

1 VILLAGE OF GREENPORT
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4 VILLAGE OF GREENPORT
5 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
6 WORK SESSION MEETING
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8 Third Street Fire Station
9 November 21, 2024
10 6:00 p.m.
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12 B E F O R E:
13 KEVIN STUESSI ~ MAYOR
14 MARY BESS PHILLIPS ~ DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE
15 PATRICK BRENNAN ~ TRUSTEE
16 LILY DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON ~ TRUSTEE
17 JULIA ROBINS ~ TRUSTEE
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19 CANDACE HALL ~ VILLAGE CLERK
20 BRIAN STOLAR, ESQ. ~ VILLAGE ATTORNEY
21 ADAM BRAUTIGAM - TREASURER
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23 All other interested parties
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1 (Whereupon, the meeting was called
2 to order at 5:58 p.m.)

3 MAYOR STUESSI: I'd like to make a
4 motion to open the work session of the
5 Board of Trustees on November 21st.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Second.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

8 (Aye said in unison.)

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

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

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Please be seated.
14 We're going to go out of order on one
15 item and go immediately to the fire
16 department out of courtesy to our
17 volunteer chief. He's had a very busy
18 week, and sincerely, as I said in the
19 note yesterday, really appreciate
20 everything you guys do. It's been a
21 rough one, and I know we're getting
22 ready to hit a record for the year as
23 well. I think we already surpassed it.
24 With that, if you wouldn't mind
25 approaching the podium and give your

1 report. Thank you.

2 MR. DeKERILLIS: Thank you very
3 much, Mayor. Good evening, Mayor and
4 the Board. My name is Chief Alain
5 DeKerillis, Greenport Fire Department.
6 We had a busy week. We had one engine
7 and crew at Orange County wildfires.
8 On the same day, Saturday, we also had
9 two houses on fire and we did a very
10 good save, the best we could, and we're
11 very proud of the job that we do.

12 We did also break over a thousand
13 calls, the first time in a division
14 that's ever happened. We don't know
15 how many more we're going to do. We're
16 hoping the year ends pretty quick.

17 We would like to ask the Village
18 Board permission to hold the Washington
19 Day Parade in February, you know, it's
20 our 180th as we do every year.

21 We want to update on the fire
22 hydrants. We did our hydrant test on
23 October 27th. It was a very good
24 report and we're following through with
25 the eight out of the district. We

1 already have one back from the high
2 school, and they said that passed with
3 flying colors.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Great.

5 MR. DeKERILLIS: We have seven
6 more to go, so we're doing very well on
7 that. Thank you, Mayor, and thanks to
8 the Road Department for really coming
9 together the past three weeks making
10 that a very fluid process.

11 And like I said, we touched on the
12 fire that we had and the mass calls
13 that we had. And yes, Mary Bess, I did
14 file the Master 70 permit this morning.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Yes, I
16 know, I saw that this morning.

17 MR. DeKERILLIS: That's all I
18 have, Mayor. Thank you very much.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Whoa,
20 whoa, whoa.

21 MR. DeKERILLIS: Oh, an
22 application for membership. Rescue
23 squad only. The Board of Wardens
24 approved last night John Gurveya
25 (phonetic).

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Wonderful.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Chief, before you
3 leave, I just want to say something. I
4 happened to be at the fire on Anglers
5 Road on Saturday. I was the property
6 manager of the house that was right
7 next to the one that was burning, and I
8 have to tell you that I was so
9 impressed with the leadership and
10 teamwork that I saw from the GFD as
11 well as the other companies that were
12 there. The fire destroyed the house
13 where it began, but you saved the house
14 where the two tenants lived. You know,
15 you saved a home for some people, and
16 you have to get credit for that, and I
17 just want to say, you know, kudos to
18 all of you. It was an amazing scene.
19 I didn't want to be that close to it,
20 but, you know, I was called because I
21 had an association with the people and
22 everybody is super grateful, so thank
23 you so much.

24 MR. DeKERILLIS: Thank you,
25 Trustee, and thank you Village Board,

1 and thank you, Mayor.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: The other one I
3 want to recognize as well is oftentimes
4 but unrecognized for these, our
5 Electric Department gets called out to
6 deal with some of these things. So I
7 want to thank Doug and the Electric
8 Department, of course, for their help
9 with you guys on this.

10 MR. DeKERILLIS: Absolutely.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Mr. Mayor,
12 there was one thing that came up at the
13 Warden's meeting last night. They're
14 looking into replacing the camera
15 system here for security, and they've
16 had several quotes for, like, \$47,000.
17 I'm wondering if perhaps we could see
18 if there's any grants available to try
19 to upgrade the two firehouses, not just
20 one. This is for 47,000 that they got
21 quoted off of a State contract is for
22 just this building. We do have Station
23 Number 2 that we have to get a quote
24 for. I'm just wondering if --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, so what --

1 as I had asked in that e-mail the other
2 day, I think what we need is we need a
3 consolidated list of anything the
4 department is looking for obviously in
5 order of priority, the additional
6 funding to finish the purchase of the
7 boat on top of what the State is
8 semicommitted to doing.

9 MR. DeKERILLIS: Understood.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: And then any other
11 items, ie., cameras or other vehicles.

12 MR. DeKERILLIS: I think the main
13 gist is some grants cover certain items
14 and not others. So we're working very
15 well with Mary Bess, the liaison, and
16 we're going to make that happen.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Okay.
18 Also there's going to be a reception on
19 Friday, December 6th from 7:00 through
20 8:00 that is an exhibition celebrating
21 the Greenport Fire Department. The
22 photos are by David Benthall. I
23 understand that it's going to be a very
24 interesting photo array of our
25 volunteer fire department, so I would

1 encourage everyone to take advantage of
2 it. It's running from December 6th
3 through January 26th at Floyd Memorial
4 Library.

5 And then the other thing is, just
6 for the Trustees to be aware of, that
7 the Greenport Fire Department is going
8 to be presenting some change to their
9 bylaws. One of them is changing the
10 language to allow residents to become
11 members, not confined to being a U.S.
12 citizen. And the other one is dealing
13 with out of district -- district
14 officers being available to be on the
15 Board of Wardens, but that will come to
16 us at some point for the Village Board
17 to approve. So I just want to make the
18 other trustees --

19 MR. DeKERILLIS: Yes, Dave just
20 sent me an e-mail. I just touched base
21 that he had a meeting with you this
22 afternoon regarding that matter.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Sorry, I
24 just didn't move quick enough before
25 you two.

1 MR. DeKERILLIS: Thank you very
2 much everybody.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, Chief.

4 Next up, we have the Greenport BID
5 budget presentation. David, thank you
6 for being here this evening.

7 MR. SERURE: My pleasure. Do you
8 guys want me here or --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Take the podium,
10 please.

11 MR. SERURE: Good evening,
12 everyone. My name is David Serure.
13 I'm currently the treasurer of the BID
14 here in the Village of Greenport. I
15 made a few copies, if you may. I'm not
16 exactly sure what exactly we all want
17 to go through here.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: We're just looking
19 for you to go over at high level and
20 give us, sort of, a state of the state
21 of the BID.

22 MR. SERURE: Adam, I think I sent
23 you most of what we have here.

24 So thank you, folks, for having me
25 tonight. And basically I just kind of

1 brought a copy of the presentation we
2 made in June to the Board membership as
3 we have our -- to the BID membership, I
4 should say, when we have our annual
5 meeting. These budgets typically are
6 shared with the Village on a timely
7 basis, and per the bylaws we are
8 supposed to present our budget to you
9 folks here as the Trustees so that you
10 know what the BID is doing, what we're
11 using the monies for, and what we
12 anticipate the year ahead to become.

13 So I did give you the whole
14 presentation. I'm sure you're all
15 familiar with the mission statement and
16 what we do and so forth. But as far as
17 budgets go, and I know it's going back
18 a couple of years, but I gave it to you
19 anyway, you see the budget in 2022 was
20 -- I think that might be on your last
21 page -- was 65,000. It's broken down,
22 the acronyms that we've had kind of
23 affectionately with the BID has been
24 PRIDE, SMILE, SOBO, GATE, and like
25 ADMIN. But for the most part, those

1 acronyms break down into our marketing
2 committee, our beautification
3 committee, our events committee, and
4 then advocacy and admin costs.

5 In 2023, our budget was 73,000.
6 As you see from the tax allocation
7 that's collected by the Village, that's
8 roughly 52,9. We generated 12,500 in
9 that particular year, and \$7,500 in
10 sponsorships for a total of 73,000. I
11 was going to say something and I lost
12 my train of thought. And then from
13 there we break down each of the
14 different committees, what they
15 anticipate spending in the current
16 year. I know what I was going to say.
17 So our year we try to mirror as a
18 fiscal year that coincides with the
19 Village. So our budget year starts
20 June 1st and ends on May 31st. And
21 then throughout the year, the BID
22 spends different monies on events that
23 we put forth in the Village, on
24 marketing campaigns, on website
25 support, social media campaigns,

1 beautification of the Village in a
2 number of different means, whether it
3 be a volunteer to just, you know, pick
4 up various trash that happens to blow
5 around after a storm. As you know, the
6 planters in town. And typically the
7 beautification committee will take the
8 planters and will change it out
9 seasonally. So four times a year
10 you'll have different thematic
11 plantings based on, you know, the
12 season. And as you see this year, our
13 planters are decorated for the
14 holidays.

15 Advocacy is another committee that
16 we have. That's a committee of the
17 executive officers of the BID that work
18 together with the Village Deputy Mayor
19 and the Mayor with regards to various,
20 I don't want to say high level
21 communications, but more communications
22 that doesn't need to necessarily have
23 the entire Board. If there's something
24 that we need to bring back to our
25 Board, we'll do so for a vote and

1 agreement.

2 What else do we have? And then
3 basic admin costs and so forth. So
4 that was the budget for 2023, and the
5 budget for 2024 was roughly the same.
6 The same allocation as what we're
7 anticipating is what we put forth in
8 June. The tax allocation was roughly
9 52,990 advertising we're hoping to
10 generate in this year the 12,500, and
11 sponsorships of 7,500. And we still
12 have, you know, roughly half a year to
13 go. We definitely are using our monies
14 and utilizing our monies, I should say,
15 based on what we know we have in the
16 bank, and that's the tax allocations.

17 A number of our committees are,
18 you know, being reorganized and we're
19 doing a much stronger push, you know,
20 coming the rest of this year being our
21 fiscal year with regards to
22 sponsorships and advertising sales.

23 So that's pretty much our budgets.
24 I've been the treasurer, just so you
25 know, I assumed the position this past

1 August, and you know, looking to, you
2 know, champion this cause to the best
3 of my abilities. Can I take any
4 questions?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I just -- I
6 wanted to commend you for stepping up
7 and taking on the treasurer role. It's
8 been great to see, as you know, of
9 course, I participate in your guys'
10 monthly meetings and then to have this
11 meeting, it's wonderful to see the
12 dedication from everybody on the BID.
13 In particular, I'll remark that it's
14 been wonderful too to see the new
15 website come to life. I know there's
16 been a lot of money spent on that, a
17 lot of effort. There's tweaks that
18 still need to be done, you guys have
19 done a great job helping bring that to
20 life. I was particularly excited to
21 hear about some of the ideas one of
22 your newer members has, additional
23 fundraising, because I know working on
24 a limited budget has always been a
25 challenge and you guys are -- go out

1 and find other ways to make money.

2 MR. SERURE: Right. Thank you,
3 Mr. Mayor. You know, the website was
4 something that was kind of years in the
5 making, so to speak, and I'm not sure
6 if everybody knows, but the BID is
7 celebrating our 30th anniversary of
8 existence. So the BID was formed in
9 1994, and not to bring up a sore
10 subject, but we're still working on the
11 same budgets that we had back in 1994,
12 but that's a whole 'nother conversation
13 for another day. But that's the
14 reality of it. You know, I don't know
15 how many of us here in this room could
16 survive our household or our businesses
17 if we were working only on, you know,
18 taxes and allocations that were given
19 to us from 1994. But that's what this
20 BID does. So while 52,000, you know,
21 sounds like a lot of money, for all the
22 things that we do, all of the events,
23 campaigns, marketing and so forth to
24 stretch that money based on the cost of
25 goods here in this calendar year of

1 2024, it's really an accomplishment for
2 all the volunteers and Board members
3 that we have.

4 The website that you see up there
5 now was kind of three years in the
6 making and what the BID did is we kind
7 of saved money and we're very fiscally,
8 you know, conscious so that we could
9 put forth a very contemporary website
10 that was very interactive, that had all
11 of our members' businesses and
12 locations, categorized by retail,
13 restaurants, attractions so that when a
14 consumer would click the website, they
15 could go right to it and see where you
16 want to go. So it's almost like a
17 walking map. It works not only on your
18 desktop, it works on your laptop, and
19 it also works on your cell phone. And
20 again, all of these things that we have
21 in today's day and age are things in
22 methods of communications, marketing,
23 social media that we didn't have in
24 1994. But we're doing it with the 1994
25 budget, and I think we're doing it to

1 the best of our ability. But certainly
2 if any of the Trustees have any
3 comments, suggestions, recommendations
4 I'm happy to listen and want to
5 continue to be your partner here in the
6 Village.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. Any
8 questions or comments from the Board?

9 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Dave,
10 actually since I've been observing your
11 meetings and the advocacy meetings, I
12 have been very encouraged and have been
13 very pleased to see the momentum from
14 the longer living members of the BID
15 Board encouraging the new members to
16 think out of the box and get very
17 excited about potential fundraising,
18 potential new activities. It's -- for
19 me, an organization needs to survive by
20 its Board members bringing on the new
21 mixed with the old to keep it moving.
22 It's the organization that's most
23 important, and I think you've taken
24 that role on as the Board that you have
25 right now.

1 MR. SERURE: Thank you very much.
2 I'll certainly pass that on to my
3 colleagues. We are fortunate to have a
4 good group of people. I don't know if
5 it's politically correct to call them a
6 little pig headed, but, you know,
7 they're tough, they're a tough group.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: They're
9 Greenporters, excuse me, but that's
10 right, they're Greenporters.

11 MR. SERURE: Whether you were born
12 here or you're attracted to the Village
13 for whatever reason, it has so many
14 great things to offer, it is why that
15 you have the group of people that are
16 in this room tonight as well as the
17 businesses and residents and tourists
18 and customers that come to our Village
19 that we try to cater to. Whether
20 you're a restaurant or an attraction or
21 what have you, you know, that's why
22 Greenport is so special to so many of
23 us. And yes, it is great that we have
24 a little bit of some new ideas to
25 incorporate because if you ask me how

1 to post anything on social media, I'm
2 going to have to call my kids in
3 college to figure it out because it's
4 way over my pay grade. But it's these
5 types of innovations that we're looking
6 to put forth on behalf of, you know,
7 representing the businesses here in the
8 Village of Greenport.

9 So again, you folks have my
10 e-mail. If you don't, I'm happy to
11 give it to you. If there's any
12 questions at any time, feel free to
13 reach out.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I just wanted to
15 mention, you know, about eight or ten
16 years ago when the BID sort of went on
17 a new track and Rich Vandenburg
18 brought a guy in by the name of Marco
19 LiMandri, who was a BID expert, and he
20 kind of helped the BID reorganize
21 itself and started the committee system
22 and everything like that, and I think
23 now it's really cool that the BID is
24 producing its own group of people and
25 leadership, its next change, if you

1 will. But that started back when the
2 Marco LiMandri really came here, he
3 came for a visit, he kind of did a
4 whole analysis. I still have a copy of
5 the report on my laptop, interesting
6 stuff.

7 MR. SERURE: Yeah, I've read his
8 report, and it is interesting stuff.
9 You know, no pun intended, but it takes
10 a Village.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Exactly.

12 MR. SERURE: And we have a lot of
13 Indians, like I said, a lot of
14 strong-minded Board members, but we
15 definitely need more volunteers,
16 whether it's business to get involved,
17 whether it's residents that have a
18 passion, people that have time on their
19 hands that want to make a commitment to
20 the Village. We have so many channels
21 for them to get involved and it would
22 be great to see more people come
23 together to help us.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: How
25 could they get involved? People ask me

1 a lot because I work at a business
2 where people come in and they know I'm
3 involved in this.

4 MR. SERURE: That's an excellent
5 question. You know, our website just
6 launched in August. It had some
7 glitches, as often, you know, when
8 you're launching a website to the
9 magnitude of what this site is, again,
10 the website is not just a digital
11 pamphlet, so to speak, or brochure,
12 it's really an interactive, live,
13 living mechanism. But we intend, if
14 it's not there already, to have the
15 ability to communicate with the BID
16 through our website to get involved.
17 Like the Mayor was saying, some of our
18 new Board members are encouraging us to
19 use QR codes in some of our publication
20 -- printed material, posters and
21 fliers, so that if somebody is let's
22 say of that age category where they
23 didn't know how to do with a, whatever
24 it's called, a QR code, they could
25 then, you know, figure it out, get

1 involved, even do some fundraising
2 through that means.

3 But yes, we do need to do a better
4 job of getting out there, letting
5 people know here we are and here's how
6 you can come to us and here's how you
7 could get involved. We've even thought
8 about discussing some of these things
9 with the library because they have a
10 pulse on some of the people in town.
11 So we're working together. Like I
12 said, it takes a village.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Thank
14 you.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you very
16 much.

17 MR. SERURE: See you guys next
18 year, if not sooner.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Have a wonderful
20 Thanksgiving.

21 MR. SERURE: Yes, to you as well.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: In the spirit of
23 going out of order as a courtesy to
24 some of our guests, I do see that the
25 Maritime Museum is here. We have an

1 outdated Village contract. It's in
2 Counsel's hands. What I would ask,
3 though, is if the Maritime Museum would
4 like to speak to any desires outside of
5 the preexisting contract, if you'd like
6 to approach the podium, you're welcome
7 to do so.

8 The other thing I will announce,
9 which is fantastic news, is the Long
10 Island Railroad crossing at Fourth
11 Street and removal of track from Fourth
12 all the way down behind the museum,
13 which is going to include eventually as
14 part of the ferry queue project a nice,
15 call it event and garden space behind
16 the museum where historically we've had
17 all this track, which is now removed,
18 and there's a hole, that that will be
19 graded and smooth by the time they
20 leave. The best news all of this is
21 they are on time, and they are working
22 through the weekend, and the first
23 train Monday morning will be running as
24 scheduled. So there's a lot of work
25 that's going to happen over the next 72

1 years, but these guys are booking it.

2 MS. ORLANDO: Absolutely,
3 everyone. Thank you so much, Mayor,
4 Trustees, Candace, our clerk, as well.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: I apologize, if
6 you would just state your name and
7 address for the record for the
8 stenographer.

9 MS. ORLANDO: Sure. It's Tracy
10 Orlando, the East End Seaport Museum,
11 and that is at 100 Third Street,
12 Greenport, New York. I am the
13 executive director, if that matters.

14 So I approached our Mayor and the
15 clerk a couple of months ago. It's
16 something that's been renumerating over
17 the years with actually no
18 satisfaction. I had served on the
19 executive committee for about 15 years
20 as the -- before I worked as the
21 director, as the museum secretary, and
22 my business before was I was a forensic
23 bookkeeper, I owned my own firm for
24 about 15 years, so I love to dumpster
25 dive into filing cabinets. It's been

1 something that's kind of annoyed not
2 having an answer. All we're trying to
3 do is get an executed lease agreement.
4 It's not actually a lease agreement,
5 it's an agreement. I circulated the
6 copy that we have that is notarized by
7 our people and it's signed, but I've
8 never been able to unearth a fully
9 executed agreement. The reason this is
10 important has to do a lot with, well,
11 it's institutional knowledge. We
12 should all have a fully executed
13 agreement in our filing cabinets. And
14 the date, I'm not -- I tried to help
15 Candace, and it just hasn't been able
16 to be unearthed.

17 And also, not only to have as
18 institutional knowledge, but it will be
19 helpful for obtaining, well, grants.
20 They're going to say, where is your
21 lease agreement? I was fortunate
22 enough to attend a seminar where your
23 Mayor also attended through the
24 Gardiner Foundation, and Kathryn Curran
25 really encouraged municipalities to

1 stop the old habit of doing short-term
2 leases because they're never going to
3 get grants. They said start maybe at
4 10 years, but we're really looking for
5 longevity for these not-for-profits.

6 We are coming to 35 years of the
7 East End Seaport Museum, and I just
8 thought this was a really good chance
9 for us to take a look. I think mostly
10 we can agree on everything that's in
11 there. There's only maybe some
12 outdated language that doesn't make
13 sense anymore, and we're just hoping
14 that you folks would just get a signed
15 agreement and we can work to changing
16 things in the future. That's it.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: One of the
18 complications, obviously, is making
19 sure that it's updated and then
20 comports with Long Island Railroad
21 because, as you know, we have a master
22 lease for that whole property, so
23 that's why it's being a taken a look
24 at. We will get back to you on it.
25 Counsel will be reviewing, looking at

1 it with LIRR agreement, and then the
2 Board will review it and respond
3 accordingly. I wish we could say we
4 found the old agreement, but it's out
5 of date anyway, so if it's sitting in
6 Jimmy Hoffa's hands somewhere with a
7 signature, it's long since gone, as
8 many things are from Village Hall.

9 MS. ORLANDO: And I think it was a
10 result of a terrible flood at one time
11 I think happened at Town Hall. I don't
12 think it was misfiled under shoelaces,
13 I think it just was terribly damaged.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Just
15 to clarify, we're talking about is
16 there, like, a previous lease to this
17 lease? Or it's just, like, another
18 copy that was actually signed by both
19 parties we're talking about?

20 MS. ORLANDO: That is the same
21 agreement. This is the actually only
22 surviving agreement. The only thing
23 missing in this agreement is it's not
24 fully executed with a Village
25 signature.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Got
2 you. Thank you.

3 MS. ORLANDO: I also have support
4 documents, if you folks want it. Some
5 of the earliest ones date back to 1981.
6 It is the original agreement, the
7 amendments to those agreements, and as
8 well as your Village was communicating,
9 certainly everyone got really confused
10 when no one was signing the agreements
11 within five or six years, what did we
12 say, what did we do, and there's a
13 great summary of that. If you folks
14 want that in front of --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: It's sort of
16 irrelevant right now. Right now we
17 just need to focus on a new agreement
18 and then executed it by both parties.

19 MS. ORLANDO: I do appreciate that
20 your agreement expires in 2031, so it
21 is a great time for us to take a look
22 at each other before we get to that
23 plateau and maybe have both those lease
24 agreements at the same time.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Tracy, I

1 just have one question because when the
2 Maritime Museum started there were two
3 different foundations, one was dealing
4 with the Maritime Museum and one was
5 dealing with the lighthouse. Have they
6 now been combined, or are they still
7 two separate foundations?

8 MS. ORLANDO: Good thing I'm a
9 forensic bookkeeper.

10 So that was actually done
11 illegally and that was disillusioned
12 quite quickly afterwards. I have all
13 those affidavits if someone would like.
14 It was done for nefarious reasons and
15 no longer is an issue. The East End
16 Seaport Museum and Marine Foundations
17 is one organization. The lighthouse,
18 the museum, the blacksmith shop, and
19 our wonderful mission statement.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: That's
21 what I wanted to check because, as I
22 said, there was a variety of --

23 MS. ORLANDO: It was a
24 whackadoodle time, absolutely.

25 Anybody else?

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can
2 you just clarify what is up on 2031?

3 MS. ORLANDO: Your lease.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Our
5 lease with the LIRR?

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: The MTA.

7 MS. ORLANDO: So originally, it
8 goes way back, it was the MTA, with the
9 County, with the Village, and then us.
10 Originally we did not exist. You were
11 going to build a jail there, and when
12 your police department was disbanded at
13 the same time, it was literally
14 simultaneously the East End Seaport
15 Museum and Marine Foundation approached
16 the Village and said, we'd like to use
17 this space, you already got the grants,
18 we're just going to use it in a
19 different way. So for that purpose,
20 that's when -- when the grants were
21 completed, you guys actually I believe
22 are no longer bound by the County, it
23 is now the MTA, the Village, and then
24 us. I think once the grants were
25 fulfilled, the baton was then passed.

1 That's as I understand it.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Thank
3 you.

4 MS. ORLANDO: Any idea on the
5 timeframe? Only because we're coming
6 into our budget season and some of the
7 language in that lease would really
8 need to change because it's not --
9 there are things in there we would like
10 to honor, certainly doing the annual
11 report, which we would love to do, but
12 there are other responsibilities.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: So what I would
14 suggest you do is if there's certain
15 requests or things you think need to be
16 done is for you guys to put a list
17 together and send to us.

18 MS. ORLANDO: Who is the us, is it
19 the Trustees?

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, it's going
21 to go to legal Counsel. You can send
22 it to the Clerk's office, and they will
23 look at that as part of looking at the
24 existing agreement and then also the
25 Long Island Railroad agreement, and

1 legal will come to our Board with
2 recommendations that we will then
3 discuss.

4 MS. ORLANDO: Probably not by
5 January 1.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: I highly doubt
7 before then. With the MTA and LIRR
8 involved, as I'm told, it's been
9 decades in getting the work done that
10 we just managed to get done.

11 MS. ORLANDO: Thank you very much
12 because it will definitely add to our
13 community appeal having that space out
14 back. I've been there so gosh darn
15 long, I remember when we had one of the
16 engineers disliked us so much, and when
17 he saw we were having something
18 outside, he pulled that train right up
19 to the stop and let those engines run
20 the entire cocktail party to where we
21 are now, being more of a community
22 event and people can come with more
23 space, it's very, very welcoming.
24 Thank you for giving me the opportunity
25 and certainly carrying the torch to

1 make that happen. It seemed like a
2 wild idea, but you were so open to it
3 and thank you so much for that.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Absolutely. We're
5 excited with our engineer from the
6 ferry queue projects to lay out the
7 space, get some options, and get the
8 community's feedback and the museum
9 Board's feedback to come up with a
10 final solution of how it should look
11 for the long term.

12 MS. ORLANDO: Appreciate it.
13 Thank you, folks.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, Tracy.

15 Next item on the agenda is a
16 public hearing for CDBG. Adam, would
17 you like to speak to this briefly
18 before I open the public hearing?

19 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure. Thank
20 you, Mr. Mayor.

21 Regarding the CDBG has been
22 discussed at several other work
23 sessions, I will speak about it
24 briefly. While the CDBG or Community
25 Development Block Grant funds do cover

1 different types of projects, most
2 notable ones specific to the Village or
3 that pertains to the Village are
4 general site improvements, public
5 facilities, and sidewalks. No funding
6 amount is granted for the 2025 year
7 until a project is selected, so we're
8 just here to listen to the public's
9 ideas, what we may use the 2025 funding
10 for.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: And do you have
12 sort of an anticipated range of how
13 much funding you think we'll be able to
14 draw down?

15 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It's hard to
16 say. On average, in the past several
17 years, it can range from 50 to \$85,000
18 a year.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: And it's been used
20 for, by example?

21 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: We fixed --
22 most recently we did the Fifth Street
23 park.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: With that, I'll
25 make a motion to open the public

1 hearing to discuss potential CDBG
2 opportunities in the Village of
3 Greenport. Do I have a second?

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
5 Second.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

7 (Aye said in unison.)

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Public hearing is
9 open on it. Is there anybody from the
10 public that would like to speak who
11 might have an idea of something that
12 they think the public would benefit
13 from?

14 MR. SERURE: Can you describe
15 again what is that?

16 MAYOR STUESSI: You're going to
17 need to approach the podium and state
18 your name and address again.

19 MR. SERURE: Good evening. David
20 Serure, 21 High Field Drive, Dix Hills,
21 New York.

22 Can you explain, again, what is
23 this acronym called?

24 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure. CDBG,
25 it's the Community Development Block

1 Grant. It comes from the County. It's
2 funding that we get to use, like I had
3 mentioned for site improvements or
4 public facilities or sidewalks. So
5 it's a grant we receive.

6 MR. SERURE: And does the Board
7 already have a plan for what they're
8 going to use the money for?

9 MAYOR STUESSI: No, that's what
10 the public hearing is for now for
11 anybody who might have ideas of
12 something we should do. So the most
13 recent example would be the renovation
14 of the beach park at Fifth and Sixth
15 Street that the funds from the County
16 went towards rebuilding and replacing
17 park equipment down there.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: In the
19 past, some of the examples have been
20 the sidewalk around here. We made it
21 handicapped accessible to get into this
22 park area. There has been along Sixth
23 Avenue because we had a large amount of
24 students walking, we took some of the
25 CDBG money for that, and working with

1 the Town of Southold, and we got the
2 sidewalks so that it made it a walkable
3 situation from the kids coming out from
4 Greenport School. Those are the types
5 of things that qualify.

6 Adam, there are -- do you know
7 what they're focussing on? Because
8 every year they focus on a certain area
9 of -- I know handicapped accessible is
10 the most highly rated point system. Do
11 you know what else they're asking for,
12 Adam, for potential funding?

13 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Specifically
14 what the County is asking for?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well, they
16 usually throw out some ideas as to what
17 they're looking to concentrate on.

18 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I did meet
19 with them several months ago. We
20 walked around the Village. The big
21 concern seemed to be the sidewalks that
22 they were interested in. That was
23 their --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Accessibility.
25 When I talked to them --

1 MR. SERURE: That was going to be
2 my suggestion, probably something that
3 you folks are already aware of,
4 certainly the sidewalks both
5 commercially on some of the main
6 streets, front streets, side streets as
7 well as residential streets. Because
8 our Village is the age that it is and
9 the trees have grown the way they have,
10 certainly they kind of infiltrate our
11 walkability. So I don't know if the
12 County necessitates that you do in
13 front of, let's say, a library or a
14 fire department or what have you, but
15 if there's any way that you guys could
16 lobby to get some of those funds to be
17 utilized for our sidewalks so
18 pedestrians, whether they're
19 handicapped or otherwise, don't get
20 injured. I think that would be a great
21 use of funds.

22 You know, and there's a ton of
23 places around the Village that could be
24 used, even if you want to say, like,
25 around the IGA or the municipal parking

1 lot that probably needs more than 50 to
2 \$85,000 in TLC, but those would be some
3 thoughts that come to mind.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: It's a great
5 point, and as you're aware, we spent
6 about \$80,000 on a number of spots on
7 Front Street fixing some of the bigger
8 problems. Where we are likely going to
9 have to be going is doing -- and part
10 of our sewer report that's coming out
11 is recommending putting cameras and
12 looking at all of that, but we
13 literally spent almost a month now
14 dealing with sewer problems just on
15 Front Street. There's a good chance we
16 may find ourselves in a position that
17 we're needing to rip up the street in
18 order to replace hundred-year-old sewer
19 pipe, in which case a lot of that work
20 will come out of it.

21 But to your point, around in the
22 back, Adam Street parking lots, there's
23 some additional funding that we're
24 taking a look at through sort of an
25 environmental grant to deal with storm

1 water and capture it in those parking
2 lots, but, you know, we're looking -- I
3 think we got a price quote for, like,
4 \$600,000 as I recall just to do one of
5 the Adam Street parking lots. So we're
6 hopeful we can leverage other sources.
7 The CDBG is a very small amount.

8 MR. SERURE: Yes, a small amount
9 compared to the expenses.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: And then there's,
11 you know, beyond just the downtown, of
12 course, we've got lots of folks in
13 different neighborhoods whose sidewalks
14 still need a lot of work.

15 MR. SERURE: Yeah, that's just if
16 you guys were looking for extra
17 sidewalks. No matter where you put
18 them, they'll be put to good use. And
19 if it would qualify, certainly we all
20 know that the carousel is also in need
21 of some repairs. So depending on what
22 this money can be qualified for, those
23 are just two thoughts that come to
24 mind.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. Thank you.

1 MR. SERURE: Thank you for
2 listening.

3 MS. RIPLEY: Joan Ripley, 111
4 Broad Street, Greenport. I notice
5 every summer that the summer camp plays
6 in the playground next to us right here
7 on Third Street, and there's no cover
8 from the sun whatsoever, and so an idea
9 would be to put some kind of a covering
10 similar to what they have at the beach
11 at Southold Town Beach so at least the
12 kids can get out of the sun and some of
13 the adults because the trees aren't
14 cutting it anymore and some of the
15 trees have been cut down, so I just
16 thought it would be great, especially
17 with the hot summers.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Good to hear.
19 That playground is number one on my
20 list where I think we ought to
21 consider. It's in pretty rough shape.
22 Not just a cover, but just the
23 equipment itself, and that's a great
24 point. Thank you for noticing that.

25 MS. KOURIS: Nancy Kouris, 130

1 Front Street, Blue Duck Bakery and
2 President of the BID. Since we're
3 talking about paving, right, it could
4 be sidewalks, consider that small
5 little bit of sidewalk in front of the
6 jail. It is on Carpenter Street,
7 there's going to be a lot of traffic on
8 Carpenter Street, there's going to be a
9 lot of interest into the jail, and it
10 really is not a very large piece of
11 sidewalk, but it does continue from in
12 front of the brewery and it's pretty
13 broken up with weeds and everything
14 else. So it's a small amount of
15 paving, but I think it would be an
16 important place to repair. So if you
17 put that on your list.

18 And just as an aside, one of the
19 business owners on Front Street showed
20 me that in front of the crosswalk by
21 the Olive Branch restaurant, by that
22 courtyard, the sidewalk is lifted and
23 she said a lot of people have tripped
24 over it. So I don't know if you want
25 to send somebody out and just look at

1 it.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: It's on the list
3 and it's been painted to call out.

4 MS. KOURIS: Thank you very much.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody else? I'm
6 going to suggest we leave the public
7 hearing open to our next meeting. I'll
8 make a motion for that.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

11 (Aye said in unison.)

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

13 Next item up is the Village Clerk.
14 We don't have any other -- perfect.
15 Candace. Thank you for being here.
16 You look good, Dave.

17 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. Thank
18 you. All right. So I have quite a few
19 resolutions this month. The first one
20 is very exciting. We are hiring a
21 part-time office assistant for the
22 Greenport Building Department. He has
23 actually come in for a little bit of
24 training and just getting his self
25 familiar with the department today, so

1 we'll have to edit this date for next
2 week's meeting when the Board will
3 hopefully vote to approve this hiring.

4 Next up we have a resolution for a
5 public assembly application from the
6 Greenport Fire Department to host the
7 annual Washington's Birthday Parade and
8 Celebration on February 15th.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Can I interject
10 for a quick second?

11 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sure.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: I neglected to ask
13 when this came up with the Chief, Mary
14 Bess, do you know is that now on a
15 separate weekend since we had this
16 discussion last year with the Town and
17 their event?

18 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: With the
19 winter festival, yes, it is. Thanks to
20 Town Council person Greg Doroski and in
21 conversation with him, as he's the
22 liaison to that economic development
23 group within the Town. They agreed to
24 change theirs so that it was not on the
25 same day.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: So that's
2 confirmed?

3 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: That's
4 confirmed.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon my
6 interruption.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: No, that's
8 okay. As I said, I would like to thank
9 Councilman Doroski because he was very
10 helpful and completely understood and
11 was a very good champion for the
12 Village of Greenport Fire Department.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, it helps
14 everybody. We don't want to be
15 competing, be complementary.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. So the
17 next resolution I have here is setting
18 two Village of Greenport voter
19 registration days that will take place
20 at Village Hall. The first of those
21 two days is Thursday, March 6th from
22 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The second date
23 will be March 8th, which is a Saturday
24 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

25 My next resolution here is to

1 schedule a public hearing at the
2 December 26th regular session meeting
3 for a wetlands permit application
4 submitted by Dave Bergen on behalf of
5 property owner Joyce Kearns for 300
6 Atlantic Avenue in Greenport.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Just for a
8 moment, Candace, we all received a CAC
9 report dealing with this property. Did
10 any of us have any questions to that?
11 It was pretty simple. I don't think we
12 actually discussed it, did we?
13 Patrick, I don't remember discussing
14 it.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I don't remember
16 the CAC report.

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think it snuck
18 in there somewhere.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
20 don't think I have any questions.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I don't
22 have any questions either but --

23 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Is the
24 process out of order or out of
25 sequence?

1 MAYOR STUESSI: No, we should be
2 discussing it after the public hearing
3 part. After the public -- hear the
4 public, we can discuss further and then
5 we'll vote on it.

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. I will
7 forward those out. I believe they
8 sent -- I don't think the document was
9 all one, I think the two CAC members
10 both wrote their own comments and those
11 were shared for the two properties, but
12 I can forward them to you. I think it
13 may have come a week ago or so at
14 least.

15 So the next one, to that end, is
16 another public hearing for the same
17 date, December 26th, that's December's
18 regular session, and this public
19 hearing for the wetlands permit
20 application for Shawn Gilligan and the
21 property address is 1410 Manhasset
22 Avenue in Greenport.

23 Next up, we completed the annual
24 tree and stump removal bid, so I am --
25 let's see, five companies submitted for

1 the bid. I am going to recommend the
2 -- accepting the low bidder. Let's
3 see.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can I
5 ask a question? We discussed this.

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, sure.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So the
8 Tree Committee just wants to use their
9 reserve funds?

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct. So
11 there was, if the Board remembers, I
12 did send a comment. We weren't sure if
13 we were just going to accept just part
14 of the bid with their current budget,
15 but the treasurer worked with them and
16 they have reserve that they're going to
17 use so that we can do the full bid.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I read that and I
19 was worried, you know, but I'm glad
20 they're able to do all the trees. It's
21 important.

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It is. I
23 think it may be some work to do, you
24 know, going forward to make sure that
25 they can cover these bids.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Adam, I
2 have a question for next year's budget.
3 Is this something that the Tree
4 Committee, before we get into budget
5 discussions and before you start -- and
6 the Mayor start thinking about what to
7 put in their line item, do you think
8 they could give you a kind of idea or
9 outline as to what they'll be thinking
10 for next year as far as tree cutting
11 and tree planting or whatever?

12 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, Lily as
13 liaison for --

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I'd
15 love to. I think it's a little tricky
16 just because, you know, I don't think
17 we know what trees, but I mean, we
18 could look back at -- we could look
19 back at reference previous years to
20 have a good idea.

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: In
22 comparison, I do know that this year's
23 list was smaller than the previous
24 year.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah,

1 I think also the prices have been going
2 up.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, which is,
4 you know, Adam and I already have been
5 having preliminary meetings on the
6 budget. He's reached out to
7 departments, we're trying to accelerate
8 the process so we can get information
9 to the Board sooner rather than later,
10 and obviously across the board we're
11 facing issues with increases in costs
12 and labor, health benefits as well. So
13 it's going to be a challenging budget
14 year to say the least.

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. So the
16 next four resolutions that I have here,
17 these are annual bids. So the first
18 one here is permission to solicit for
19 the delivery of diesel fuel at various
20 Village locations.

21 The next one is to request
22 solicitation for a ten yard dump truck
23 and a driver to assist the Village,
24 should we need so, for removal and
25 disposal of snow for the winter season.

1 And then the next up here is an
2 annual bid for the delivery of number 2
3 heating oil for various Village
4 locations.

5 And then finally we have a bid for
6 contractor services. Again, these are
7 annual bids that it's my understanding
8 we do each December so that we're ready
9 for the following year.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can
11 you remind me what the last one is?

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So that bid
13 is really -- my understanding is kind
14 of a one size fits all. So the person
15 that was awarded last year, Kip
16 Skrezec, he comes out to do a ton of
17 different things for the Village. So
18 various contractor services through Kip
19 Skrezec in this year's case.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: It might be work
21 that's towards the Sewer Department or
22 the Electric Department or even the
23 Road Department at different times.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Got
25 you.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Do we have
2 a -- I don't want to say handyman, but
3 a carpenter-type person that can go
4 around and deal with some of the
5 maintenance stuff for Village Hall and
6 the Rec Center and some of that stuff?

7 MAYOR STUESSI: To my knowledge,
8 the Village hasn't had a carpenter
9 for --

10 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Since
11 Building 10 has been --

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: We have Rick
13 Albanese.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: So, I mean, what
15 we do is if we have an issue, you know,
16 depending upon the financial threshold,
17 we get three quotes, and there's often,
18 you know, a couple of different people
19 we turn to for minor things.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well, the
21 only reason I'm asking is I understand
22 that Santa Claus has got a broken arm.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we're
24 working on fixing that.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: You're

1 working on fixing it? Oh, okay. I
2 just didn't know if we had a carpenter.
3 That's okay, as long as they're fixing
4 it.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: We have a number
6 of people we turn to. But Santa Claus,
7 it might be Santa's last year.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: That's a
9 Village tradition, so we might have
10 to --

11 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: We saved
12 Christmas.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: We tried not to
14 amputate. It's can we put the arm back
15 on right now.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well,
17 actually it has been broken before and
18 been repaired.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, it's evident.
20 Spit, chewing gum, and a few other
21 things to hold it together.

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Christmas has
23 been saved, everyone. Don't worry.

24 Next up, I have a few public
25 assembly applications. Actually, this

1 is the second of two public assembly
2 applications. This one is for the
3 applicant is requesting to host a small
4 wedding ceremony in Mitchell Park on
5 August 7, 2025 between 12:30 and 2:30
6 p.m. They aren't looking to -- just to
7 be clear to the public and for the
8 Board, they're having their reception
9 at Port Restaurant, so this would be a
10 ceremony where the people, the few
11 guests that they are having will be
12 standing in Mitchell Park. No tents
13 will be erected for this event, but
14 they are looking for some type of small
15 structure not to take away from the
16 beauty of Mitchell Park but just
17 something small for the bride and groom
18 to stand under.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Do you know how
20 many people they want?

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: They put on
22 their application 40 guests.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: My God.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
25 they do want to rope it off, right?

1 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: That's the
2 reason why I suggested that they submit
3 a public assembly application.
4 Obviously 40 people, that meets that
5 threshold, but so that they have the
6 ability to set this small -- I want to
7 say it's just like a shape that's open,
8 open air kind of a shape structure
9 behind the bride and groom, but I
10 recommended it would be a good idea so,
11 of course, our team is aware, and if
12 they, you know, needed to rope off this
13 small area.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I thought we had
15 a policy where we don't host private
16 events in Mitchell Park.

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: We used to. I
18 mean, we had what was known as the
19 Mitchell Park Policy, and I believe it
20 was limited to 25 people for an event
21 like that, for a wedding like that.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: No, it
23 wasn't 25.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: They've been done
25 in the past.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Weddings
2 were one of the things that was
3 allowed. It got into private parties
4 that were going to deal with -- I can't
5 remember now off the Mitchell Policy.
6 I know that weddings because weddings
7 have been done in there since the
8 inception of Mitchell Park.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Oh, I remember.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I think it
11 was dealing private parties that wanted
12 to have a group of family members and
13 have a picnic in Mitchell Park or a
14 private company that wanted to come in
15 and do some type of a sale.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: It just strikes me
17 that that many people for, I mean,
18 that's a long time for a wedding.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That's
20 also a Saturday in the middle of
21 August.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, that's what
23 I was going to say, in the middle of
24 the park.

25 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Is that a

1 Saturday?

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And it's
3 certainly going to spill right over to
4 Port because it's right there.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well, I
6 think the 12:30 to 3:30 is I'm sure
7 12:30 is probably setting up.

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is it setting up
9 at 12:30?

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.
11 This time would include setup and clean
12 up. I don't anticipate that they would
13 be out there that long. I don't think
14 they're anticipating to be out there
15 that long for a prolonged ceremony, I
16 think this is just to cover bases.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, but you
18 know, if it's setup and take down, that
19 means the space is unavailable for
20 others in the summer season.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It's
22 not a Saturday, it's a Thursday.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody have any
24 perspective on it?

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I just

1 feel like it is a private party if
2 you're roping off an area for two
3 hours.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Most of
5 the weddings that have been in there,
6 they have not been roped off. They've
7 had some type of a cover over the -- or
8 a gazebo or whatever, a portable gazebo
9 over the bride and groom and the
10 minister doing the service, but I know
11 that we've had chairs in there in the
12 past, but I don't ever remember it
13 being roped off. I mean, that's --

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That's all on the
15 application, Candace? I mean, I did
16 take a look at the description of what
17 they're going to do, and it doesn't say
18 right here, but you have the public
19 assembly permit, the application does
20 spell out what they're planning on
21 doing, roping it off and stuff like
22 that?

23 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. So
24 they did provide a map and it's
25 definitely a sub -- it's just about the

1 whole amphitheater area that they're
2 looking to block off. If it rains, I
3 think they are looking at being on --
4 not I think, this is indicating that if
5 it rains, they're looking to be on the
6 boardwalk area. Let's see. It says
7 this is a standing only ceremony with
8 no chairs, tents, music, food, or
9 alcohol to be served. The actual
10 ceremony would take 15 minutes.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: But they're still
12 asking for two hours?

13 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: They
15 might want to decorate the arch and all
16 that.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Could we
18 verify with them exactly what they --
19 Candace, what they plan on doing with
20 it in two hours?

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sure.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: And if we
23 could get that before next week --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm personally a
25 little reluctant to dedicate the public

1 park space to a private event like that
2 for two hours in peak summer, unless
3 it's some sort of community event that
4 everybody attends. Unless they have
5 pigs in a blanket that --

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's a
7 private ceremony, I'm sorry.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Did you say
9 about 40 people?

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah,
11 correct.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I guess, I would
13 encourage them to put some more
14 parameters around how much space
15 they're talking about because the
16 entire amphitheater is a space for
17 hundreds of people.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: And it's also an
19 area where people have their dogs and
20 kids and everything else.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: They're
22 looking for this whole area here, which
23 is --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I think we
25 need to tell them to print Google Maps

1 and say --

2 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: They did.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: That's crazy.

4 That's Dances in the Park.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: That's too
6 much space.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Why don't you call
8 them back, if the Board is okay, and
9 say the Board is reluctant to give you
10 the entire amphitheater, which would
11 close it all off, which is way more
12 than you need for 40 people. You need
13 to limit it down and the Board will
14 consider it.

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So smaller
16 area would be -- would present better.
17 And do they truly need two hours; is
18 that the question?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: It's contrary to
20 what they said. Standing only, which
21 means no chair setup.

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I mean,
23 photos. I'd want to take photos there,
24 if I were the bride.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I think

1 the best thing for us to do is to find
2 out exactly what they're planning on
3 doing within those hours and then that
4 will make it easier for us to decide
5 exactly where we are. That's an awful
6 big parameter.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Even if the size
8 is down, I don't know that I'd be
9 prepared to support personally part of
10 the park being closed off for two hours
11 of somebody's wedding in peak summer.

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So again, the
13 question that I should pose to them,
14 because obviously they put the
15 application in because they want to do
16 this, so not without guaranteeing them
17 an approval, what would make this more
18 appealing to the Board? So it's a
19 smaller time and a smaller closed off
20 location?

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: A smaller
22 footprint.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Smaller footprint,
24 smaller timeframe.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I'd

1 love if it wasn't closed off.

2 Personally I feel like it's a public
3 park. I don't know if we have other --
4 I mean, I guess we used to have that
5 one like --

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That's a
7 philanthropic --

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah,
9 exactly.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I don't --
11 to be honest with you, my memory is
12 trying to go back, I don't ever
13 remember any of the wedding
14 applications that had such a large
15 space. It used to be closer down to
16 the water because they wanted the
17 pictures at the water. They did their
18 thing closer to the bulkhead, but they
19 didn't encompass the whole
20 amphitheater. Even some of them were
21 up on the boardwalk section because
22 they decorated that. This is a huge
23 area.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, I mean,
25 I've seen many times, you know, people

1 go down and do a photo shoot,
2 quinceaneras, high school classes, you
3 know, wedding parties or whatever, but
4 they're just doing photos, you know,
5 maybe a half an hour, if that.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: They don't need
7 our permission for --

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right on the
9 boardwalk, they do that. This is
10 clearly a lot more than that. A little
11 more clarification and parameters.

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Ask them if they
14 could forego the roping off
15 requirement, please.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. So I
17 will continue with the rest of the
18 report.

19 So next up, I do keep a list of
20 contracts and agreements or documents
21 that the Mayor signs and we send out.
22 So this month, it was the letter of
23 support for Oyster Pond Shellfish.

24 Legal notices, we ran a series of
25 legal notices for the CDBG public

1 hearing. We have to publish four is
2 their guideline.

3 And next up is I'm excited to
4 share these updates with the Board and
5 with the community regarding the
6 Village election. So as you all are
7 aware, next year, March 18, 2025 is our
8 next Village election for two Trustee
9 positions to be filled. So -- I'm
10 sorry, I hear somebody talking. The
11 documents that are now available and
12 also we are permitted to accept them,
13 we're allowed to accept absentee ballot
14 applications and early mail ballot
15 applications. So the early mail ballot
16 application is new. This law was
17 passed, I believe, in 2023.

18 ATTORNEY STOLAR: '22 or '23.

19 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. So
20 it's a recently passed law, so this is
21 new. I don't want to get into the full
22 details of what an early mail ballot
23 application is, I would encourage
24 people to research that. However,
25 again, at Village Hall these documents

1 are available. They're also on our
2 Village website. So on the website now
3 there is a page dedicated to the
4 Village election. It now has on this
5 page there is a for voters, for
6 candidates, and then election
7 information pages are also under that
8 title. I will continue, as I mentioned
9 last month, I'll continue to update
10 this as I can with important
11 information and documents for the
12 public. Let's see. Next bullet here,
13 again, each page will be updated
14 ongoing. That's really it. That's all
15 I have I think this month for the
16 Village election. If there are any
17 questions, I'm happy to help. Whatever
18 information I don't know, I've been
19 taking in a lot of information about
20 this election, I will certainly try to
21 figure it out.

22 And then quite a few announcements
23 to wrap up my report. So the November
24 regular session, as noted last month,
25 regular session would be usually

1 scheduled next Thursday, which is
2 Thanksgiving, so regular session has
3 been moved to December 2nd, Monday
4 December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. here at the
5 firehouse.

6 Village Hall will be closed on
7 November 28th and 29th for
8 Thanksgiving.

9 The annual festival of -- I'm
10 sorry, parade of lights and tree
11 lighting will be held on December 7th,
12 and the parade begins at 5:00 p.m. So
13 this year, the Fire Department, like
14 other years, they're also -- they're
15 looking for volunteers to dress up as
16 various characters for the parade, so
17 if you are interested, please reach out
18 to me and I will get you in touch
19 with --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Looks like Adam's
21 hand is up.

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Adam, I'll be
23 in touch with Cliff. I'm sure we have
24 a costume for you.

25 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Thank you,

1 Candace.

2 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: And then this
3 year with the, you know, unfortunate
4 news with the carousel down, we got
5 creative. So Trustee Phillips, myself,
6 Cliff Harris, and the President of the
7 BID met together and just discussed the
8 actual event itself and then just ways
9 that we can get creative to help the
10 community during this time. So Santa
11 is there each year and it's quite a
12 long line, so we started to brainstorm
13 about how we can help the community
14 stay active during this time. So we
15 will be opening the old schoolhouse on
16 this night. So we have the library is
17 conducting with the teen librarian,
18 they're creating cardboard gingerbread
19 houses, so there will be a vote that
20 the community can participate in to
21 vote for their favorite cardboard
22 gingerbread house. There will be art
23 activities. And then different holiday
24 themed photo backdrops for families to
25 be able to take photos during this

1 event while they wait for Santa.

2 The annual menorah lighting will
3 be held at Mitchell Park on December
4 29th at 5:00 p.m.

5 And then a little early for this
6 one, but just to get the information
7 out, Village Hall will be closed on
8 December 25th, 2024, and we are already
9 announcing the closing for New Years.
10 And then we close at noon on December
11 24th, and then again on December 31st.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well,
13 let's not get too excited. Don't we
14 have a Board meeting on the 26th of
15 December?

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes.

17 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: That wasn't
18 changed, I apologize. I think that's a
19 Board vote that would change that.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Do we want to
21 change that?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I'm only
23 joking.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm saying, do we
25 not want to -- there's nothing

1 preventing us from legally doing that
2 now.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well, I
4 kind of think it's a little -- it will
5 be rough for me to -- the 26th, I don't
6 know about everybody else.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Let's go to the
8 following Monday like we do with
9 Thanksgiving.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: We can do whatever
11 we want within reason.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That is a little
13 rough, I agree. Christmas right in the
14 middle of the week, you know.

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So the
16 following Monday would be December
17 30th.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Does it have to be
19 technically the same month, or can we
20 do it two days later on Thursday the
21 2nd? Brian, is there anything to
22 prevent us from doing that?

23 ATTORNEY STOLAR: Nothing.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah,
25 we're doing the November meeting in

1 December.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: So let's do that.

3 Everybody in agreement to do it

4 Thursday, January 2nd?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: That's

6 fine for me.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Better.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: It's a lot better.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Aren't you
10 glad I said something?

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Candace, I have
12 a question. You're referencing the
13 26th of December in your resolutions.
14 These aren't going to happen --

15 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: They won't
16 happen until January.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Why not December
18 2nd?

19 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I'm sorry,
20 for --

21 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: For the
22 public hearings?

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Public hearing
24 on wetlands permits.

25 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So the reason

1 is because of when I'm able to publish
2 the notices in the paper. With the
3 holidays, there's not enough time in
4 between -- from my understanding,
5 there's not enough time in between when
6 I can publish and when the hearing
7 would take place.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: There's a month
9 lag here.

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, because
11 of this month's regular session being
12 on -- you wouldn't approve this until
13 Monday, and I would miss the deadline,
14 next Monday, to publish for that week,
15 so it will bump us out to the following
16 week, and it's too close to work
17 session.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: And I'll
19 be honest with you, I'm not sure the
20 applicants would like to come on the
21 day after Christmas.

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I mean, I
23 just was working with the schedule that
24 I had. So just to reference the dates,
25 so December 2nd is the regular session

1 for this month. So if you approve
2 these public hearings on that day, I
3 couldn't publish in the paper, Suffolk
4 Times, until December 12th because that
5 Monday at the end of business is the
6 deadline for me to get a legal notice
7 in for the 5th. And then that's not --
8 it doesn't leave me enough time.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Got you.

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It could be
11 later, that's obviously fine.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: We don't need a
13 resolution, Brian, for changing the
14 meeting, right, she just needs to
15 publish it?

16 ATTORNEY STOLAR: No, you're
17 directing that that's what's going to
18 happen. That's fine.

19 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Just to be
20 clear, instead of the following Monday,
21 you guys are saying the following
22 Thursday for regular session because
23 the following Monday after the
24 scheduled regular session would be
25 Monday, December 30th.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct. We are
2 going to move the December 26th meeting
3 to Thursday the 2nd.

4 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I wanted to
6 return to make a comment on the
7 wetlands applications. It seems to me
8 that the applications are inconsistent
9 about whether they're actually
10 identifying the wetlands boundary. So
11 I see applications coming that don't
12 indicate what the approximated wetlands
13 are, and our application doesn't seem
14 to require it. And it seems like
15 that's a pretty basic piece of
16 information that we would need to know.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that should
18 be. So for consistency purpose, we
19 should make sure that we add that on.
20 Is there anything else that comes to
21 mind?

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: To the
23 application, you're saying?

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Well, for

1 example, the wetlands application says
2 if the water body or water source is
3 unnamed, then you have to locate it.
4 But in a case where we have an
5 application, for example, something in
6 close proximity to Silver Lake, the
7 application doesn't indicate how close
8 the work is to the wetlands boundary.
9 So maybe this is something for Brian to
10 comment on, but it seems to me like we
11 need that basic information.

12 And another thing that we should
13 be asking the applicants for is what
14 area are they disturbing, right, so if
15 we're looking at a small addition,
16 let's say 10 feet by 10 feet, what's
17 the area that's actually going to
18 encroach on the wetlands. You know,
19 they need room for construction
20 operations, for example. An applicant
21 should be indicating that on the plans
22 or we should be identifying a minimum
23 setback from the wetlands, which would
24 allow them to operate.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Are you talking

1 about the one that just came in today,
2 Third Street?

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'm just talking
4 hypothetically.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: So do you want to
6 make a list of recommendations and
7 bring it to the Board?

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Sure.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: That would be
10 great. I'm trying to remember if
11 that's in the Southold Town, I mean,
12 obviously that's not a benchmark there,
13 but --

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yes, those kind
15 of things.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Wonderful. Thank
17 you.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: You know
19 what, I'm looking at the code.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Does the code not
21 match the application?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I'm doing
23 a quick read, it almost looks like it
24 doesn't. So maybe you and I will take
25 a look at it.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Sure.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, this might
3 be something for the Code Committee to
4 review as well.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: That's
6 what I'm thinking.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: When was that
8 written?

9 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: The only
10 thing that's been changed since this
11 one was written because we also have
12 the new -- the LWRP.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: But I'm just
14 saying, the code was written 50 years
15 ago.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: The code
17 was written in 1976.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: And the water is a
19 lot higher than it was.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Right.
21 And the only thing that was ever
22 changed was the timing period. It
23 needs to be looked at.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Interestingly, you
25 mentioned the one we just got for Third

1 Street. As everybody should recall, we
2 had that one neighbor applicant who was
3 concerned about the parcel next to him
4 and wondering if we might want to take
5 a look at it as a Village, and Julia
6 and I toured it with the real estate
7 broker who is trying to sell it to
8 build a house on, and literally, like,
9 I was in water the second I got onto
10 the property, so.

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: This current
12 application is the adjacent property.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It
15 does on the short environmental
16 assessment, it does say area to be
17 disturbed.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: It doesn't say
19 the distance.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: No, it
21 doesn't. That's very important, yeah.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: That whole area in
23 the back slopes dramatically from what
24 it used to be. There's literally
25 structures sitting in wetlands now that

1 were at one point dry land.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: To your point,
3 the area to be disturbed they indicate
4 as the square footage of the addition.
5 So that's really not realistic.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: You think?

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Something to
8 think about. We'll come back to it.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Anything
10 else, Candace?

11 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: No, that was
12 it.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Adam, you're up.

14 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Thank you,
15 Mr. Mayor.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Personally, I want
17 to thank you because you're looking a
18 little piqued today and it's not
19 because you were put on the spot about
20 donning a costume for the holiday
21 parade, but because you've had the
22 auditors here for two weeks, and you've
23 been very busy, and I appreciate it,
24 and you guys have been doing a stellar
25 job, and it's great to see how Jay has

1 stepped up and everybody else at
2 Village Hall gathering for the
3 auditors. I think you over-performed
4 last time, and so now they're hold your
5 feet to the fire.

6 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: You might be
7 right. They seem pleased though, so
8 that's fine with me.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Sometimes you've
10 got to under-promise and over-deliver.
11 You over-delivered last time. They
12 reset the goal line.

13 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: The bar got
14 higher.

15 I just have one resolution this
16 evening. It is to appropriate general
17 fund reserves to be fund the
18 disassembly and new timber of the
19 carousel. As I'm sure you are aware,
20 this is step one of many, to my
21 understanding. This is only for the
22 dismantling of the carousel and the
23 timbers as the wood needs to be cut to
24 certain specifications in advance of
25 the replacement.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: I'll talk about --
2 I'm going to talk about that a little
3 bit more, and Rick is preparing
4 something to share with the Board.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. We only
6 heard about it a little bit at the
7 carousel meeting. We have a purchase
8 order out for those engineers -- that
9 work for the first stage.

10 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: We did
11 receive a quote for it.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Just the quote?

13 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I believe I
14 just have the estimations right now
15 with the quote, yes.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm going to let
17 him finish, and then I'll talk more
18 about it because I'm going to speak
19 with Rick, and then Rick is going to
20 send a summary to the Board of where
21 things stand. It's a really
22 fast-moving target. We're in good
23 shape with it.

24 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: To continue,
25 utility billing is on time. I would

1 like to make the Board aware that there
2 is a minor staffing issue with one of
3 our part-time meter readers. He's been
4 out. I would like to say, thanks to
5 Brennan, our full-time meter reader,
6 I'm sure the residents know him by
7 face, he's gone above and beyond to
8 make sure these meters are being read
9 in a timely fashion. So shout out to
10 him.

11 Significant collections, rent
12 collected in October 2024 was just over
13 \$107,000 with property tax collected
14 through October 2024 at \$1,244,000 --
15 I'm sorry, \$1,244,981.42.

16 Significant payments, we did issue
17 payment for Deal Concrete. They did
18 the sidewalks at Bridge, Stirling, and
19 Manor, and the roads around the
20 hospital, as I'm sure you're all aware.
21 We did submit for the reimbursement
22 through the New York State CHIPS, so we
23 are waiting to receive those funds back
24 by reimbursement.

25 We also made our final TCC payment

1 for the year in the amount of
2 \$517,554.20. That is for transmission
3 costs for our electric utility. As the
4 Board is aware, those costs will likely
5 increase in the year 2025. I have been
6 in discussions with NYAPP or the New
7 York Association of Public Power to try
8 to determine what steps we will take in
9 regards to that increase. We're not
10 expecting it until mid to late 2025,
11 but that is something that we have on
12 our radar.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So that's in
14 relation to the last agreement we had
15 with them, so there's a contract period
16 and it's going to end?

17 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct.

18 We made a serial bond payment in
19 the amount of \$103,525 that consisted
20 of paving and curbs that we did as well
21 as the sanitary pump for the sewer.

22 The rest of my report is enclosed.
23 Let me know if you have any questions.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Adam, on the
25 transmission costs that you said that

1 you anticipate is going to be
2 increasing, that does not automatically
3 flow to our customers; is that what
4 you're saying?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: No, it
6 does.

7 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It does.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What is it
9 you're looking to do?

10 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Ideally some
11 sort of phase in where we can stage
12 this over the next several years. As I
13 mentioned, I'm in talks with NYAPP in
14 regards to that. We're still in
15 discussions as far as that phase in
16 period.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That's for the
18 benefit of the customer, not something
19 that puts the Village in --

20 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct.
21 It's for the benefit of the customer,
22 yes. Thank you.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: So I'll start with
24 the carousel. So as everybody is
25 aware, we had the carousel experts come

1 out, and they went through as much as
2 they possibly could, made
3 recommendations on replacing all of the
4 wooden structure up at the top of the
5 different beams and things, and the
6 percentage that needed to be replaced,
7 which I'm going to have Rick clarify.
8 We've gotten a whole bunch of -- the
9 way these guys work a little bit
10 differently than larger organizations.
11 It's a family business, and they've
12 been feeding information as they get
13 different, you know, pricing on things
14 and bring in different experts, and so
15 they work with a subcontractor who
16 deals with a lot the mechanical work.
17 And so we know what it's going to cost
18 for the wood replacement and
19 disassembling the carousel, which
20 you'll see in the summary from Rick and
21 that you're going to see a budget
22 modification for. That will encompass
23 basically taking the entire carousel
24 apart. It will also encompass moving
25 everything out of the carousel,

1 inventorying every single piece, so
2 every single horse will be numbered,
3 every single piece of wood, even the
4 ones that will ultimately be disposed
5 of will be numbered like puzzle pieces.
6 We were able to get enough space in the
7 Zamboni room by moving a bunch of other
8 stuff out in order to get everything
9 over there into that. The whole thing
10 will come apart and the floors will all
11 be pulled up as well, I forget what the
12 technical term is. And then the big
13 sort of X-factor that we don't know is
14 how bad is the mechanical situation
15 with the middle portion that, you know,
16 basically holds the entire structure up
17 and is the movement of all the horses.

18 And so Gibb, not to be confused
19 with Gabe who is the fellow who is
20 managing the bulk of the work, Gibb is
21 the mechanical guy, he has his own
22 separate crew, and so there is a price
23 that's going to be attached to that for
24 them once the whole thing is taken
25 apart to look at all that. The middle

1 piece itself that holds everything
2 essentially will need to have some sort
3 of boom lift just like it was put in
4 there 24 years ago in order to hold the
5 weight and then gently lower it down
6 inside the enclosure, and then they're
7 going to look at the entire thing and
8 determine what needs to be done with
9 that. It is likely that there will
10 need to be some fabrication of some of
11 the original parts, which they work
12 with a specialized foundry that has
13 done this for a whole bunch of other
14 carousels. These guys maintain more of
15 our specific type of carousel than
16 anyone else does. That foundry is able
17 to turn work around within a relatively
18 short period of time, call it 30 days,
19 it's pretty impressive. And so we will
20 know more about that at that point.
21 It's sort of a kit and parts. Patrick
22 has walked it with me and Rick over
23 there and has a good sense of it. And
24 we know what we know about some of the
25 basics on the wood where it's cracked

1 and metal and hinges and all of that,
2 but we won't know more of it until the
3 rest is taken down.

4 They are ready to come this coming
5 month in December before the Christmas
6 holiday and take the whole thing apart,
7 so you're going to see the summary
8 along with invoices for all of this in
9 advance of our meeting next week.

10 Any questions?

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So there are
12 multiple contractors involved in this
13 or subcontractors basically?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: It's likely going
15 to be two, potentially a third. You
16 have the main carousel company,
17 restoration company.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right. And
19 they're mainly artisans, right, they
20 basically do woodworking.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, they do a
22 little bit of everything.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I've been to
24 their website, I've read what they do,
25 but basically it says they do horses,

1 and painting, and restoration of the
2 wooden parts. They don't do the
3 mechanics and the -- even the
4 structural stuff, they're not into
5 that, they don't do that.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: They are working
7 with a fabrication company for the
8 structural pieces, the wood structural
9 pieces, which would then be shaved down
10 and fitted and put back together as
11 part of it. They do not do the
12 mechanical part of it.

13 And then the hope is that, you
14 know, we've got a request into the
15 County for some funding. The County
16 through Ed Romaine's office and also
17 our legislator has said there may be
18 something available through the County
19 Economic Development Office. We are
20 hopeful we are able to get money from
21 them to cover some, if not potentially
22 more of this because obviously there's
23 a lot more long-term restoration that
24 needs to be done on the carousel. The
25 horses are in pretty poor shape, not

1 just aesthetically, but also the way
2 they're put together with different
3 parts, and so one of the things that
4 they're also recommending beyond just
5 making them aesthetically nice is that
6 there's going to be pieces that need to
7 be tightened up and some of the dowels
8 that are going to go inside of them,
9 they'll know more when they take them
10 all off the carousel. But
11 interestingly, some of the horses are
12 in the wrong places as well. And so
13 like anything that's balanced, if you
14 have -- think of it like an airplane,
15 you're supposed to, you know,
16 distribute the weight evenly, the
17 horses are not distributed evenly. Of
18 course, during the day this carousel
19 has gotten a tremendous amount of use
20 and it's been running continuously for
21 24 years.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: It's really
23 remarkable. I think you all know it
24 was designed to be portable, right, as
25 a carnival ride.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: It was
2 supposed to be you could take it down
3 and put it back up.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That puts wear
5 and tear on a machine too, but in that
6 process, it kind of gets inspected each
7 time it's taken down and put back up,
8 whereas we have been running this thing
9 more or less continuously for years.
10 It's got a lot of hours on it. It may
11 be getting a harder use now than it
12 ever has.

13 (Whereupon, there was simultaneous
14 crosstalk.)

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Might
16 have only done that for a few weeks and
17 then fixed some kind of timers. We
18 might have had that that way for --

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I mean, I think
20 they're recommending annual assessments
21 of the machine every year.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, yeah, they
23 said they came to the Village however
24 many years ago and made the
25 recommendation that they're brought in

1 on an annual basis, so we certainly
2 will do that once we get back.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: We talked a
4 little bit at the meeting also about
5 maybe reducing the use somewhat. We do
6 run that machine in the summer, you
7 know, like, seven days a week, you
8 know, eight hours a day. So maybe
9 that's something we can look at as
10 well.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Hopefully with it
12 being rebuilt, it will be able to
13 continue its usage level we have right
14 now. They'll tell us what the
15 recommendations are.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
17 the only amount we know so far is the
18 amount from our budget adjustment?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: You're doing to
20 see a summary that's being put together
21 right now for that -- that's
22 essentially for the wood and the
23 fabrication of that. Pardon me, it's
24 not wood, it's a -- what do you call
25 that?

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I don't know.
2 I'm not sure.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think they're
4 going to use engineered lumber.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Engineered lumber.
6 I was trying to think of the word.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right now it's
8 just four by fours.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: They've had a lot
10 of success using engineered timber
11 rather than traditional for, you know,
12 holding the weight, et cetera. That's
13 what it is. It doesn't include
14 everything relative to taking it apart,
15 the lodging, et cetera. So that's
16 going to be in the next number, which
17 is being assembled right now.

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Something to
19 keep in mind, when we did that walk
20 through with Rick, I noticed that where
21 the motor is on the interior, there's
22 some drive shafts and gears, and that's
23 not protected, so if a child were to
24 exit from the horse and get into the
25 center, they could get their hands into

1 this machinery. So one thing we should
2 do is come up with some kind of
3 shielding that we add to that area.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, the other
5 thing that makes sense to look at right
6 now that I talked to one of them about
7 is it's not ADA accessible, and we have
8 a real opportunity to make this
9 carousel accessible now that it's all
10 going to be taken apart and it can be
11 done relatively easily because it
12 really just means taking one place
13 where the sleds or sleighs, what do you
14 call them, Julia?

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Sleighs.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: The sleigh, and
17 creating a ramp that would be able to
18 get somebody up to that, modifying it
19 so it's a little further back, you
20 could potentially bring a child in a
21 wheelchair right up there and let them
22 enjoy the carousel as well. So that's
23 going to be looked at too.

24 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Is the
25 accessibility on the outside of the

1 enclosure, is that done or is that a
2 temporary thing? The aluminum ramp, is
3 that suffice?

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That was kind of
5 done temporarily actually, but you
6 know, it works, so I think we've kept
7 it.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, yeah, that's
9 why we kept it.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think they were
11 doing pavers and stuff like that. But
12 I don't know if it was installed, you
13 know, by North Fork Welding.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I was just
16 wondering if the CDBG was applicable to
17 that outside ramp for accessibility.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Yeah, it
19 could be one of them.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'm not sure it
21 needs to change, but I was just curious
22 about whether that was a final.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: It is for now. I
24 mean, in a perfect world I think we
25 might look at doing something

1 differently as part of it. Let's see
2 where we are on the carousel funding
3 because we may ask for a big number,
4 and hopefully we get some towards
5 potential real restoration of the
6 horses as well because that's obviously
7 something that would make a lot of
8 sense to do too.

9 If nothing else, we'll know how
10 much we can spend, and maybe it's
11 getting it back operational and then
12 we're going to need to figure out a
13 long-term plan for restoration of the
14 horses, however many are done on an
15 annual basis or maybe working with
16 Friends of Mitchell Park and trying to
17 solicit donations from the community as
18 part of it because those horses are --

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I'd like to see
20 the proposal for the timber. That's
21 what the resolution is about, right?

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yup.

23 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I guess, I'm a
24 little disappointed to hear they're
25 going to use engineered lumber. As

1 someone who works with timber --

2 MAYOR STUESSI: So they've been
3 having a lot of success with it. I'll
4 have Rick send that through with it
5 with the other carousels that they've
6 been doing.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It's painted
8 anyhow.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I guess, there's
10 an authenticity, integrity issue. It's
11 an artifact.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: That's my
13 concern is the historical nature.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: We're way -- a lot
15 of those horses aren't part of the
16 original.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: No,
18 they're not.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: We have a bunch
20 that -- six horses are dale horses,
21 they are the originals. They really
22 are very old. We have aluminum horses
23 on there, we have some fiberglass
24 horses, you know, it's kind of a mixed
25 bag.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: What happened, for
2 anybody who doesn't know, is when
3 Grumman was having executives retire
4 over the years, they would give them
5 one of the original horses off of it
6 and then replace it with a newer
7 plastic or metal one. And so --

8 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: So how
9 many years has the carousel been in
10 Mitchell Park?

11 MAYOR STUESSI: 24.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: How long
13 has Mitchell Park been in existence?

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Same year.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: 2026 is the
16 anniversary, so just over 23 years.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I mean, I
18 know this is going out to 2026, but are
19 we going to plan something as a
20 celebration?

21 MAYOR STUESSI: I had mentioned
22 before --

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: A committee.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, it's beyond
25 that. I mentioned before to the Board

1 that the 26th anniversary of the park
2 coincides with the 250th anniversary of
3 America at the same time, so there's a
4 whole number of things being planned
5 country wide and in the state, so it
6 would be great to get together to look
7 to do something as part of the whole
8 park.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I talked about it
10 two weeks ago. We have spoken about
11 it.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I do know
13 in the past that the Village has put
14 together a committee. They did it with
15 the light plant for X number of years,
16 which I'm sure you've seen some of the
17 pamphlets that were around. It would
18 be need to see the business community,
19 the Friends of Mitchell Park, the
20 Village Board and all of us work on
21 some type of a celebration. I think
22 that would be --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that's what
24 I mentioned on the 250th.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'll mention that

1 at the next carousel meeting beginning
2 of December.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Those
4 things take a little bit of time to
5 plan.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: So the mini
7 railroad obviously is closed for the
8 season. There is some work that needs
9 to be done on the train itself. The
10 rotary has done a wonderful job helping
11 get it launched. I'm going to turn it
12 over to Patrick in a moment, but I just
13 want to publicly thank the rotary for
14 all the incredible work that they've
15 done. The Halloween Fest was great fun
16 over there in coordination with the
17 Village. I think everybody has learned
18 a lot as part of it. Rick, who manages
19 that area and the physicality over it,
20 there were some challenges with the
21 building initially and the leak and
22 other things.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well, I do
24 know that one person who is very
25 excited about getting the rotary set

1 up, and I really need to want to give a
2 shout out to Rich Israel. I understand
3 that his children told him he could no
4 longer have their Lowe's credit card
5 because he spent so much on the
6 Halloween decorations. It was really a
7 fantastic array, and it was very much
8 appreciated. With the Halloween
9 activities and not having the carousel,
10 it was an added plus. And the BID and
11 the Greenport Rotary have now made a
12 new networking connection with each
13 other, which I think is another
14 positive.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and then on
16 top of that, Rich and a couple of -- I
17 think it's actually just Rich, Lily,
18 and the Communications Committee to
19 talk about ideas on how to co-brand the
20 train as part of the park and other
21 things too.

22 I know, Patrick, you attended the
23 rotary meeting and I just wanted to
24 touch on some items.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Sure. I can

1 give a little update on this. So I
2 attended the meeting on the 19th with
3 the Rotary Committee for the mini
4 railroad, and that was led by Rich
5 Israel. Safe to say, I did a lot of
6 listening. There was some good and
7 some bad. So my take away -- I'll
8 start with the good stuff, and you all
9 just touched on some of this. So the
10 rotary was really pleased with the
11 overall season, and they view this
12 project as a real success to date. I
13 think they estimated that there may
14 have been 7,500 ticket sales or 7,500
15 rides this season.

16 The Halloween event was really
17 well attended, a success. Overall it
18 was a smooth operation running the
19 railroad and it performed well. They
20 learned a lot of lessons from the
21 operation. They're very optimistic
22 about future operations at the mini
23 railroad, and they want to continue to
24 support this joint initiative between
25 the rotary and the Village. What

1 they're really looking for is a
2 partnership. They used the word
3 partnership a lot when I met with them.
4 So that's the good stuff.

5 The bad stuff is that they're
6 frustrated, and they're frustrated
7 relationship or what we call a
8 partnership. They were frustrated with
9 communication between the rotary and
10 the Village, coordination,
11 responsiveness. This is their
12 assessment, and I'm just repeating back
13 to you what they're telling me. They
14 also felt like they were excessively
15 subsidizing the railway with costs for
16 parts and repairs and things like that.

17 So what we talked about at the end
18 and the way to move forward potentially
19 is to have a joint committee. So they
20 have their Rotary Railway Committee.
21 We need to form a committee that
22 includes key Village personnel, like
23 myself because I'm the liaison for the
24 railroad. I imagine it would be Rick
25 Albanese.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Yup.

2 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And whoever else
3 is crucial to this. I think Margot
4 is --

5 MAYOR STUESSI: She deals with
6 staffing on it, but Rick is really
7 maintenance and all the surrounding --

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So anyway, form
9 that committee, meet regularly so that
10 they don't get frustrated with the
11 communication. So any issues that
12 they're encountering or the Village is
13 encountering gets communicated and
14 hopefully gets dealt with more quickly.

15 They would like to analyze the
16 past season's financials, and maybe
17 this is something Adam can do or will
18 be done. I guess, they would like to
19 see, kind of, a recap of the finances
20 for the season, and they feel like it
21 was probably quite financially
22 successful. I know that Adam had
23 prepared, like, a pro forma when we
24 went into this anticipating what the
25 income would be, what the Village's

1 expenses would be, so it's a good time
2 to now go back and look at that and
3 kind of reassess.

4 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure. I'd
5 be happy to provide that to the rotary
6 as well as the Board.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: And it's important
8 now and very timely, of course, as we
9 go into budgeting for next year because
10 I know there was an outstanding request
11 of spending somewhere near \$5,000 on
12 train parts.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right. So we
14 should test the actual financials
15 against what our performance estimates
16 were. And then we really need to
17 forecast what the operational and
18 maintenance costs are for this. This
19 is something I had laid out in my June
20 report, and if we had done this, I
21 think it would have helped alleviate
22 some of the rotary's frustration. So I
23 had recommended that we develop a
24 preventive maintenance calendar for the
25 train itself -- actually for the

1 building and for the train. The train
2 is kind of specific, and I think the
3 rotary volunteers could help us with
4 this quite a bit.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: You know who is
6 going to be really important to have on
7 there, aside from the rotary, is Tony.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Tony. I thought
9 you were going to say Doug. I know
10 Doug helps out --

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: One of the
12 engineers, Tony?

13 MAYOR STUESSI: He's the guy that
14 runs the train.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And maintains
16 it.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: And he's the one
18 who was, like, oh, my God, this train
19 ran more in a week than it ran for 30
20 years over in Frank's yard.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So anyway, we
22 should have a maintenance calendar so
23 that the rotary and the Village can
24 anticipate what kind of maintenance
25 this machine needs so that we have

1 enough spares on hand. It is a unique
2 thing, it's like the carousel, you
3 can't just run down to NAPA Auto Parts
4 and get a part necessarily.

5 And then the building itself. So
6 this is something that we should really
7 be in the habit of doing for all of the
8 Village properties is forecasting what
9 the Village -- the building maintenance
10 would require. So that's repairs and
11 maintenance as well as I had
12 recommended that we book a capital
13 expenditure forecast, so that would be
14 -- and this is a brand new building, so
15 we kind of have a honeymoon here, but
16 you know, that building will need
17 another roof in 15 years, this and
18 that. So it would be good to look at
19 this project both in terms of repairs
20 and maintenance and capital
21 expenditures going forward. If we
22 could do that, I think it would be much
23 smoother for -- the rotary has a lot of
24 things going on, as you can imagine, so
25 they do other programs, they do

1 scholarships. They don't want to be
2 having this sucking away too much of
3 their resources. They definitely want
4 to be part of it and continue it, but
5 they don't want to have that open
6 checkbook sort of situation where they
7 feel like they have to cut a check for
8 missing parts or something.

9 And then the other thing we can do
10 to help smooth this relationship out is
11 we can delineate responsibilities
12 between the Village and the rotary.
13 I'm not even sure if we had always --
14 we, here, had always looked at this as
15 a partnership or a handoff. So they
16 were using that term a lot.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Handoff?

18 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Well, that they
19 would hand off the railroad to us.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Oh, no,
21 see I've always looked at it as a
22 partnership because the way the
23 agreement is written.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But is
25 there -- did we ever sign an agreement?

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: We haven't
2 accepted it.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: We need to do our
4 year-end close -- not year-end, but
5 end-of-season close.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well,
7 because some of this stuff might be
8 relevant in any agreement.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: But the
10 agreement that we had before had
11 certain conditions, you know, because
12 we haven't accepted the building yet.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, so those
14 are kind of two different agreements
15 we're talking about. One is the
16 acceptance of handing over, turning
17 over the project to us, which is kind
18 of a point in time, right. The
19 building had to be finished and they
20 had to meet certain criteria, we've
21 done a lot of that. There was kind of
22 a punch list, I'm not sure if it's
23 complete at this point. But then going
24 forward operationally, it's a different
25 kind of -- right, who is going to do

1 what, how much staff are we going to
2 provide, how much volunteer labor is
3 the rotary going to provide?

4 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: And there
5 was also the monetary commitment that
6 was in the agreement that we're working
7 under at the moment, which was, you
8 know, a certain amount of money needed
9 to be set aside. They were allowed to
10 have two events of their choosing and
11 the timing. So in my mind, we were in
12 a partnership with them, it's just now
13 we need to make clear, as you said
14 before, who is responsible for what.
15 That's -- I think that's where the
16 financial part of it is going to come
17 in because we did have some commitments
18 in that agreement financially.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: We actually spent
20 more money than we were supposed to on
21 it as well. There were things that
22 were authorized by the Village before
23 we came in that weren't part of the
24 agreement and certain expenses. So you
25 know, we can add that in to sort of the

1 summary when he does the year-end
2 summary that we need to look at the
3 capital, et cetera.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I think --
5 and I agree with you so that we don't
6 have another skate park situation of an
7 asset that's built that's used and then
8 all of a sudden four administrations
9 later it's in disrepair and hasn't been
10 taken care of. And as much forethought
11 as we can put into where -- what is
12 this going to look like 20 years from
13 now? Because we're not going to be
14 here, it will be a different Board, and
15 we need to set up a constant
16 maintenance, constant conversation,
17 constant whatever with it so that it's
18 the same as the carousel.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right. They
20 really want it to be like the carousel,
21 they want the railroad to be a
22 cherished community asset, much like
23 the carousel. They would be very sad
24 if this was neglected. They certainly
25 don't want to see that happen.

1 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Seeing
2 it on Halloween, it will -- I don't
3 think it will be -- I mean, not to say
4 the skate park wasn't a fun thing, but
5 there's a lot of community support,
6 there's a lot of people from all, you
7 know.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Now, but Patrick's
9 point makes a lot of sense because we
10 need a long term maintenance plan for
11 it, just like we should have had for
12 the carousel because we now find
13 ourselves in this situation that if we
14 had taken the carousel apart years ago,
15 we could have fixed some of the stuff.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: In all
17 honesty, that's my observation through
18 the years with the Village government,
19 sometimes we have this excitement of a
20 new asset and then all of a sudden it's
21 kind of like, well, it's now costing us
22 money because we didn't think about
23 what we needed to do, and I, for one,
24 have always thought that. You know,
25 you need to think through to do

1 maintenance and to do repairs.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: On that note, I
3 don't want to dive too much in to
4 details, but as everybody is aware with
5 the reorganization of some different
6 departments, this person who will be
7 dealing with infrastructure,
8 engineering, and administration of all
9 of that, one, is going to be developing
10 a capital plan in addition to, like,
11 looking at every single asset that we
12 have. So that's going to be important.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So you think
14 about the committee, who you want on
15 the committee.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I take your
17 recommendation. It just strikes me
18 that the two people that are key from,
19 call it on the Village team are going
20 to be Rick for the facility and then
21 Tony relative to knowing the train and
22 maintaining it. I think Doug can be
23 brought in as needed, but I don't think
24 he needs to sit on the committee. And
25 same thing with Margot dealing with

1 staffing. And then somebody else,
2 whoever else, some suggestions from the
3 community rotary, and then maybe find a
4 couple people that aren't on rotary or
5 into it. Hopefully a parent who has
6 got kids that's going to care about it.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: How is the
8 Carousel Committee comprised?

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right now, I
10 mean, it's pretty much the same for
11 quite a few years. David Artelli
12 (phonetic) has been on it forever. We
13 lost one of our main members, Marjory
14 Stevens. She involved with bringing
15 the carousel here. She comes to an
16 occasional meeting now. And we have
17 Arlene Klein.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Val.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Val Shelby and
20 her sister.

21 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Is there someone
22 from the Village staff on the
23 committee?

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Staff? Margot
25 comes to the meetings.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Not Rick?

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: He'll come to an
3 occasional -- now he's been coming to
4 meetings, you know, because of the
5 situation, but not on a regular basis.
6 If I need him.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That's all.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. So we've
9 got some other things I just want to go
10 over. McBride Consulting, we're
11 scheduling this community meeting for
12 them to come, in addition to sort of a
13 State of the Village, and I'll get with
14 each of you tomorrow on revised dates.
15 I apologize because of me being ill and
16 dealing with some medical appointments,
17 we've sort of had to change it a few
18 times potentially. McBride will be
19 coming and putting some boards up on
20 getting some feedback on some potential
21 grants. We will also be in a position
22 where we're going to be needing to
23 apply for some of these grants related
24 to sewer work here pretty shortly.
25 Holzmacher is just putting the final

1 touches on the updated report, which
2 includes what the Board had requested
3 of taking a look at the FEMA map and
4 where we needed to also look at raising
5 bump stations in those recommendations.
6 So that's going to be here within a
7 very short time. We've had a separate
8 conversation on sending out legal
9 letters, which will be drafted to
10 people who are looking to apply for
11 sewer and we will also, of course, be
12 needing to address that potentially in
13 our meeting right after the holiday
14 relative to the moratorium. We'll be
15 sending you something and communicating
16 on that here shortly.

17 The NYSERDA grant, which I had
18 mentioned before, Adam and I had --
19 Adam just stepped out -- Adam and I had
20 a conversation with one of the folks
21 from NYSERDA together with McBride, and
22 unfortunately it didn't make it in the
23 package, but I'll have Adam send it
24 separately. This grant is actually we
25 would apply, and there's going to be a

1 resolution on next week's meeting for
2 the Village to authorize me to submit
3 the two grant applications for this,
4 which will be for \$150,000 each towards
5 our electric plant, and then also
6 towards the plant with Hogland Energy,
7 and this would be for the study of
8 longer term repositioning as we talked
9 about briefly before of both of the
10 plants. There is no commitment to
11 doing anything. You'll see, we're
12 going to send through the one that was
13 done for Southampton. And this is, as
14 everybody should know, NYSERDA is a
15 separate governmental agency above
16 NYPA, LIPA, all the others whose goal
17 is to look at longer term energy
18 resiliency and the repositioning of
19 assets for the State. So there's this
20 money there that they are literally
21 ready to give us. We just need to fill
22 out this application. Originally we
23 thought it was going to be one
24 application for both plants, but it's
25 two different applications. So you

1 will see that. Adam, we need to make
2 sure -- or Candace, we can send to the
3 Board tomorrow that information that
4 came from NYSERDA post our meeting on
5 that.

6 In regards to the downtown parking
7 and density study, finalizing a simple
8 RFP for that to be discussed. This
9 would be for an overall look at the
10 Downtown District of the Village and
11 longer term parking needs and
12 recommendations to us on pay parking
13 for next summer. As everybody is
14 aware, that very short test that we did
15 just Labor Day Weekend for four to five
16 days generated a significant amount of
17 income for the Village. They'll take a
18 look at that, there will be a whole
19 study on counting parking spaces
20 throughout the Village, what we may
21 want to consider on looking at our
22 longer term parking needs or
23 repositioning as well as looking at
24 density and build out in the Village
25 too as we talked about.

1 What was that noise?

2 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I moved my
3 mic.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, I'm sorry.
5 And then also looking at potential
6 density for build out, which will be
7 important as we look at long term
8 sewage needs for the Village as we
9 talked about. We really need, as
10 everybody heard Bob Holzmacher say, you
11 know, he's not recommending we extend
12 the sewer outside the Village until we
13 determine what our needs are going to
14 be and what the ultimate work will be
15 done at the sewer plant. There's a lot
16 that they were looking at a number of
17 -- tens of millions of dollars that's
18 going to need to be done over X period
19 of time that's going to be in that
20 report.

21 We're also finalizing the RFP for
22 the bulkhead redo. That will tie in as
23 well to a portion of the ferry queue
24 project. We literally thought we had
25 approval yesterday, was it yesterday I

1 sent the e-mail to you guys?

2 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Two days ago.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: It was
4 yesterday that we got --

5 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: The ferry
6 queue.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: You sent
8 e-mail to us.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: We didn't get an
10 e-mail.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: No, no, I didn't
12 send an e-mail to you guys.

13 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Bob
14 Holzmacher -- I'm sorry.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Bob Steel. I'll
16 finish. I'm sorry, I was looking at
17 Adam because we said we were going to
18 move forward with it. The State said
19 you're ready to go, but there was
20 something missing in the EBO system,
21 which is the processing system that
22 everything has to be uploaded, not just
23 from the general contractor, which
24 would be Corazzini. Corazzini has
25 essentially been approved as, you know,

1 they were the low bidder, but they have
2 to go through a whole process of
3 getting everything uploaded, every
4 single subcontractor has to upload a
5 whole bunch of documents as well.
6 Everything from, you know, if there's
7 an exception, if a number is a thousand
8 dollars higher they have to say why
9 it's a thousand dollars higher. They
10 have to have their insurance in there.
11 They were missing one thing from one
12 subcontractor, which I'm told was
13 uploaded today, so we're following up
14 with the State tomorrow on that, and
15 then we would have a resolution on our
16 meeting right after the holiday in
17 order to move forward with that
18 together with the construction
19 maintenance company. But Corazzini is
20 teed up and ready to start after the
21 Thanksgiving holiday on all the work.

22 I will say that as part of
23 everything that's been looked at over
24 there, also together with the changes
25 with Long Island Railroad, and so

1 because we were able to get Long Island
2 Railroad to do this work and remove a
3 track, it has caused a couple of
4 different things that will be different
5 but better for us with the project for
6 over at the parking lot by the jail.
7 It means now that we will be able to
8 bring the Fourth Street sidewalk on the
9 eastern side of the street where it
10 goes along by the turntable straight
11 across the railroad crossing, now that
12 we're going down to two tracks and it
13 will be a smooth surface straight over
14 to the railroad museum. So you'll have
15 a very nice connection over to the
16 railroad museum from the parking lot
17 and the sidewalk, which will be great.
18 And then of course, as I touched on
19 with Tracy, removing the track from
20 behind the museum, that will also be a
21 change to the existing pre
22 State-approved parking lot scheme over
23 there because we'll be able to look at
24 doing something over there.

25 The other thing that came up was

1 we've met -- the Village has met with
2 Bob Steel, the engineer for the project
3 and the ferry company a number of times
4 over the past couple of months because
5 what the ferry company is seeing is a
6 lot more trucks than they've had in the
7 past. As, you know, anybody who lives
8 over in our neighborhood or God forbid
9 on Wiggins, because of all the traffic
10 on the south side, there is a
11 significant number of construction
12 trucks, landscape trucks, and water
13 trucks, which rather than going 27 to
14 the south side come into the Village,
15 all queue up on Wiggins, and then go
16 all the way across Shelter Island to
17 the south side because it's faster for
18 them, they'll pay it, and do the work
19 on the south side and come all the way
20 back. And so because of this amount of
21 trucks and some of the larger ones, the
22 water trucks in particular and then
23 there's a couple of construction
24 companies that have much larger tractor
25 trailers too, it will create a bigger

1 mess going into the queuing system.
2 And so you're going to see a
3 modification to the long ago approved
4 plan which will reduce the lanes by one
5 lane and create a truck lane, and then
6 it's also going to take an area that
7 had some planned curbing and it's going
8 to bring it down -- if you think of
9 some of the roundabouts that have the
10 areas where a truck could drive over
11 the edges more easily, that's going to
12 be a modification that's part of it as
13 well. It did not make sense
14 procedurally with the State because we
15 had the conversation with the State to
16 make any changes in advance of all
17 approvals because it would have just
18 jammed the whole thing up. So we got
19 the State to approve -- it's all
20 State-approved, other than the
21 subcontractor. Work will start on a
22 lot of the underground things. Bob is
23 already working on modifications, and
24 then they'll just submit a change order
25 to the State in order to deal with the

1 sidewalk by the railroad over there,
2 the new area behind the Maritime
3 Museum, which is going to be
4 phenomenal. We're going to end up
5 looking to get somebody to help with
6 the design of that with Bob, the
7 engineer, sort of a little more
8 landscaping over there, and then the
9 bigger one being the reduction of the
10 truck lane as well as that drive over
11 piece.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So these are all
13 going to be done as change orders, in
14 other words. Because, you know,
15 before, I mean, any kind of change to
16 that plan at all basically sent us back
17 to the drawing board. We had another
18 three, four months.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Well, the
20 previous Village Administrator when we
21 had many discussions because some of us
22 are still concerned about the bus
23 loading in front of the little park
24 there, the Larry Tuttle Memorial Park,
25 it was explained to us to get the

1 project through and then we could do
2 change orders.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So that's how
4 we're going to deal with it now?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, that's what
6 we're dealing with on this one item.
7 There's a couple of items. I've not
8 heard any concerns about a bus, that
9 was never mentioned.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Where the
11 bus has been moved over in front of
12 the --

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: The Jitney.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: The Jitney
15 bus. That was brought up a long time
16 ago, but I guess it was never written.
17 Paul, at the time, told me that if we
18 wanted to change it, that would be one
19 of the change orders that could go out
20 and go through.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It is relocated
22 on the last plan I saw.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, the plan is
24 the same as it's been before we came
25 into office. The only thing that

1 changed from that point was the ADA
2 accessibility between the Jitney lot
3 and the getting up on the train
4 platform. That's the only thing that's
5 been changed. We're now proposing a
6 few changes. As I said, I've not heard
7 any concern about the --

8 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I am.
9 That was concerned a long time ago. I
10 mean, I'll show you what I'm talking
11 about.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Mr. Osinsky
13 (phonetic) came in and spoke to us last
14 time about his concern about the
15 location of the bus.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: His concern was
17 just view corridor and why waste over
18 by the park and the water. He was
19 proposing getting rid of the --

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: The roundabout.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, the
22 turnstile, which we can't do.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: The
24 plans have the bus in a different spot
25 than it currently is?

1 MAYOR STUESSI: The plans have the
2 bus parking -- well, so the entire
3 orientation of -- if this is the
4 parking, this is the parking lot,
5 instead of parking this way
6 (indicating), the lanes go like this,
7 and the bus would park at the far end
8 up against the grass. We can resend
9 the plans through. You can take a
10 look, but it's up against the grass,
11 which I personally kind of like because
12 then it's close to a larger -- there's
13 going to be a larger bus enclosure for
14 bad weather because it's not big enough
15 now, and then you can sit in the grass
16 and sit at the tables and things.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: As I said,
18 I mentioned it that, you know, some
19 people were concerned when they asked
20 it, but it was a matter of discussion
21 after the project got started as a
22 change order.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And I'm assuming
24 they're going to improve all the
25 lighting down there as well, the

1 lighting is very poor.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, yeah, I mean,
3 everything. There's storm water that's
4 being taken into account. Additional
5 planting. Some trees are being
6 removed, others will go in.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: At this
8 point, I just want to see it start.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So I anticipate
10 we're going to see it begin in December
11 then?

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, yeah,
13 absolutely. Corazzini is, like,
14 rearing to go. He just finished, as
15 you know, in your neighborhood, and
16 I'm, like, shocked he's not waiting
17 until after Thanksgiving to start Sixth
18 Street. He notified us today that he's
19 ready to start going on Sixth Street on
20 Monday.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, yeah,
22 because it gets too cold, you know,
23 they shut the asphalt plant down. So
24 it's timely, they got to move on it
25 right now.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Asphalt is
2 like fishing, you got to go when the
3 time is go.

4 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Is the
5 electrical walls at the head of the
6 railroad dock within the work area that
7 we're talking about?

8 MAYOR STUESSI: No, that's --
9 well, yes and no, not really. It's
10 going to be looked at as an amendment
11 and we're going to try and fold it into
12 it as part of the end of the railroad
13 that's being pulled out next to the
14 Maritime.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So the engineer
16 is going to look at that now?

17 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Yeah,
18 because they need to get moved.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, they
20 should be moved up higher.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, the other
22 thing we're going to look at is right
23 behind the museum over towards, what
24 would that be, the eastern end where
25 the railroad still has their little

1 office that you see guys go in and out
2 for lunch or whatever, all those
3 electrical boxes and possibly moving
4 everything to make it an even nicer
5 area over there.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I was
7 going to bring that up because
8 everything down there is too close to
9 the water for me.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

11 HR policy, so one of the things
12 that we've determined in dealing with
13 some different employer, HR issues is
14 with HR Counsel who has been a
15 longstanding HR Counsel, apparently
16 there were a couple of different items
17 several years back that weren't
18 updated, and so we're checking. Not
19 we, Candace, the Clerk's office
20 together with our HR Counsel is
21 re-looking at everything. And there's
22 a number of things that you're going to
23 start seeing on our December meeting of
24 different Village policies that we're
25 going to need to approve changes to

1 based on the recommendation of HR
2 Counsel. So prepare to start seeing
3 some things from Candace coming through
4 on a number of those different items,
5 which by example, call it sick policy
6 that will say this needs to change and
7 have a red line through it. And most
8 of this is just comporting with
9 whatever current State or Federal
10 guidelines and making sure our policies
11 comport with it.

12 Village roads, we've, like, been
13 blessed with -- well, blessed with dry
14 weather, which is helpful but not good
15 for forest fires and other things, but
16 those guys did great work over by the
17 hospital and made great progress over
18 there. That's all finished, as I
19 mentioned. We're getting over to Sixth
20 Street and moving on beyond that.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Can I just
22 ask a question? Just because I
23 happened to mention to you that drain
24 over here that had been pulled up and
25 cleaning out?

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I think we
3 need to have a real -- and not tonight,
4 okay, but I think we as a Board need to
5 have a real serious conversation about
6 the loose leaves. I don't think that
7 everybody is thinking through the path
8 of if they don't get picked up right
9 away or there's an issue and we get
10 some weather event, we have leaves
11 flying all over the place, they're
12 getting into the sewer drain -- I mean,
13 to the storm drains. And then that's,
14 you know, everyone is concerned about
15 flooding. I think that the community
16 needs to understand that that is a big
17 problem with loose leaves and we kind
18 of need to discuss that.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. As we ask
20 the community to put their leaves in
21 bags, I will say reward the people that
22 are, there's a lot of people who are,
23 it's wonderful to see, but there's a
24 lot who aren't. Lily's group has been
25 doing a great job helping to

1 communicate that in the newsletter,
2 it's coming in the next newsletter,
3 Candace has it, you know, posted on the
4 website and other places. But it is a
5 big issue to be talked about,
6 especially the storm drains. One of
7 the things you guys have heard me say
8 is we need to look at the entirety of
9 brush and leaf pick up and make some
10 decisions for next year because one of
11 the challenges we're having is that the
12 amount of work has increased because
13 there are now apparently -- and I say
14 this, Patrick and I talked about it
15 yesterday or the day before -- call it
16 smaller landscape contractors, so
17 you're not supposed to have your
18 landscape contractor put things on the
19 street. They're supposed to pick it
20 up. If a large landscape company shows
21 up with multiple trucks, it would be
22 pretty obvious if they put it by the
23 street, but they're there and they're
24 prepared to take it with them. There
25 are some smaller landscapers who are

1 showing up at, you know, whomever's
2 house and nobody happens to see it and
3 they're putting it by the street. So
4 the volume of brush and things that we
5 are taking to the Town dump to be
6 turned into mulch has increased.

7 The other thing that's really
8 problematic, which not everybody
9 understands, is bamboo. Now, if bamboo
10 is put into a pile and mixed, that will
11 not be accepted by the Town refuse
12 because if it's remotely green, it will
13 get into the mulch and then sprout and
14 spread everywhere. So they will only
15 take a certain amount of it, it's got
16 to be completely dry. We had an
17 incident with -- actually, you guys
18 were copied on an e-mail of somebody on
19 a street who put not brush but
20 literally logs from a tree and larger
21 pieces -- actually, this happened twice
22 in the last month and a half. On one
23 street, they weren't removing the pile.
24 We told them twice that we were going
25 to remove it for them and charge them

1 for it if they didn't do it, they
2 finally did it after some arguing. The
3 other person didn't do it, and so we
4 proceeded to remove it, but this was
5 not something that we could just take
6 over in order to be mulched, we had to
7 dispose of it separately, and so
8 there's an increased cost for that. So
9 the more things have increased, it's
10 more volume, but then the cost of our
11 labor with annual increases and the
12 cost of benefits has gone up
13 significantly more as well. So it's
14 becoming -- and it's something Adam is
15 going to focus on in our budget
16 discussions -- an increased burden for
17 the Village. And I think to Mary
18 Bess's point, we absolutely need to
19 look and say, period, we will not
20 accept leaves unless they're in bags.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I've been
22 advocating that for years actually.
23 I'm all in favor.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I look at
25 Manor Place because that is a great

1 flood area, and today I noticed, you
2 know, we had blowing leaves coming down
3 Manor Place and there's a storm drain
4 that's right exactly across from the
5 entrances to the hospital, and it's
6 clogged already, and you know, the
7 water is running all over the place.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, I mean, you
9 know where I live and walk the dogs,
10 literally I've called the road crew
11 several -- and they'll clean it one day
12 and then all of a sudden they're all
13 over the place.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: You know,
15 the brush pick up has been a tradition
16 here in the Village, and I kind of am
17 leaning towards it still being that
18 way, but I think we need to let the
19 public know, number one, that there's
20 storm drain issues, but there's also
21 the economics of doing it now because
22 we no longer could just throw it up in
23 the tank yard like we used to, it can't
24 happen. We have to take it away, so
25 that's an added expense.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, and I think
2 what we need to do in full transparency
3 for our community who lives here and
4 appreciates this service is help them
5 understand how much it costs, and
6 that's what we're going to do.
7 Because, you know, with all the wage
8 rates and all that increasing, and you
9 know, the other thing that changed four
10 years ago was that less people doing
11 the work because the Village didn't
12 necessarily have all the trucks parked
13 to make sure people wouldn't speed
14 through after some near misses, and
15 it's a big safety issue. So it takes
16 the full crew on a normal brush pickup
17 week, three full days. Sometimes, like
18 right now, and I didn't get an update
19 today on where they were, there are
20 times when they go into the second
21 week. It will take six or even seven
22 days, so five days -- I mean, four
23 days, they start on Tuesday, four days
24 one week and a couple of days the next.
25 Do the math off seven guys at a wage

1 rate plus benefits fully loaded, it's a
2 lot of money. And so, you know, as we
3 look at our budget for next year and
4 challenges in other areas, you know,
5 we're just going to need to balance it
6 all out. The money has got to come
7 from somewhere. It's a challenge.

8 The last item I have, I think, is
9 you utility billing and Village policy.
10 I'll let Adam speak very briefly on it,
11 but it came to my attention that the
12 Village has had sort of a longstanding
13 policy that if there are challenges
14 with customers, and we know certain
15 customers at times might have issues
16 with billing, that a contract will be
17 done for somebody that hasn't been able
18 to pay a bill. And so we've
19 historically gone up to 12 months on it
20 and put a payment plan together. It's
21 been done for both commercial and
22 residential. There's a number of
23 accounts in arrears, and I want to say
24 it's, like, ten accounts and probably
25 \$150,000 that have moved in different

1 ways. We reached out to sort of the
2 two benchmarks of what are comparables.
3 Obviously our biggest comparable would
4 only be on Long Island, Rockville
5 Center because they're the only ones
6 that are dealing with NYPA power. And
7 the Mayor Francis there together with
8 -- I'm forgetting the name of the Town,
9 it wasn't the engineer, who was it?
10 Comptroller or controlling.

11 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Comptroller.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Told us that they
13 have -- their program is capped at four
14 months, and you can spread your
15 payments out. You've got to make an
16 initial deposit and then spread out
17 evenly over four months. They don't do
18 any longer than that. In talking to
19 not LIPA, that's the management of --

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: PSEG.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: PSEG, thank you.
22 They will go up to six months for
23 residential customers, and for
24 commercial customers, less than that.
25 It always requires one deposit -- not a

1 deposit, but a portion of your
2 outstanding bill, and then spread out
3 over those six months. Am I forgetting
4 anything?

5 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: No, I think
6 you covered that.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: That's really it.
8 So we're looking to update our policy,
9 and then on an ongoing basis Adam will
10 track and, of course, not going into
11 any personal information with anybody,
12 let us know if we're outstanding on
13 anything. It would seem to me that if
14 we're going to put something in front
15 of the Board for a vote next week, it
16 would seem to me that you're looking at
17 where we are versus where others are.
18 I'm obviously very cognizant of
19 somebody -- and obviously the tariff
20 and not good faith, but humanity, you
21 would never want to shut off someone's
22 power in the winter time if there was a
23 true need. PSEG goes into more details
24 of financial need, asks for, you know,
25 specifics on income and other things,

1 and they have the ability to negotiate
2 it all. Rockville Center said that
3 they do not get into all those issues
4 really, other than trying to get a
5 basic understanding of it, and then
6 they lay it out.

7 So my recommendation would be to
8 go to the six months on a payment
9 program with it. I don't know if
10 anybody has any other thoughts?

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I do. So what
12 happens when the customer can't -- if
13 they default on the payment plan?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: They're shut off.

15 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And then how do
16 we recover the money owed?

17 MAYOR STUESSI: So I don't know
18 that we've had an instance like that in
19 the past, if we've ever gone to
20 recover.

21 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: They would
22 be required to pay the amount in
23 arrears prior to having the connection
24 reestablished.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Do we put a lien

1 on their property or something?

2 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: No, we don't
3 put a lien on their property. They
4 just wouldn't have any electric utility
5 until they were to settle up their
6 debts to an extent obviously.
7 Basically when we send out these
8 notices and such, it's mostly referring
9 to arrears stemming from longer than 90
10 days. Those are the funds we try to
11 collect. If they are outstanding and a
12 payment plan is either not met or, you
13 know, not upheld, they would be
14 disconnected and they would be required
15 to pay any arrears older than 90 days
16 in order to have electric established.
17 The Mayor covered it pretty well. As
18 he said, we have been operating on a
19 12-month payment plan, but there's
20 really no policy in place, so I think
21 that's what this discussion is about.
22 So to have something in writing,
23 something official. The Mayor had
24 spoken, as he said, to several other
25 municipalities in the area to see what

1 they do, so we're looking to mirror
2 that to some extent so we can have
3 something more official.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And the accounts
5 for electric are in the name of the
6 person who applies for the account, not
7 necessarily the homeowner, right?

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Some are in LLCs,
9 right?

10 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure, some
11 are renters.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I deal with it,
13 so I know that, you know, all of my
14 tenants basically have their own
15 electric account, and then they pay the
16 landlord who would pay the water/sewer
17 bill. But they have their own account,
18 so if you were to turn off a tenant's
19 electricity, it wouldn't be the
20 responsibility of the property owner.

21 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: We don't have
23 any recourse in that case, right?

24 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: In some
25 cases, no.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Do we have any
2 arrears that are extraordinarily long,
3 like a year?

4 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah.

5 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That hurts our
6 cash flow.

7 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

8 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: My sense is I
9 would be -- I would tend towards a
10 longer work out time, a longer payment
11 plan. I guess, I would err towards the
12 more generous side because we want the
13 money back. We don't want the account
14 closed, we want to recover what's owed.
15 So that would make, you know, I think
16 we have to balance, right. Obviously
17 we want to encourage them to pay, but
18 ultimately we want the cash.

19 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Ideally.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Closing an
21 account that's in arrears, we're never
22 going to recover that.

23 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Ideally we
24 try to work as much as we can with the
25 customer in order to avoid a

1 disconnection. I mean, we try to
2 accommodate all sorts of payment plans
3 that best suits their needs as well as
4 the Village's.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So you really are
6 going to have to deal with this on a
7 case by case basis anyhow.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: That's what the
9 Village has been doing. But we have to
10 have a policy, and we need to write
11 down and the Board needs to approve as
12 opposed to something that's just sort
13 of been there.

14 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, it
15 shouldn't have to be Adam's discretion
16 if he keeps extending these things.

17 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: And there
18 are cases, you know, for renters where
19 we take deposits for situations similar
20 to this.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: You do take a
22 deposit?

23 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: You know, if
24 they have a high balance and they leave
25 or no longer reside there with a high

1 balance, you know, we try to correct
2 that with a deposit.

3 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Okay.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: So six months
5 rather than four?

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, I think
7 six.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. We'll draft
9 something and send it around and put it
10 together.

11 Is there anybody from the public
12 that would like to speak on anything
13 this evening? What time is it? 8:05.
14 John? Dinny? Dylan? No.

15 All right. We have a legal
16 matter, but not executive session.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Did we
18 talk about the bulkhead?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, no I said we
20 were finalizing the RFP for that.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: I do have
22 a question about it because I happened
23 to check on the DEC website for the
24 dredge permit for Stirling Harbor, and
25 I noticed that the Mitchell Park

1 permits for our bulkhead, are they in
2 the process of being renewed?

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR PHILLIPS: Oh, okay,
5 because I didn't see the application.
6 Usually it shows you when they received
7 it.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: We're working on
9 it right now.

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I -- was that
11 it? I'm sorry. I have a question, I
12 mentioned this to you the other day.
13 Have we made any progress on sewer
14 customers who are outside the Village
15 who are in arrears? We talked about
16 trying to coordinate with the Town of
17 Southold. Brian, were you working on
18 that? Am I surprising you?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: I think Jared was
20 with Paul.

21 ATTORNEY STOLAR: I remember
22 seeing a note.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Can you double
24 check with him on that?

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Do you remember

1 what the issue is?

2 ATTORNEY STOLAR: I know exactly
3 what the issue is. You guys aren't the
4 only village with the issue.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: So I'll make a
6 motion to close the meeting.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

9 (Aye said in unison.)

10 (Whereupon, the meeting was
11 adjourned at 8:10 p.m.)

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3 I, AMY THOMAS, a Court Reporter and Notary
4 Public, for and within the State of New York,
5 do hereby certify:

6 THAT the above and foregoing contains a
7 true and correct transcription of the
8 proceedings held on November 21, 2024, and
9 were reported by me.

10 I further certify that I am not related to
11 any of the parties to this action by blood or
12 by marriage and that I am in no way
13 interested in the outcome of this matter

14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
15 hand this 6th day of DECEMBER, 2024.

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