchell Park and they'll find a space
9 for you. I know there's space right
10 now. And he said well, it's not free.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Exactly. This is
12 all the telephone calls and e-mails I'm
13 getting.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I said, no,
15 it's not free, but, like, I know they
16 can accommodate you, and I'm looking at
17 the guy's boat, and I'm a boater, it's
18 normal to pay. As a recreational
19 boater, it's normal to pay for this,
20 totally normal. And he got really
21 surly with me. And we were in two
22 different boats, and I was kind of just
23 trying to gently encourage him to go to
24 the marina. And he said I'm a
25 taxpayer, put the f'n dock back.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, yeah,
2 that's the attitude.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And I said,
4 oh, okay, actually I don't know you,
5 where do you live? I live in East
6 Marion. I said, you know you don't
7 live in the Village, you don't pay
8 taxes, and this is being supported by
9 taxpayers. He just kind of blew up.

10 Now, this is not representative of
11 everyone, but we're also getting some
12 inquiries from Shelter Island people
13 saying we really want this dock back.
14 We shop in your Village, we dine, we
15 drink. So that's true and that's
16 important to the Village, it's
17 important to me, right, so I do want to
18 encourage that, but for someone who is
19 coming from there and coming here
20 demanding free dockage --

21 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: Doesn't Sag
22 Harbor charge for transient docking for
23 the day when people go to Sag Harbor
24 and use their docking?

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, Sag

1 Harbor, yeah. I mean, I was little
2 with my father, we used to pay a fee to
3 go over.

4 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Rick Albanese
5 checked because we've gotten really
6 horrendous calls in the clerk's office
7 about the -- the exact same experience
8 that you got, I've had to jump in to
9 several calls because I'm not the front
10 person answering the call but it gets
11 nasty immediately. It's mind blowing
12 because, like you said, I don't own a
13 boat, but if I did own a boat, I think
14 you would have a little bit of a
15 passive income, and they're all
16 expecting free, and they're really mean
17 about it.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There's at
19 least three livery companies over on
20 Shelter Island that have made big
21 profits over the last summers by being
22 able to come there, dump people off
23 and --

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's a
25 commercial activity.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what I
2 meant by commercial activity. I know
3 three of them because they all called
4 Nathan up and said what is this and he
5 said don't ask me.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: I'll tell you,
7 like, the complaints we've gotten calls
8 from her and then direct them to me,
9 it's just been individuals. You
10 haven't gotten one company.

11 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: No, it's all
12 people that they love Greenport, they
13 want to come here.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Southold people.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I know we
16 were contacted by the yacht club, the
17 Commodore, we've both responded we'd be
18 willing to talk to them. I mean, I
19 always want to know how people want to
20 use our waterfront. We welcome it.
21 But we need to set people's
22 expectations a little bit. I think by
23 virtue of the dock not being there
24 right now, we have a little bit of a
25 reset opportunity.

1 I don't know if you noticed, when
2 we went to Bay Avenue on Sunday, there
3 was a fly fishing charter dropping off
4 two guests.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Was that a
6 charter?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That was a
8 charter.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There's a lot
10 of --

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That
12 doesn't really feel appropriate to me.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Then that
14 presupposes are we going to come up
15 with a set of rules for that dock? It
16 would only be that dock and Fifth
17 Street.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: How do we manage
20 it?

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Just to put
22 this in perspective, Greenport already
23 does a great job in trying to
24 accommodate different types of
25 commercial activity. Southold does

1 none of these. So we have the railroad
2 dock for large commercial vessels and
3 it's affordable, and then we have
4 Baymen's Dock for small commercial
5 vessels, that's also very affordable,
6 and tried to deliberately make it
7 affordable. We have Stirling Harbor
8 moorings, which are for recreational
9 boaters and then we provide a dingy
10 dock for them so they can get access to
11 Stirling Avenue to go into town. And
12 then we have these two kind of
13 pedestrian docks. And this third --
14 and we have the marina, and we have
15 this third dock. So we're offering a
16 lot of different things to different
17 aspects of the community. So I'm
18 reminding everyone, we're doing a good
19 job, so I don't feel beholden to give
20 away everything to everyone.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's the same
22 way with the parking. I don't think if
23 you're coming from East Marion, so you
24 have to pay for parking to go to the
25 grocery store. It's not an

1 entitlement, but it also has to be sold
2 because we don't want them to -- now
3 it's difficult to go west because the
4 traffic is horrendous, but how many
5 times have you all heard, well, I'm not
6 paying for parking because I come and I
7 spend money in the Village of
8 Greenport. It's the same idea as what
9 the boaters are doing. And we have to
10 generate income somehow because we have
11 roads to repair, and it shouldn't
12 always fall on the taxpayers. We
13 should be able to generate something
14 from the tourist industry that comes in
15 here as well as the businesses are
16 generating it, which, you know, it's a
17 hard concept because everything, you
18 know, in trying to redevelop us being a
19 destination, this is the outfall of
20 what's happened from that.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Do you want to
22 touch on the LWRP? I know we're going
23 to end up needing about 15 minutes on
24 executive session.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay. So I

1 want to give an LWRP update. Lots of
2 people in the community are curious
3 about this. So we did prepare and
4 submit questions to New York State on
5 6/20. We've begun interviewing
6 potential consultants. We're working
7 closely with McBride. When I say we,
8 it's the Mayor, myself, and the two
9 co-chairs of the LWRP committee, which
10 is Jane Williams and Suzanne Donovan.
11 And we're trying to get the grant
12 application done by July 28th, so it
13 has been very rushed, but it's been,
14 like, intense in a good way and things
15 are getting done. So we're having a at
16 least once a week conference call with
17 McBride, and then I have meetings with
18 the LWRP co-chairs in between then, and
19 everybody has been really great trying
20 to push this forward.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: A bunch of e-mails
22 going back and forth.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: A lot of
24 e-mails. So most important I want to
25 give a shout out to Jane Williams and

1 Suzanne Donovan, they've been stellar
2 in this. And so they've been working
3 on this for, like, two years now and a
4 lot of the research and education that
5 they've done are paying off right now
6 because they're able to give McBride
7 the answers quickly. So when things
8 come up, they have it at their
9 fingertips. They've been helping with
10 the writing, the editing, and the two
11 of them have been extremely
12 professional. They don't just overload
13 and flood all the e-mails and stuff,
14 they're very clear about what they're
15 trying to contribute. So we all owe
16 them some thanks. The Mayor and I have
17 both been on the calls, we've been able
18 to field different answers from
19 different things that they need.

20 I was very upset with McBride
21 going into this because I had never
22 worked with them, and I saw that
23 invoice a month ago that you mentioned
24 earlier that had nothing on it, and it
25 really angered me that we were getting

1 an invoice from a consultant that was
2 not -- they weren't -- I don't know if
3 they did anything or not, but they
4 didn't say it. I have to tell you, the
5 people that we are working with on this
6 application have been a really great
7 team.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: That's been my
9 experience with them. We have Kim who
10 is their grants person, and then we
11 have two executives from the company,
12 you know, participate very regularly
13 and they're the ones that have worked
14 with us on the NYSERTA grant, all the
15 housing stuff we're doing, carousel --
16 not carousel, the ice rink.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I hadn't
18 had any view on McBride and what was
19 going on. Now that I'm involved, I do
20 see that Kim is very efficient in how
21 she organizes the meetings and we're
22 moving through things. So I feel good
23 about that. Now, it's due at the end
24 of the month. There's no guarantee
25 we're going to get this grant, right.

1 It's a competitive situation, there
2 could be other municipalities that need
3 this money more than we do. And we
4 won't even know -- the grants won't
5 even be awarded until December is what
6 I've been told, so it's a long ways
7 off.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: They thought we
9 might potentially get some indication
10 sooner than that. But the good thing
11 they shared was they thought we were
12 asking for a very appropriate number
13 relative to the size of our population,
14 our needs. And then we've got some
15 advantages too being a disadvantaged
16 community and the only one on the
17 eastern end. All that said, of course,
18 you never know. I've mentioned -- was
19 it James, we were talking to somebody
20 about the one we worked on to get the
21 boat towed out of --

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: JR Nelson.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: JR Nelson.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Thought we had a
25 really good compelling case.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Patrick, I have
2 to ask one question. I do know that
3 you have the resolution on here that we
4 have to pass for the funding. Do you
5 also need a resolution for the Board to
6 apply for the grant?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Not as far
8 as I know from the grant writers.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: I think we would
10 want that for next week. That would
11 still be in advance of doing it. I
12 think it's good for all of us to
13 publicly do that. The one we're doing
14 tonight is timely because they want to
15 make sure that we have a written
16 resolution for the clerk's office to
17 include in the grant packet as part
18 of --

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And that's
20 absolutely required. But I agree with
21 your point that there's no harm in this
22 Board --

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Usually what
24 we've done in the past, okay, is if
25 we've applied for a grant, there was a

1 resolution from us that authorized the
2 application of the grant.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well,
4 it's also just a good way for us to
5 know what's going on and know what
6 grants we're applying for.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And getting
8 back to the McBride, you know, Adam and
9 I have asked a couple of times for a
10 breakdown from them and I -- it's never
11 really come forth, so hopefully --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: We talked about
13 that last month.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, I know.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: We had the
16 conversation, they're committed to
17 doing it.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: While
19 we're on McBride, we haven't
20 rescheduled them coming to talk to us,
21 so that's great to hear, Patrick, that
22 you're having a good time, but it would
23 be great for the full Board I think to
24 see and hear. I'd like to know what
25 else they're working on.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, that
2 would be great. I'm only seeing this
3 part. On my first call with them, I
4 went right into the invoice thing, so I
5 just started with that I was not happy
6 with the invoices, we've got to fix
7 that, and of course they acknowledged
8 that they would do something. So
9 hopefully they'll produce a result.

10 Anyway, it's not guaranteed. It's
11 still a good exercise. It's taking a
12 lot of work, but if we don't get it,
13 we're going to go onto the next one, we
14 have to try for something else. This
15 is just for LWRP consultant and which
16 will include resiliency, harbor
17 management updates, climate strategies,
18 so bringing our LWRP up to current
19 requirements, and we're asking for
20 \$275,000 for the grant to pay the
21 consultant, and we'll be responsible
22 for a maximum of 25 percent of that as
23 a match. So that is 65, 70,000
24 dollars. It may be less, the
25 disadvantaged community allows an 85/15

1 percent match, so if we're approved and
2 we're approved as a disadvantaged
3 community, our share is going to
4 decrease to 15 percent, which is
5 \$40,000. So that's where we're at.
6 Anything else?

7 MAYOR STUESSI: No. The last
8 thing I wanted to mention is I had a
9 walk through last week with D&B, the
10 company that did all the consulting
11 work for the Mitchell bulkhead and
12 they're also the ones who did the
13 design work and the original State
14 grant for Fifth and Sixth Street and we
15 walked both of them. I should be
16 getting a financial proposal here any
17 day now for them to do the update on
18 the plans because we got a full set of
19 plans for the bulkhead. He said that
20 was going to be relatively simple as
21 far as just some minor adjustments on
22 that. They would also cost out
23 materials and look at the vinyl,
24 there's been some changes in the vinyl
25 as well as the metal, the steel option

1 just to give us some rough estimates.
2 Immediately start dealing with DEC with
3 us as well, so this will be in the
4 proposal. That's going to be, like,
5 literally a 30 day process to develop
6 our bid package forward and move it
7 forward.

8 The Fifth and Sixth Street one,
9 which I was -- I want to say cautiously
10 optimistic, maybe stupidly optimistic
11 that we might be able to take the
12 preexisting plans that were fully
13 developed and --

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: What, for
15 the storm water?

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and be able
17 to move them forward. He said it was
18 going the require a significant amount
19 more work down there on that. When we
20 were down there, it was a clear day but
21 kind of gray, but the dry wells all
22 down at the bottom of Fifth Street were
23 literally had water coming out on the
24 street.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's because

1 of the rising tides on top of it.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: We walked over and
3 walked Sixth Street as well, and they
4 were suggesting -- again, this is just,
5 like, sort of rough talking, but it was
6 two guys that spent their life doing
7 this, that the Sixth Street solution is
8 likely going to require literally
9 lifting the road end, bringing the
10 whole thing up from where Dinni Gordon
11 is, about her place coming up obviously
12 accounting for different driveways and
13 then dealing with --

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN:
15 Infiltrators would be under the roadway
16 then.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, but probably
18 some natural --

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Culverts
20 and things.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Not culverts, I'm
22 sorry. Literally said it earlier next
23 to skate parks.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Swales?

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, bio swales

1 along the sides and then at the top of
2 the park as well. They're going to
3 give us a proposal for that.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: How are we
5 paying for that though? How do we pay
6 for the engineering?

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon me?

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: How are we
9 going to pay for the engineering for
10 the Fifth and Sixth Street area.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There should be
12 some with the storm water --

13 MAYOR STUESSI: We're going to
14 look for it. The challenge with a lot
15 of these things --

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: CPF
17 fund.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Lily, yes, that's
19 a fantastic point. We would be able to
20 use it for exactly that. What I was
21 going to say is the challenge is if
22 you're looking for the State funding,
23 most of the stuff requires a split and
24 they want plans before they start doing
25 stuff, and so I was going to say that's

1 going to be much more challenging. But
2 Lily literally hit the nail on the
3 head.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, that's --
5 when we finish with this topic, I just
6 -- I have Silver Lake and Moore's Drain
7 on the brain, especially with storm
8 water rain, so we're trying to work
9 with the Town of Southold, but
10 that's --

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can we
12 go back to the LWRP real quick? Is
13 there work we could be doing or should
14 be doing or can be doing while -- like,
15 is there a plan just to wait to see if
16 we get this grant, and then we try to
17 get another grant for a consultant?

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No, I
19 think --

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can we
21 be doing stuff and also can we just be
22 paying the consultant at some point if
23 we don't get a grant for one?

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Well, I
25 mean, that's kind of two questions. So

1 I absolutely think we need to move
2 forward while this grant plays out, and
3 there's things we could do. I want to
4 reorganize the WAPC committee to better
5 reflect the current LWRP requirements,
6 so I'd like to start there and kind of
7 rejigger that.

8 The second question about can we
9 hire a consultant, I don't know, where
10 are we going to get the money from?

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think right
12 now what's going on is, you know, Jane
13 and Susie have been doing a lot of the
14 ground work. I mean, I've been getting
15 a lot of calls from them to give them
16 information, so I think that's what we
17 need to keep doing. If we don't get
18 the grant, at least we should be
19 working towards the application for
20 next year, and I think that's the goal
21 that we should be going for if we do
22 not receive the grant.

23 But the other thing is along with
24 the Department of State is once you
25 have the planning grant done, I believe

1 there's other money to continue taking
2 that plan and moving forward.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, yeah, that's
4 the huge opportunity.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's the huge
6 opportunity, so I think we also should
7 be gearing towards that a little bit
8 because they're going to be looking for
9 a project ready, similar to what we did
10 for the EFC for the sewer plant. When
11 I was first elected, the EFC we had
12 that funding because there was a plan
13 already put together, and I think those
14 are some of the things that we need to
15 start thinking about is what do we want
16 to start creating, you know,
17 pre-projects that when they come up we
18 can say, we already have them done.
19 And I can think a lot of the sewer,
20 taking Silver Lake and Moore's Drain.
21 I would like to talk to Mark Terry --
22 not Mark Terry, Mark Collins in the
23 Town of Southold who is the engineer as
24 to, you know, the flow through Moore's
25 Drain is actually what's backing up

1 Silver Lake, which is causing the water
2 table to rise. As much as we have the
3 central pump station there that was
4 supposed to take care of it, it's not
5 because I think drain wars folly as
6 they called it years ago is mainly the
7 outflow down on Southold Town side
8 going into the bay may be moving, but
9 from us -- somewhere from us to Silver
10 Lake is blocked.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: It's not. It's
12 clogged on the Town side.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It could be all
14 of it. I haven't really gone there.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I take your
16 point, we do have to work on projects.
17 I know you were working with the Town
18 Council People about water quality
19 projects.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I met
21 with Anne about the CPF.

22 Sorry, I just want to go back to
23 LWRP very quickly. I just wouldn't
24 want to see -- and hopefully we get
25 this grant and it's not an issue, but

1 even waiting until December or before,
2 like, I just want us to keep moving
3 forward in whatever way we can. And I
4 would hate to see -- I mean, if the
5 next step is just wait to get the grant
6 next year, I guess it's just thinking
7 about what could do in the meantime to
8 be as ready as possible or to, like,
9 keep working on it because it's
10 something we have all been talking
11 about and want to do and the community
12 wants to do.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I have no
14 intentions to wait. I mean, we're
15 going to move this forward, but right
16 now until this grant application goes
17 in on the 28th, I'm not doing anything.
18 It's been an enormous amount of time,
19 basically I had to stop because it was
20 just too much to juggle because it's
21 been --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: We're going to do
23 the same thing on these housing ones.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
25 also, we do have a whole committee.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: But I don't know
2 that there's --

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well,
4 maybe not for this but --

5 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, I'll say
6 the one place I think we need to look
7 at resurrecting and spending some time
8 on, and Julia is not here to speak on
9 it, her committee put together some
10 great recommendations, and I know
11 there's a few people on the committee
12 that have asked about some of these
13 things and what we can do, so I'd like
14 to bring that back to her when she's
15 here next week -- not next week, next
16 month's work session because there's a
17 lot of pedestrian related things that
18 are -- a lot of them are really easy
19 things to do within the Village, you
20 know, test some areas with low
21 balancing borders and other stuff.
22 Make it more pedestrian friendly and
23 safer. Some recommendations on signage
24 and things which aren't hugely
25 expensive too.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Do you
2 want me to talk about meeting with
3 Anne, or do you want to finish your
4 report?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I'm done
6 with that.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: You can talk high
8 level on it, and I just want to
9 reiterate to the Board that my intent
10 is to -- as we discussed -- follow-up
11 on a series of smaller special joint
12 meetings, our next one being
13 specifically on CPF because we need to
14 advance this discussion.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
16 mean, Anne is only one part of the
17 Board, but the meeting with her seemed
18 very positive and very, like, you know,
19 that there is a possibility to do
20 projects in the Village, and maybe
21 there actually have to be. So really
22 we just talked about what kinds of
23 projects and specificities, and I
24 e-mailed you guys, like, just my draft
25 list, but I'm sure we can come up with

1 more.

2 Starting more with water quality,
3 well, really starting with water
4 quality because I think those -- or
5 open space, but I mean, open space is a
6 little tricky in the Village as we all
7 discussed because I think those would
8 be the ones that would be easiest to
9 get the Town Board behind. I think
10 historic preservation is going to be a
11 bigger lift. Not that we can't talk
12 about projects. And then the things we
13 really talked about needing from the
14 Village is, like, a sewer map, which I
15 know we discussed, we don't really have
16 a map, but I think in the draft sewer
17 report at least we do have --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: We have -- I mean,
19 I have a full scale in my office.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.
21 So that would be great to have a copy
22 of that I could share with Anne. I
23 meant a map of the Sewer District.
24 It's not really a district except that
25 it's -- we know where we have pipes,

1 basically that's all. And then also --
2 and I don't know if this exists -- but,
3 like, storm outflow.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: As I said to the
5 Supervisor, that's our MS4 plan, it's
6 all in there. We report this.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: In a
8 map form? Because I looked at the MS4
9 and I don't think it -- I mean, does it
10 list where --

11 MAYOR STUESSI: It lists
12 locations.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
14 don't even really remember seeing it
15 list locations, but maybe I missed it.

16 That's really all. We were going
17 to meet again. I think it's just --
18 like Mary Bess was just saying, having
19 projects that we have a little more
20 specifics on what we want to see is a
21 good start, and I know it's kind of
22 annoying that they ask for a list and
23 then we say but our projects aren't --
24 you know, don't meet your requirements,
25 so why do the list? But I also think

1 that if that's the way forward and
2 that's what they're asking for, and
3 it's a good planning thing for us
4 anyway that we should just --

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, the
6 Moore's Drain, you know, half if it is
7 in the Town of Southold, half of it is
8 in here. So they have stewardship
9 money -- they had stewardship money in
10 the CPF that they could be spending on
11 here.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: You can't spend
13 stewardship money from CPF on Moore's
14 because CPF stewardship money can only
15 be spent on CPF acquired land.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Wasn't there
17 some -- I think there is some of
18 Moore's Drain that's in Town of
19 Southold that CPF could use. I have to
20 look.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
22 (Inaudible.) I mean, maybe it wasn't
23 CPF but --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: I think I hear
25 where you're going with this. I think

1 that's the Pipes Cove area much closer
2 to, what's it called, the hotel.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Silver Sands.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: But the whole
5 drainage going out.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
7 it's still possible for that whole -- I
8 mean, just talking about drainage and
9 water quality, maybe that could be --

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's an
11 opportunity to --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, that's an
13 opportunity to look at if they, in
14 fact, adopt for the legal ability to
15 utilize CPF funding for water quality
16 and develop a plan.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But I
18 think the stronger, like, here are the
19 specific things we need for water
20 quality, the stronger our argument for
21 why they should spend that money. I
22 think, like, developing it makes sense
23 for us.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: I think it's a
25 good point. I think everybody should

1 look at your list and add on.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That's
3 a good idea.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But I think the
5 other thing that Lily is saying is that
6 there's other funding that not only the
7 CPF, but there's other funding that
8 through the Town of Southold we might
9 be as a joint effort try to get. I
10 think that's another component because
11 for me the biggest driving point that
12 we need to drive home is they have to
13 change their five year plan.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And we need to
16 participate in that changing of the
17 five year plan.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: And they need to
19 take ten percent of the monies that are
20 being collected and put it in account
21 separate and held for the Village of
22 Greenport per State law.

23 Should we -- is there anything
24 else anybody had, or should we move
25 onto executive session?

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The only thing
2 I was going to ask is we have a fair
3 amount of legal stuff hanging out and
4 payroll. I don't know if we have
5 personnel issues, but I would think it
6 would be better for us to have a
7 special meeting during the daytime or
8 closer to the early afternoon so staff
9 can be here, go into executive session
10 instead of trying to do all of those
11 discussions at night. I'm not sure
12 where negotiations are at the moment
13 either.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, that's --
15 we're going to be setting a meeting
16 after our next -- we have one more
17 follow-up meeting, and then we'll be
18 setting a follow-up on that.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, but I'm
20 not sure where we are with all -- I've
21 lost track of any legal issues, any
22 legal issues that we have as far as
23 pending lawsuits or pending whatever.
24 I've kind of lost track of that a
25 little bit. I think we should get

1 updated.

2 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: I can put
3 together an e-mail to the Board on --
4 with a list of pending matters.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Was there
6 something else you want to bring up,
7 Lily, before we go into exec?

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
9 mean, so the ferry queue, to go back to
10 the ferry queue just because I've been
11 getting a lot of questions and I've
12 been having issues myself.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The cones.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: The
15 cones, yes. So, like, dropping people
16 off to the train, if you go down Third
17 Street now it's, like, do not enter,
18 you can't get in, you can't park at
19 those handicap spaces by the Seaport
20 Museum unless you've just come off the
21 ferry from Shelter Island. Like,
22 there's just some things that are --

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Are those our
24 cones or are they --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Those are the

1 ferry company's cones. None of that is
2 ours.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right,
4 but even -- the cones are, but now we
5 have signs saying do not enter, like,
6 right when you hit Wiggins Street if
7 you're trying to drive that way, it
8 says do not enter.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, Wiggins is
10 one way.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right,
12 but I mean, you can't -- I'm saying
13 what I've done and I did the other day
14 because I didn't actually see the sign
15 is I just drove through I drove around
16 the cones, I dropped people off at the
17 train at the handicap spot because I
18 had a newborn and I was only taking two
19 minutes, and then as I'm -- I mean, I
20 realized this is not what I'm supposed
21 to be doing because there's a do not
22 enter sign. And it is a little weird
23 to go around the cones.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Where did you go
25 to?

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Where
2 there's two handicap spots by the
3 museum, which they didn't both used to
4 be handicapped too, so when I pulled up
5 I was surprised.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, you went over
7 in front of the Seaport Museum?

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah,
9 because that's the closest -- because
10 I'm trying to get as close to the train
11 so that a newborn and -- you know, and
12 then if you go the other way, which
13 I've also done on Fourth Street, like I
14 thought maybe that's a better way, and
15 you go as close as you can to drop
16 people off, then you're backing up into
17 other people who are rushing to get the
18 train. So I don't know how it's
19 supposed to work.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, the
21 original -- here is what I thought was
22 the original was if you were going to
23 drop somebody off at the ferry, you
24 were supposed to be able to go into
25 that parking lot and then go back up

1 and go back up Third Street.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Which you can do,
3 but the issue there is that the plans
4 didn't contemplate any type of limited
5 hours or pick up and drop off only, and
6 so that little lot there is filled with
7 cars, and I think we need to take a
8 look at imposing some restrictions into
9 that over there.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
11 right now as it is, it says do not
12 enter, like, even to get to that lot.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: No, it doesn't.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
15 There's a sign.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: If you go in on
17 Third Street, you make a right on
18 Wiggins, and then you know where the
19 big gate is, right there you make a
20 right into the parking lot. And the
21 ferry company, if people come through
22 there and they try and go the opposite
23 way and skip the line, because there
24 are people who, like, will try and skip
25 the lines, they stop them and point

1 them to go back up Third Street, tell
2 them to make a left on Front and go
3 down to get in. But that lot per
4 the -- nothing has changed on that.
5 The original plan was contemplated that
6 that would be where people are picking
7 up and dropping off or over in the lot
8 where the jitney is.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Or if
10 you're trying to access --

11 MAYOR STUESSI: It was not ever
12 contemplated to be in front of the
13 museum.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I used
15 to use those handicap -- well, they
16 weren't handicap by the museum there
17 when I was dropping people off at the
18 train in the prior configuration. I
19 have come to understand now that those
20 two handicap spots are not for that
21 purpose at all, it's for, like, people
22 who either work on the ferry or work on
23 the museum. We had to provide by law a
24 certain amount of handicap spots.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I believe

1 it's visitors to the museum.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So but
3 to access those, you're supposed to go
4 through that parking lot.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, this is
6 the confusion that I'm hearing is that
7 some people have gone down Third Street
8 and they wanted to go to the museum,
9 not realizing that the two parking
10 spots and that the ferry company,
11 whoever is staffing it, told them they
12 couldn't go that way. That was number
13 one.

14 Number two, there's an issue if
15 you're coming off of Fourth Street and
16 you're trying to go down Wiggins,
17 apparently there's some confusion where
18 some people have gotten stuck in the
19 line and they can't get away to make
20 the left-hand turn to go onto Third
21 Street. So there's been some people
22 who were stuck in the line and had to
23 wait for it to move before it got to --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: See, that doesn't
25 make sense though because if you're

1 going down Wiggins, there's a lane
2 that's for --

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: They've
4 been coning that off.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They've been
6 coning it off.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So where
8 the gate comes down, they've been
9 coning off the rest of it, so there's
10 no through there.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: On Wiggins?

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm talking about
14 -- aren't you saying leaving Fourth
15 Street and heading --

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Down Wiggins.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: East on Wiggins.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, they've
19 been blocking that all off.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: They've
21 been blocking off the extension of the
22 gate with cones.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I've
24 seen that too.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: That shouldn't --

1 the school busses go through there.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Maybe they
3 do at a certain time. Busses go
4 through there now?

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, they had
6 some problems with busses and --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: That was a big
8 issue because occasionally trucks
9 would, like, pull out in the middle.
10 You've got three lanes there, you've
11 got the north side parking, the middle
12 lane is a through lane, and the far
13 south is the ferry queue. And
14 sometimes they were having trucks pull
15 in the middle lane, and we had a
16 conversation with the school district
17 and the bus company and they made sure
18 that all of that was through without an
19 issue.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, when you
21 go down Wiggins on the left-hand side,
22 there is a spot that is a no parking
23 spot and it needs to be because you
24 can't -- if you have a car parked
25 there, you cannot get between -- you

1 cannot get between the two, especially
2 if you have a truck, forget it. My
3 pickup truck won't fit through there.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So we need
5 more no parking on the north side of
6 Wiggins there.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, what we
8 really need is traffic control officers
9 helping us out with this too.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's
11 causing a lot of confusion. And I have
12 -- someone just came to me today to say
13 that it's been coned off and --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: I'll check that
15 tomorrow with the ferry company. That
16 should not be.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
18 guess, I'm still wondering -- I mean,
19 I'm sure I should have studied this all
20 when it was happening, but like, what
21 was the original idea for, like, where
22 does drop off for the train --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: In that parking
24 lot.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: In

1 that parking lot?

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It was kiss and
3 drop, drop and kiss or whatever.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Then I
5 also feel maybe there's an opportunity
6 for better signage.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: That's what I'm
8 suggesting, that's exactly what I'm
9 saying.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
11 There's no way to know that and for
12 people who have done it a certain way.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There was also
14 supposed to be -- lines are supposed to
15 be painted, I'm not sure if that's part
16 of the project or the ferry company is
17 supposed to pay for --

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Striping?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: All the striping
20 has been completed as per the plans.
21 State literally, like I said, signed
22 off on everything on Monday. They
23 walked every --

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: What about
25 the intersection of Third and Wiggins,

1 is that striped, like, telling people
2 how to turn there? Is that outside the
3 project?

4 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm not sure.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I thought that
6 was supposed to be where they have the
7 cones, where the cones are should be
8 striped so that nobody goes --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: There's an arrow
10 there to tell you to go to the right.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Is there?
12 I thought maybe we could use more
13 indicators or something.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Not per the
15 State-approved plans. Now that -- once
16 -- let me finish quickly. In order for
17 us to get final sign off and get our
18 reimbursement, we need to make sure
19 every single thing meets the plans,
20 including the letter from the State,
21 which is being issued that everything
22 has been done. If we then want to go
23 back and change anything, we have the
24 ability to do that with our engineer,
25 LKMA who did all the work. That

1 doesn't mean we couldn't sooner do some
2 signage for the little parking lot once
3 we get our approval.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
5 kiss and drop, are there supposed to be
6 spots there that are, like, just for
7 stopping and dropping someone off?

8 MAYOR STUESSI: That was the
9 intent of that whole lot.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
11 that whole lot is constantly filled.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, is it
13 constantly filled with ferry employees?
14 Because that's another issue.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: It's not just
16 ferry employees, you have a whole bunch
17 of people that -- not that so much, is
18 most of the cars there, even a good
19 portion of them over in the jitney lot
20 and then going all the way up Third
21 Street to Stirlington Deli because I
22 ride this on my bike all the time, in
23 particular with the construction, I was
24 meeting with these guys all times a
25 day, it is employees who are going to

1 work on Shelter Island or meeting other
2 construction guys to all jump into a
3 car. A lot of them are maids in
4 hotels, schoolteachers. Apparently
5 there's a whole bunch of schoolteachers
6 that are parking in all these places.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's why we
8 made the other parking lot 72 hours.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So this --
10 there's another issue with the ferry.
11 So the nonresident commuter pass was
12 discontinued, so you can't get a
13 commuter pass, a discounted commuter
14 pass anymore.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: You
16 can't get a commuter pass at all.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Residents
18 of Shelter Island can, nonresidents no
19 longer. So why did they do that? We
20 got kind of penalized for that. It's
21 not penalizing just Greenport, but now
22 people from out of town are parking on
23 the streets.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The ferry
25 company has never -- the grant that

1 came was for the necessity that the
2 ferry company was getting so many
3 complaints and they didn't want to be
4 in the paper about the lines on Wiggins
5 Street, it was getting to be a hot
6 topic. So Stella Lagudis came up with
7 the money, which is rightfully -- we
8 got the money, but in the meantime,
9 they forget that they're a business in
10 the Village of Greenport. They may be
11 renting MTA land, but they're a
12 business in the Village of Greenport,
13 and it's kind of like we're the
14 stepchild and it's, you know, don't get
15 me wrong, Bill Swiskey was right that
16 we should be getting something from
17 them is the same way we should be
18 getting some kind of compensation from
19 them from the bond interest that we had
20 to borrow for to do this project. But
21 you know --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: That ship sailed.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because they
24 didn't --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: We had a signed

1 agreement with the ferry company. We
2 thought they were responsible for
3 funding this. But I think to your
4 point and yours is we as a municipality
5 together with the Town of Southold and
6 the Transportation Committee because
7 the Transportation Committee
8 theoretically governs everything coming
9 in and out need to come up with
10 something that we believe is fair and
11 petition the ferry company to make
12 changes and go in front of the County
13 legislature. Their changes were
14 submitted to the County legislature,
15 the County Economic Development
16 Department wrote a whole report and the
17 County voted on it. And my biggest
18 gripe, which I mentioned before, was
19 that there was more effort causing
20 restrictions on smaller vehicles and
21 penalize -- like, I know teachers that
22 live here and teach on the south fork
23 that now pay a fortune more than what
24 they had to pay before, but these
25 trucks they increased them, like, a

1 much more minor percentage. So a
2 tractor trailer truck that was \$90 each
3 way is now \$97 each way.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There's a
5 couple of things. First of all, they
6 lease from the MTA. I don't understand
7 why they don't -- because we don't get
8 property taxes from them because it's a
9 municipality. We don't get income from
10 that property down there. Why aren't
11 they paying us a (inaudible. The ferry
12 company should be paying us something
13 for being a business in the Village of
14 Greenport like every other business
15 downtown. I'm sorry if Bridg Hunt gets
16 upset about that, but that's just tough
17 bananas. But, you know, it needs to
18 have a conversation. And you're right,
19 the Transportation Commission, if this
20 Board wants me to take it to them to
21 say, okay, we have an issue with the
22 Shelter Island ferry and how they deal
23 with things, it effects the Town of
24 Southold as well as us, you know,
25 perhaps we need to come up with some

1 type of a statement from both of us to
2 start the conversation.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I just -- I
4 want to be clear that I've spent a lot
5 of time working with Stella and Bridg
6 and the team over there, and they've
7 been very good to work with. They've
8 been extremely responsive. Obviously,
9 you know, they went from 0 to 200 miles
10 an hour the day this thing reopened,
11 and they're trying to retrain everybody
12 and retrain their staff plus dealing
13 with an issue of not Waze but Google
14 Maps still sending people down Third
15 Street. Nobody reads a map, they look
16 at whatever their phone tells them.
17 And they've been really good with all
18 of this. They ultimately work for the
19 Shelter Island Heights Association as
20 employees, and so my belief is that
21 ultimately if we have something that we
22 believe makes more sense for Village
23 residents and our taxpayers, then we
24 should put something together, leverage
25 the Town to hopefully support it, and

1 then go to the Shelter Island
2 Association together with Bridg and
3 Stella, of course, this is something we
4 want to discuss.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That also will
6 tie into what I mentioned last month as
7 far as going to the New York State DOT
8 to do a traffic analysis from Riverhead
9 east, including both ferries because
10 that's part of our traffic is coming
11 from Cross Sound Ferry and from Shelter
12 Island ferry. So I mean, it could all
13 get tied together, but Shelter Island
14 Heights Association is -- there's
15 Stella and Bridg's lawyer, even though
16 Bridg's mother is a major stockholder.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Are
18 they using the lane sometimes? I
19 haven't seen the lane.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I thought they
21 were using it.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: The five lanes in
23 the ferry? Oh, yeah.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I've
25 gone over the ferry several times, and

1 I see it sometimes, but I've never seen
2 it used.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: So their rule of
4 thumb is to -- I'm not saying it works
5 perfectly all the time -- again, they
6 brought on more staff, they've got
7 young folks that they're working on
8 training is that the traffic should not
9 be out on Wiggins unless all five lanes
10 are filled. So you could easily go at
11 4:00 in the afternoon and there be one
12 lane open and it goes all the way
13 around the queue to the edge of
14 Wiggins, but the second it hits Wiggins
15 they direct their team to make sure
16 that they're opening another lane, et
17 cetera.

18 If you're there during peak time,
19 call it 7:00 to 9:00 a.m. most
20 mornings, the ferry is based upon day
21 of the week, there's four or five, five
22 being the full lanes open. And all the
23 trucks are able to make the turn at the
24 top, including the biggest size, the
25 Romanski water trucks.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: All right.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I just
3 have one quick thing, which is just the
4 carousel credit card policy, shouldn't
5 we vote on it since I think we're
6 already doing it?

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Didn't we vote on
8 it?

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We did
10 not vote on it. We seemed like we
11 weren't pro it, and then I guess the
12 carousel committee changed their mind
13 and it got implemented more than a
14 month ago. Really we should have voted
15 on it at the last meeting. I still
16 have reservations about it, but I do
17 think if we're going to do it, we
18 should vote on it.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I thought we
20 did vote on it.

21 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I think it
22 was tabled more than once. The
23 carousel committee wanted to implement
24 it, and they didn't want to wait for
25 the Board resolution.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Also,
2 if we're going to discuss something and
3 take our time on it, and then it
4 happens anyway, it feels a little like,
5 you know, do we -- maybe we don't need
6 a Board resolution for it.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Actually we do
8 because it's finance.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So
10 then I would think we should do it next
11 week.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: We do have
13 a resolution we have to vote for
14 tonight.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Do you want to
16 read that?

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's on the
18 second or third page. Do you want to
19 do that now?

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Resolution
22 07-2025-01, Resolution authorizing
23 Treasurer Brautigam to perform attached
24 budget amendment #6536 to appropriate
25 general fund reserves to fund no more

1 than 25 percent share of the NYSDOS 25
2 LWRP 9RFA grant. The Village hereby
3 authorizes a total project budget of up
4 to \$275,000 contingent upon the award
5 of a grant contract. The Village
6 commits to providing the required and
7 assigned local cost share up to but not
8 exceeding 25 percent through eligible
9 local funds. This commitment shall
10 only be executed upon formal
11 notification of grant approval and
12 execution of the State contract. So
13 moved.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

16 (Aye said in unison.)

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Motion passes
18 unanimously.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I just have one
20 question for Jared, since the sewer
21 moratorium was not renewed --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: We're having a
23 sewer discussion for legal advice here
24 in a moment.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All

1 right.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm going to make
3 a motion --

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Wasn't
5 there something the treasurer needed
6 done?

7 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: The bond?
8 We're not doing that.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, you all
10 decided to give the money back.

11 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: We did it
12 last month.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We didn't need
14 a resolution.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: So I'm going to
16 make a motion to go into executive
17 session for --

18 ATTORNEY KASSCHAW: May I make a
19 suggestion, if there's not going to be
20 a vote after executive session, perhaps
21 we could just close the meeting and
22 have an attorney/client communication.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. So --

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Make a
25 motion to close the meeting.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

3 (Aye said in unison.)

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Meeting is closed.

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3 I, AMY THOMAS, a Court Reporter and Notary
4 Public, for and within the State of New York,
5 do hereby certify:

6 THAT the above and foregoing contains a
7 true and correct transcription of the
8 proceedings held on July 17, 2025, and were
9 reported by me.

10 I further certify that I am not related to
11 any of the parties to this action by blood or
12 by marriage and that I am in no way
13 interested in the outcome of this matter

14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
15 hand this 30th day of JULY, 2025.

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AMY THOMAS

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