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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT  
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK : STATE OF NEW YORK  
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WORK SESSION

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

B E F O R E:

- GEORGE HUBBARD, JR. - MAYOR
- JACK MARTILOTTA - DEPUTY MAYOR
- PETER CLARKE - TRUSTEE
- MARY BESS PHILLIPS - TRUSTEE
- JULIA ROBINS - TRUSTEE
  
- JOSEPH PROKOP - VILLAGE ATTORNEY
- SYLVIA PIRILLO - VILLAGE CLERK
- PAUL PALLAS - VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
- ROBERT BRANDT - VILLAGE TREASURER

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

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

4 (All Stood for the Pledge of Allegiance)

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

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

10 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah.

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

13 CHIEF MANWARING: Yes, we're here.

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

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

25 Our air machine needs an upgrade. That was

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

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

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

20           I think that's about it.

21           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

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

1 show up.

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

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

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

12 (No Response)

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

15 CHIEF MANWARING: All right.

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

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

19 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Thank you.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thank you.

22 CHIEF MANWARING: Thank you.

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

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Thank you,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 So the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery

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

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

14 Any questions on that project?

15 (No Response)

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

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

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

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

9 CLERK PIRILLO: I believe 2200, Paul.

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

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

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

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

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

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Is that better?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Correct, yes.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

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

19 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: I can, Mr. Mayor.

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

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

1 asset -- an asset management system, yes.

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

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

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

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

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

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

1 with us for the DEC?

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

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh.

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

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

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

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

22 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: SCADA, SCADA.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: SCADA?

24 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yeah.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That is completely

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

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

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right, okay.

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

7 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes.

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

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

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

1 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Right.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's pretty much it.

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

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Review.

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

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

12 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yep.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thank you very much

14 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: No problem.

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

17 (No Response)

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

20 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

8 (No Response)

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

11 (No Response)

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

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

16 CLERK PIRILLO: Wow.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you.

18 TREASURER BRANDT: Okay, thanks.

19 CLERK PIRILLO: Wow.

20 (Laughter)

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

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

25 Alluding to the Fire Department request, I

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

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

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

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

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

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

5 TREASURER BRANDT: (Nodded yes)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, great. Thank you.

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

7 (No Response)

8 CLERK PIRILLO: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes, please.

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

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

25 ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Yes.

1           ATTORNEY PROKOP: Yes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 Does anybody have any questions about my  
22 report?

23 (No Response)

24 ATTORNEY PROKOP: Thank you very much.

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

1 Okay. Trustees reports.

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

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

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

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

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What's --

25 TRUSTEE CLARKE: It was in their report.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19 (No Response)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

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

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Absolutely.

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

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

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

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

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

10              TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

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

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

16              MAYOR HUBBARD: Sure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 CLERK PIRILLO: (Shook head no)

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

23 CLERK PIRILLO: (Nodded yes)

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

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

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

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

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

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

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

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So I --

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

19              TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. No, I remember.

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

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Okay, thank you.

2 MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah.

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Go ahead, Paul.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

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

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

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

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

23 TREASURER BRANDT: Right.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. And just going back

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

4 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Yes. Yes, sir.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 people.

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

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

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

1 District involvement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

12 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you.

13 MAYOR HUBBARD: You're welcome.

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

17 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Yes.

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

23 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Great.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So --

25 TRUSTEE CLARKE: So that would allow us to

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

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yep, okay.

4 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

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

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

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

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay, thank you.

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

9 TRUSTEE CLARKE: No. Thank you so much.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1           been brought up, the end of Fourth Street.

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

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

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

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

25                   ADMINISTRATOR PALLAS: Sure.

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

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

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

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

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

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

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

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

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

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

1 the whole thing.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. No, then --

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

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

9 MAYOR HUBBARD: Right.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

16 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Yes, sir.

17 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you so much.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 help you arrive at a more effective code.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 MR. VANDENBURGH: Yep, understood.

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

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

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

12 MR. VANDENBURGH: Yes.

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

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

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

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So --

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

2           MR. VANDENBURGH: I would say --

3           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But we still have to --

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Understood. I just --

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

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Mayor.

2 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Very good.

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

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

20 MR. VANDENBURGH: Absolutely, absolutely.

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

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

24 MS. WADE: (Raised hand)

25 MAYOR HUBBARD: I know, Randy. Rich has

1 the floor.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 much better than others.

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

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

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

1           MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, thank you.

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

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

25           And I appreciate Trustee Phillips', you

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21                     (Video Malfunction)

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

25                     (No Response)

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

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

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

10          TRUSTEE CLARKE: Thank you, sir.

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

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

15          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

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

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

20          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Whoever K is.

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

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

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

8 (No Response)

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

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

12 MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

14 TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.

15 TRUSTEE CLARKE: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

17 MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye. Opposed?

18 (No Response)

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

25 TRUSTEE CLARKE: That's good.

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

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

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