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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WORK SESSION

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Greenport Firehouse

January 15, 2026

6:00 p.m.

B E F O R E:

KEVIN STUESSI ~ MAYOR

PATRICK BRENNAN ~ DEPUTY MAYOR

MARY BESS PHILLIPS~ TRUSTEE

LILY DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON ~ TRUSTEE

JULIA ROBINS ~ TRUSTEE

CANDACE HALL ~ VILLAGE CLERK

JARED KASSCHAU, ESQ. ~ VILLAGE ATTORNEY

All other interested parties

MAYOR STUESSI: I'd like to
make a motion to open the Board of
Trustees Work Session.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Please stand
for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon the Pledge of
Allegiance was recited.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Please be seated.

Mr. Assistant Chief, you're first up.

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
Good evening, everyone. Happy New
Year to you all.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Happy
New Year.

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: So
the first thing I'd like to touch
on is, how is it going with the

one way parking out here? Any idea
when we can put those signs up --

MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon me?

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
-- on 4th Avenue, the parking, the
one-way parking.

MAYOR STUESSI: We've got the
rest of them ordered and --

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: The
no parking, I'm sorry.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we've
got them ordered and they said be
here any day now.

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
Okay. So I'd like to get that up
as soon as possible.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
Also, there's an awful lot of
potholes around the Village. You
know, we've all crossed Center
Street and 1st Street. The
ambulance bottoms out. It's not a
good thing.

MAYOR STUESSI: We got asphalt the other day -- they had been shut down -- and we started filling some of them. When we're able to get more, we'll be doing more of them.

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: Yeah, well, take notice on that stop because that's bad spot.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and then we had a sewer break on Front Street as well, which has been filled a couple of times. And then we've got some additional paving that we're going to be starting with in the spring as well that the Village had funded last year that they weren't able get completed, just due to the timing and how cold it got, so thank you.

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: Okay. Any movement on 409 South Street? Anything happen over

there? There's still a lot of stuff going on there, a lot of garbage there, a lot of incidents there.

MAYOR STUESSI: We're -- well, I'm not aware of any other incidents. We have not been notified by the police in regards to that, but we are still chasing on the other items. If you hear of anything with the police, please let us know.

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: Yeah, well, they a brawl over there the other night.

MAYOR STUESSI: I'll follow-up with the chief on that. We weren't notified.

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: We're working on our budget. I know we're probably a little behind for you, but we're getting a committee together. I'm going away, so it might have to be

beginning of February if that's
okay.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Thank you.

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

Alright. Water rescue is have
their Spaghetti Dinner benefit on
the 31st. Anybody that wishes to
go to that, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m., \$25
in advance, \$30 at the door.

Also we're working on -- we got
from the County an e-grant system.
There's like \$20 million available
there. So Sue, our administrator,
is working on that, trying to get
some money. We got to come up
with a list of some things that we
want to buy. Basically it's
infrastructure and then certain
equipped items.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, there's
also a state program that she's
got as well that we're waiting --

1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

2 That may be the same -- yeah, that
3 may be the same thing. But that's
4 all I have for you. Any questions?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Any questions
6 from the Board?

7 (No response.)

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. Thank
9 you so much.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Thank you.

11 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
12 Thank you.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Carole, you're
14 next up.

15 MS. MONSELL: Hello, my name
16 is Carole Monsell, president of
17 the Sterling Historical Society.
18 Steve Grzesik is here. He's
19 working with me for the story
20 boards, hopefully, in Mitchell
21 Park. I think I had you -- gave
22 you some handouts?

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, it was
24 shared with the Board.

25 MS. MONSELL: Everybody has them?

2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

4 MS. MONSELL: Okay. So I'm
5 just going to give you the proposal.
6 I think everybody has seen that
7 and the reference letter too.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: I don't know
9 if we had this, but --

10 MS. MONSELL: And these are
11 all the works that we've done on
12 ten different --

13 MAYOR STUESSI: This is
14 different than what you gave us
15 the other day?

16 MS. MONSELL: Yes.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Are there
18 copies for everybody or one copy?

19 MS. MONSELL: No. Unfortunately,
20 no.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

22 MS. MONSELL: So we were
23 approached by the Friends of
24 Mitchell Park to the Stirling
25 Historical Society about a year

ago for creating story boards in Mitchell Park. And I'm just going to go over a timeline and then let Steve talk.

In October we went to the Friends of Mitchell Park who gave us -- we were asking for \$30,000 and they gave us -- they didn't give us \$40,000, that's what we can work with for the signs. So they're funding it, Friends of Mitchell Park.

November 20th Steve and I did the proposal in front of the Historic Preservation Board and we got rave reviews. So we have -- Rick Albanese sent a letter in support of it and that's that. And we have a few other handouts and things to go over.

MR. GRZESIK: Hello again. I'm Stephen Grzesik retired owner of The Ink Spot by background. These are -- I'll just put one

here and then put one over here.
Basically this is like locations
where we were thinking about
putting the storyboards. They're
identical to the ones that are
down on 4th Street -- what are
those called -- the same exact
construction would be put in with
cement footings.

In the park itself I've been
warned that they get a lot of
physical abuse, okay? So we'll
keep it away from the boardwalk
and, you know, where the gazebo is
because kids can be jumping over
it and everything. So we're
planning to put it along the
bulkhead, but I know there's going
to be some renovation coming soon.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, they
have to be on the grass side.

MR. GRZESIK: Yeah, so we're
figuring 20 feet back from the
bulkhead.

MAYOR STUESSI: If the Board were to approve it, it has to be on the grass, not anywhere in the walking path or --

MR. GRZESIK: Correct, yeah. And, you know, I went over it with Rick as far as the construction that they started, which might not be for a while, we had to keep it 20 feet back from the bulkhead. So we'll be able to leave it there during construction. They're fairly easy to move, but new footing would have to be put in if they have to be relocated.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I didn't think there would be a problem with like the depth or anything like that going back?

MR. GRZESIK: Twenty feet he said would be fine.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Twenty feet is fine?

MR. GRZESIK: Yeah.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

MR. GRZESIK: And right now
it's -- I think we have eight
listed or nine, I'm not sure.
Okay.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Over here --

MR. GRZESIK: Yeah. The copy
graphics is really only going to
be done once we get the full
approvals and then we can go ahead
and make each sign and say which
ones are located where. Right now
this is just proposals. Any
questions?

MAYOR STUESSI: Carole, can
you speak to what is the intent of
the Historical Society with the
history that you would be covering?
I notice you've got, I think it
was, ten locations?

MS. MONSELL: Well, ten
different things, yes. The early
settlement of Southold in the
1640's; the birth of Greenport,

1830's; whaling industry and growth, 1800's; arrival of the Railroad, 1840's; tourism and resort development, late 1800's; Greenport during World War I, 1910; prohibition and rum running, 1920's. Number 8 would be World War II and the America's Cup era. Nine, postwar downtown and revitalization, and then the challenge of preservation amid growing popularity to date.

So these are all historic signs that, you know, would mean a lot of Greenport, they're educational, for children, visitors, and everyone to learn.

MAYOR STUESSI: And so the intent is to cover, sort of, a broad Greenport history not specific to Mitchell Park?

MS. MONSELL: Correct, Greenport.

MAYOR STUESSI: Julia?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I want to give you a shout out by the way because you remember I came in last month and had a tour of the historical building, the house.

MS. MONSELL: Uh-huh.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Fantastic job you guys are doing documenting the history of the Village, and, you know --

MS. MONSELL: Thank you.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: -- going way back, you know. I mean, you had multiple exhibits. I thought it was fascinating. If anybody hasn't been there, please get over and have the tour. Your daughter does a great job, by the way, for the tour.

MS. MONSELL: She does, thank you.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: So, yeah, I'm in support of this, okay? I think it's important and it's a good way

to get the information out to
people.

MS. MONSELL: It's very
important.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Thank you.

MS. MONSELL: Because there's
no other signs in Greenport that
tells the story of Greenport.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I had a
little concern about the condition
of the area right near our
bulkhead because, obviously, we've
had trouble with the sinkholes and
things like that, but I think
you've gone over this with Rick
and he feels --

MS. MONSELL: Yes, we met with
him for quite some time.

MR. GRZESIK: And walked the
property and discussed where they
should be where it's going to get
less abuse because there's going
to be a lot of kids running around
and whatnot. So we tried to

figure all that in.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. Thank you.

MS. MONSELL: Thank you.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Oh, thanks for being here. I support this idea. I like it the idea of educating people and informing visitors and residents alike about the history of the Village.

I had a couple of questions. In the materials you sent, you showed one type of sign that's like kind of like a inclined, you know, angled thing. Is that the intent for all of them or is that just --

MR. GRZESIK: Pretty much all of them. I was matching the ones Widow's Walk -- Widow's Hole?

MS. MONSELL: Widow's Walk.

MR. GRZESIK: And just there are multiple different kinds and designs, but I figured keep them all pretty well standardized.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah,
okay. And what's the timing that
you're looking for or you're
trying to do here?

MR. GRZESIK: I believe we're
trying to get it in for this summer.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And
they would all go in at the same
time?

MR. GRZESIK: Pretty much.

MS. MONSELL: Pretty much.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I do
have concern about the, kind of,
the quantity, maybe or I was
wondering if things could be
clustered together rather than --
right now the proposal kind of
shows them just interspersed
throughout the bulkhead area, kind
of evenly.

MR. GRZESIK: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Had you
given any thought to maybe
grouping them to two or three areas?

MR. GRZESIK: One of the things with signage, people get bored and only a few people that will really get into history and read everything, whereas, if they're moseying around and walking around the whole property and they're facing the Railroad, that will be the Railroad information.

Then facing Greenport Shipyard, they could be seeing pictures of the boats being build in World War II. So we did it in the direction of the interest of the signs rather than grouping them as a whole, which is more the museum's business.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Right.

MS. MONSELL: Yeah, and Friends of Mitchell Park wanted that all over too.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Were you trying to make it more of a

walking -- a walking tour of the
signs --

MS. MONSELL: Pretty much.

MR. GRZESIK: Yeah.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- the
general concept?

MS. MONSELL: Pretty much.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Are
they going in order like A, B, C;
it's chronological kind of?

MR. GRZESIK: I would say yes,
but the middle ones probably like
in the, I'll say, the H, G, F
ones, you know, and E, those would
be sort of like the older history.
Whereas I, facing the Railroad,
would be one thing, C would be
facing the shipyard.

These are general information
ones as you enter the park. So I
mean, that designation to where
they could be could be easily
changed.

MS. MONSELL: Yeah, it could

changed.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I am concerned that they're going to be in the way of the bulkhead work. I know Mr. Albanese said 20 feet back. I do think they're in the way of construction operation. So if they end up going in before the bulkhead repair, I guess I would suggest that they be like in some kind of sleeves in the footing. Maybe you can pull them out so they don't get damaged.

MS. MONSELL: Temporary.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And then whether or not the footings actually got damaged, we'd have to deal with that after.

MR. GRZESIK: Yeah, we did discuss that and they are removable afterwards, after the fact. We're just kind of figuring out that bulkhead might not be getting done for a while.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I don't know the timing, but I wouldn't want to see your work get damaged and so --

MR. GRZESIK: Yeah, of course.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: -- I know you're interested in trying to move this along.

MS. MONSELL: We did talk to Rick for quite some time about it and --

MR. GRZESIK: About relocating them if we needed to.

MS. MONSELL: Yeah, and some can be temporary.

MAYOR STUESSI: How do you fell feel about the physicality of them and long term maintenance and keeping them, you know, in the ground appropriately? Like I look at the ones, which it's like the politicians down by our beach, instead of an environmental thing like it probably should have been

but there's already issues with
them in a relatively short time.
I want to say they've been there
five years now, four years maybe --

DISTRICT ATTY eight: Three.

MAYOR STUESSI: Three to five
and, you know, there's issues with
the stability on them and we've
had to repair one of them already
to get it to stay in the ground
better. And when you look at some
of the other ones around the
community -- hi, guys -- you know,
over at Skipper Horton Park coming
in, you know, those have got real
maintenance problems too.

You know, I don't know how long
they've been there, as you're
heading into Southold. I haven't
been able to share it yet with the
Board, but I got the feedback from
our original park designers who
expressed some of these things
about, you know, the longer term

maintenance issues and, you know,
how to keep them in good shape
long term.

And then there was also a concern
about just, sort of, protecting
the view corridors, which they had
shared was really important to
people when Mitchell Park was
designed as part of it. And so I
was going to summarize this and
share it with the Board and I'll
share it with you as well on some
things that they had.

The other thing is I think if the
Board was going to consider, it
would be really important for us
to understand exactly what would
be on each one of them and make
sure that somebody is really
carefully vetting what the history
is. You've, obviously, got a lot
you want to cover, from the 1650's
when Southold was settled by the
English, to present day times, but

you know, I'll note that we have a few things missing that probably ought to be considered, from the Indigenous people that were here before anyone and some of the slave trade and sadder parts of history that I don't think we should necessarily gloss over.

MS. MONSELL: Then we need 11.

MR. GRZESIK: Or 12.

MS. MONSELL: Or 12.

MR. GRZESIK: One of the things with signage, you don't want to make it too complicated where there's too many paragraphs and copies. You want graphics to grab the attention, then you want people to start reading and, oh, I didn't know they did that here.

Sometimes -- I mean, I'm been traveling a lot lately in Antonio and Maryland and Kansas, and all the cities and towns seem to have these similar things: Very busy

sidewalks. The footing, as far as stability goes, it's all about the footing. We're in a salt environment also. These are all fairly heavy duty anodized aluminum bolted to cement footings. They should be okay for a long time. I can't guarantee that 12 kids aren't going to try to pull it out.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I just -- knowing how Mitchell Park was built, and we looked at this relative to getting the bulkhead and some of the challenges.

MR. GRZESIK: Yeah.

MAYOR STUESSI: And as Rick told you, there's issues with depth and we know too that when we put -- you know, during Maritime Festival and things are put in there, if the ground slightly wet, things start to sink and we have problems with that.

So, you know, I would want to understand and have somebody, engineering wise, I think, to give us an opinion on, you know, what makes sense because there's also a depth that we're limited on how far we can go down.

MR. GRZESIK: Yeah, I understand about the ground there. It is a little iffy. I have a very experienced sign guy putting these in. He's been doing it for a long time and he knows that. He doesn't want to come back and do it again, so they're going to be built very strong.

As far as height goes and visibility, they're going to be a little bit shorter than this, just like the one on 4th Street, so it's not going to effect visibility.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And they're going to be about as wide as like the one on Front Street?

MR. GRZESIK: Two feet by
three feet.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Two
feet high and three feet long sort
of? I mean --

MR. GRZESIK: No, I mean three
feet wide, two feet down and it's
about -- they could be adjusted a
little bit in height, but
basically the legs -- there's two
legs on these -- are a certain
height and I think the back height
is around 42 inches, which is a
little bit lower than that, so it
would be probably about like that.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And in
the materials that you gave us,
did you provide the text and the
graphics for each sign or is that
not complete yet?

MR. GRZESIK: Not yet. We
figured once we get the approval,
then we'll go ahead and start
making up the graphics and edit,

you know, adding them and copy for it.

MS. MONSELL: Yeah, we just did a rough draft.

MR. GRZESIK: We did one rough draft right there so you could see what it looked like. That's just a sample.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So like the Mayor was saying, I think we're going to want to see the draft signs before approval.

MR. GRZESIK: Oh, yes, yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm just going to make a suggestion that I think this is something that I like because it's the history. I'm also concerned, the same as Trustee Brennan about the bulkhead and activity there and the grass is soft at times considering the environment, but I would like to see us assign, maybe, our marina manager to work with you to be the

contact to work with this as to keep the Board informed as to stages. So that, you know, it doesn't get miscommunications and he'll be aware of it since he's responsible for the area.

MS. MONSELL: Rick Albanese?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. I think that would behoove us to do that, as a Board. The other thing I would like to see is, you have the Maritime Museum and you have the Railroad Museum and you're mentioning some of the railroad and some of the maritime.

Somewhere in the literature I'd like to just see it being directed that there are two other sites that they could go to besides yours to get further history. I mean, I'm not sure how often the Railroad Museum is open in the summer, but that's something we could find out.

But I really think the communication because this is -- it's part of our history and I don't want somebody coming along and saying that there's a misprint in something or the material doesn't work well in the environment down there. I think we need to work collaboratively with that. So that's my suggestion.

MS. MONSELL: Oh, sure. I work with them anyway.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Do you think on the map here, are these -- the areas where you put them, is that about 20 feet in? I mean I know this is not perfectly to scale.

MR. GRZESIK: (Inaudible) It's about -- if you're familiar where the benches are in the beginning of grass, it would be just a little bit, like maybe five feet, further away than the bench are.

I measured it off and that's approximately where the 20-foot mark would be.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I guess one of my concerns, because I know this Board in the past has had issue with like filling Mitchell Park up too much and just have not too many things in the way because I know people do play sports, do tai chi, sit in the grass for dances. And I wouldn't think that this is going to stop them, but I just think that we need to think about that.

I mean, I think I guess what everybody else has said about the content, I think, is going to be very important. I also wonder if you've thought about like using QR codes maybe to like for more information or it could be because you seem to have a lot or to like direct people to the Maritime Museum.

MS. MONSELL: Yeah.

MR. GRZESIK: That would be the next step when we start putting the graphics together. You know, like footnotes to be able to say, okay, there's a Railroad Museum, this is the shipyard, you know, that could be easily put on some of these plaques.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Or even to Patrick's point, sort of about grouping them. Like you know that sign that's by where the old like North Fork Information Center was?

MR. GRZESIK: Yeah.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That's a high sign, so I know that that might block the view in some ways, but it would also, it could have three sides, it could have more information on it or just -- I mean, I'm not saying that that's the solution. I'm just thinking

of like other -- or even like
putting things around the side of
the Camera Obscura just because
that's already existing.

MR. GRZESIK: Yeah, the QR
thing is very popular now for most
of these kinds of things where
someone can scan it and all of a
sudden they have a couple of pages
of information relating to that
particular fact.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.
I'm just saying it's a way to
partly to like make the
physicality not as big and not as
like taking up as much space. So
just things to think about.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I
agree with that and that's why I
was asking if all the signs were
going to be in the same configuration
because I was imagining that there
may be an opportunity for a
vertical sign. For example, where

you have A and B and shown out near street, it's possible that a vertical sign, which is two sided, is more economical in terms of materials on both sides.

But also it's kind of -- its vertical aspect at the street may be, in fact, less of an obstruction. So I just ask you to think about that. But I understand you're inclined towards one type of sign. Yeah, and, again, consider clustering the signs. That would appeal to me anyway, if we could group the signs maybe at the north and south -- kind of northwest, southeast corner -- southwest to northeast corners of the park. Just a thought.

MR. GRZESIK: Okay, yeah.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Or even if they could be somehow incorporated on the back of the

benches because that already exists as a -- in some of the spots or right next to. You know what I mean? So we don't have like a bench and then a sign and then some dead space in between. Like that wouldn't necessarily make a lot of sense.

MR. GRZESIK: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: It strikes me that what might be helpful is for the Board to collate some of our questions and you guys put something together to follow-up with us because we're, obviously, going to need more information before we hold a vote on approving to move forward.

And then I'll also share some of the commentary that I received from the shop architect who designed in the park and some of the original community feedback they had. And then you can take

everything that you've heard today
and put something together and get
it back to us, we could be ready
to have a fruitful discussion.

MS. MONSELL: Sure, and if you
want to shoot me some questions,
you know...

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we'll
put a list together.

MS. MONSELL: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: But thank you
for all your effort on this.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah,
thank you.

MR. OSINSKI: Can I make a
comment? I just noticed that you
didn't mention the oyster
industry, which for 100 years --
this is the oyster capital of New
York for 100 years.

MR. GRZESIK: There's an awful
lot of information to put out
there and there's -- when I have
my friends come out and people

that I know that have walked around, they have no idea about some of the history of the area and this is a great way to kind of handle that and promote.

MAYOR STUESSI: Great. Well, we'll get a list of some questions and refine the presentation and put it together.

MR. GRZESIK: And we're okay to put more up too. We have been asked to put them throughout the town.

MS. MONSELL: Put up 15.

MAYOR STUESSI: And I would encourage you to go down to the entrance to the Village over by the old drive-in --

MR. GRZESIK: Yeah, I was actually there.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- and see because it's in really pretty poor condition and go back and look at the ones down by Widow's Hole too,

which, again, like I said, in a very short time, we're having issues with relative to ground settlement, etcetera, etcetera.

And I know it's a bigger issue in Mitchell Park so we'd likely want to get some engineer of some sort to review the idea with you to understand, you know, what will work or not work to keep them in.

MS. MONSELL: Okay, and you'll talk to the guy of Mitchell Park?

MAYOR STUESSI: I'll have a conversation with Rick about it and we'll put a list together to get you some questions. Thank you. Appreciate the both of you being here.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mayor, I'm going to ask a question. Since -- oops, I'm sorry, what?

MS. OSINSKI: Can I --

MAYOR STUESSI: We're not taking public comment right now on

this, okay?

MS. OSINSKI: He got to speak.

MAYOR STUESSI: What's that?

MS. OSINSKI: Mike got to
speak. Just one short comment?

MAYOR STUESSI: If you want to
approach the both podium quickly,
we'll make one exception or two
now since your husband spoke already.

MS. OSINSKI: I'm just going
to quickly add that I live on --
Isabel Osinski, 307 Flint Street.
I live in Widow's Hole and I think
those kiosks are really horrible.
You know, the front side has
something on it, which mainly a
bunch of whatever.

The structure of it is not -- I
think a kiosk would be a better
arrangement where you have
multiple bullets of information
with some kind of diagram with the
numbers that people could go and
look at.

Because if you're interested it in it, you're going to stand and read it. You're not going to wonder around the yard looking for points. And just because I live in Widow's Hole, I really find it totally out of character of the area. Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: All right, well --

(Applause.)

MAYOR STUESSI: The next item up, I'm going to request that our applicant for Smugglers Cove approaches the podium. This is a public meeting to receive comments on the following State Liquor Authority application. This is an application for Smugglers Cove at 1410 Manhasset.

MR. DUNHART: Good evening.

MAYOR STUESSI: If you could state your name and address for the record.

MR. DUNHART: Joe Dunhart

2 (phonetic); 600 Gardiners Lane,
3 Southold, New York 11971.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: And if you
5 could please tell us about your
6 project and what it is you're
7 intending to do there, highlight
8 your hours of operation, cuisine.

9 MR. DUNHART: Yeah, well, I'm
10 basically not doing a whole pile
11 of difference because it was such
12 a well-operated restaurant before
13 I can take over.

14 So the cuisine is basically going
15 to be about same, if not a little
16 bit more. I'd like to do lunches
17 and brunches from June, July and
18 August, maybe a little bit into
19 September.

20 Hours of operation, when I'm open
21 in June, lunch and brunch 11:00 a.m.
22 to close, which could be -- I know
23 I think the guys stay open till
24 about 11:00 or 12:00 at night; I'm
25 not quite sure yet. I guess it

varies on how busy it is.

Anything else? What was the other question?

MAYOR STUESSI: I think you covered what I asked, sort of, high level.

MR. DUNHART: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: And can you share, for the public, what this location was until --

MR. DUNHART: Porto Bello Restaurant.

MAYOR STUESSI: Right, thank you.

MR. DUNHART: It's got an outdoor marina, on the marina.

MAYOR STUESSI: Perfect. I'll turn it over to the Board for questions and then we'll open it up for anybody in the public.

MR. DUNHART: Sure.

MAYOR STUESSI: Julia?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: It sounds pretty low key to be to be honest

with you. I think it's a good use
for the venue and I wish you good luck.

MR. DUNHART: Thank you.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm in
support of it.

MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I don't
have any questions at this time,
but I do wish you good luck and
I'm glad that you're taking over
the operation.

MR. DUNHART: Well, I do
suggest one thing.

MR. GREMLER: If I might say
something?

MAYOR STUESSI: Are you part
of the partnership or are you a
member of the public?

MR. GREMLER: I'm their neighbor.

MAYOR STUESSI: Can you wait?
We're going to let the Board ask
questions and then we'll let the
public speak on it.

MR. GREMLER: I can certainly

do that.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

MR. DUNHART: So as far as I've been told, the guys already have a permit for an outdoor bar. So I brought six. I didn't know how many there was. So this is the proposal of where it is (handing).

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I've seen this already online.

MR. DUNHART: I don't know.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you. I can send it to whoever else needs it. Thank you.

MR. DUNHART: This is the seating for outside.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Oh, perfect. Thank you.

MR. DUNHART: This is the seating they have already and the proposal (handing). So I'm applying for two liquor licenses with approval that I can put this bar out there. The marina has given

me full approval -- their blessing to do it. They said I have to go through your Board, Greenport Board, to get that approved.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: This was subject to Planning Board approval.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. If there is a change, it's going to have to go in front of the Planning Board.

MR. DUNHART: Well, once I get the approval, then can I get an architect to draw up what has to be drawn up.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, it looks like the inside you're not proposing changing anything?

MR. DUNHART: No, just cosmetics, you know, painting and seating.

MAYOR STUESSI: But the number of seats and the layout --

MR. DUNHART: Number of seats,

yeah, everything is going to stay the same.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So they're both applications for full liquor licenses, right?

MR. DUNHART: There is a full liquor license there, so it's just a second one for the outdoor bar, which, of course, is going to -- marina -- due to bylaws by the marina what they want for hours of operation so on and so forth. I've agreed to do what they have, so I mean...

MR. GARRITANO: Porto Bello has had a outdoor bar permit for the last -- for years. We just never put it in. We had the tiki bar there at one point.

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Well, we'll have the building department review the application and see if it needs to be referred to the Planning Board or not if there is,

in fact, a change.

MR. DUNHART: Right, but the whole thing is if you got it approved, then I would move forward with the Planning Board. Because the marina said to get it approved with you guys first. I don't to spend money on an architect and then if I'm not allowed to build it, it will be a waste of money. So if you guys --

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, so to be clear, we're not an approving agency. What you're in front of us for right now is purely a referral by the State to see if there's any public comments on this --

MR. DUNHART: Correct.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- and if the Board has any opinions --

MR. DUNHART: Correct.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- but we wouldn't be involved in reviewing

the layout. So if nothing's changed on the layout, then you'll be able to move forward and it's simply a change of ownership or tenancy. But if there's a change to the site plan, the building department will refer it over to the Planning Board.

MR. DUNHART: I know. It's just the liquor license -- the State Liquor Authority, they're going to need approval for that second license basically and then you guys are the people that will give the thumbs up or the thumbs down.

MAYOR STUESSI: Mary Bess?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm curious about the proposed outdoor bar, but that's okay. You're actually walking into the existing Porto Bello setup, correct?

MR. DUNHART: Correct.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

Other than for the outdoor bar.

MR. DUNHART: Yeah, like Bruce said, he's had permits for tiki bars outside, but he just never forward with the liquor license to get it approved.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All right. I'm familiar with the area. I honestly don't remember that, so I'll have to kind of search into my memory a little bit further to be honest with you.

MR. DUNHART: Dig deep.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But this is located further towards the driveway towards the parking lot?

MR. DUNHART: It's on the property. It's not in the driveway whatsoever. You know the entrance doors you go in? That's going to be start of it and it goes then as far as the steps that go down to the marina part and into the main doors, the double

doors on the side. So it's not really interfering with anything at all.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Will there be -- okay, that's a different question. That's all right. Different department. No, I'm -- as I said, it's Porto Bello and it's the same and it's been there. That configuration has been there since it was Porto Bello with the previous owner before Bruce owned it, so I don't have a problem with it.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Are we are reviewing one or two liquor license application here?

MAYOR STUESSI: My recollection was we only saw one application.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, I think so.

MAYOR STUESSI: And it should be a license that covers the whole property with whatever was

submitted to the State Liquor
Authority.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: But
you're indicating that you need
two?

MR. DUNHART: Well, it seems
like whenever you have a bar
counter, you need two with the
SLA. If I don't have to pay for a
second one, because I've covered
the whole marina like you said, I
would love that, but -- and the
counter we don't, we're just going
to apply for -

MAYOR STUESSI: But have you
to two separate applications in or
just one?

MR. DUNHART: One for two.

MAYOR STUESSI: Right, so it's
one application?

MR. DUNHART: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So
procedurally, would we -- is it
the appropriate time to consider

the SLA application before this
has gone to Planning Board or does
it matter?

MAYOR STUESSI: It doesn't
really matter. We're only --
unless we had, you know, great
concern that it's problematic and
wanted the State Liquor Authority
to deny it or if, you know, we're
comfortable subject to if it
requires Planning Board approval.
But it's one license for -- and
it's not just the bars it's the
entire of the space. The State
Liquor Authority license covers,
you know, serving liquor at every
single table. You have everything
that's on the site plan that you
submitted to them.

MR. DUNHART: Correct.

MAYOR STUESSI: The real issue
here is whether there's a difference
in the site plan already approved
under Porto Bello.

MR. DUNHART: Because with the State Liquor Authority, I took -- today, I was there this morning. They took pictures because they want five or seven pictures of the whole area; inside, outside. So they're going to receive everything that they need for everything to be --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, including all of your storage areas.

MR. DUNHART: Everything.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Is the restaurant in a unique parcel or is it part of the larger parcel that goes back towards the road?

MR. DUNHART: I really don't -- I really don't know that. Just the marina --

MAYOR STUESSI: Would you mind approaching the podium if you want to speak on it?

Sure.

MAYOR STUESSI: You obviously

know it very well.

MR. GARRITANO: Yes. What was the question?

MAYOR STUESSI: If you could state your name and address for the record.

MR. GARRITANO: Bruce Garritano; 619 Bailey Avenue, Greenport.

MAYOR STUESSI: Just maybe share for the public and the Board your connection to this.

MR. GARRITANO: I plan on selling to Joe here. And he's not doing anything, from what I understand, differently than what we have done there for the past seven years.

We did -- our liquor license encumbered the entire grounds. And at that point you can have an outdoor bar with the SLA, provided you pay their fee for the additional bar and they don't care how many additional bars you have.

You know, you just have to pay for that additional bar.

So, you know, from what I see it's a -- you know, Porto Bello has been there over 50 years now. We've been there seven years with no SLA violations. I think it's a pretty cut and dry.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The reason I was asking about the parcel is because the site is both in the Village of Greenport and the Town of Southold.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I was wondering if there's a referral situation here where Southold is involved with this.

MR. GARRITANO: No because --

MAYOR STUESSI: They're fully in the Village.

MR. GARRITANO: Yeah, Porto Bello's line goes through the lounge area and the bathrooms. So

Porto Bello is 100 percent in the Village and half the parking lot.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So what's the line that's going through the lounge, what are you referring to?

MR. GARRITANO: That's the property line between Southold Village -- Southold Town and Greenport Village. So half the property is in -- not Porto Bello's property, but half of the marina's property is in the Southold Town, half is in the Village.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: You mean the marina bathrooms, not the bathrooms in Porto Bello.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, no the marina bathrooms.

MR. GARRITANO: The marina bathrooms and lounge.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Got it. Thank you.

MR. GARRITANO: Okay. Any

other questions?

MAYOR STUESSI: Is there any other questions from anybody on the Board?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: No.

MAYOR STUESSI: Alright, you're welcome to take a seat. We'll open it up for any other public comments then. Thank you, sir.

MR. DUNHART: Sure.

MR. GREMLER: How are you guys?

MAYOR STUESSI: Good, thank you.

MR. GREMLER: Billy's by the Bay, just south of Bruce.

MAYOR STUESSI: I apologize, if you'd mind stating your name and address for the record.

MR. GREMLER: Billy Gremler;
1060 Moores Lane North, Greenport,
New York. Billy's by the Bay;
2530 Manhasset Avenue, Greenport,
New York.

I am in Southold Town. The line

goes between Peter and what's your name, pal? I forgot your name.

MR. DUNHART: Joe.

MR. GREMLER: Joe. They're in Greenport. I'm in Southold. Mayor, you know I'm a plumber.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

MR. GREMLER: I know everything about Greenport and Southold. I welcome Joe to my neighborhood. I've been doing this for 17 years. I knew Diana before Bruce. Knew Diana before Diana. Anybody that wants to do something in the Porto Bello's should be welcomed to the community. It's a tough business. It's a tough business. I've made it a little bit easier for the past 17 years.

So if the SLA is involved, you guys should say hey, let's shake their hands and let them go to work. We need every dollar we can

make in Greenport Village and
Southold Town right now.

Businesses are dropping like
flies. Tax dollars are leaving
every minute of the day.

I'm coming back for my 17th year.
I'm 66 years old. I was in a boat
explosion, made that, made
17 years in the restaurant
business and I'll make 18. So I
think we should all stand up and
give Joe a round of applause.

Joe, how old are you because
you're going to look older next
year. You're going to look a lot
older next year. That used to be
full, Joe. That used to look
full.

MAYOR STUESSI: It looks like
he's starting behind you.

MR. GREMLER: I'm not a
competitor. I am not a
competitor. I am a business
person. I never met you before

right, Joe?

MR. DUNHART: No.

MR. GREMLER: I'm going to be Florida for lunch. I'm going to Florida tomorrow for lunch, I came here for my first meeting every, my first meeting ever to applaud Joe and whoever comes into Porto Bello.

An empty house is not a good house. So whatever you guys can do to push this through in the Village, Southold Town, whatever you can do for Joe and his constituents, I applaud you. Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, sir.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STUESSI: You're effort and life towards trying to run a restaurant and manage a plumbing business is pretty damn remarkable. I spent most of my life in the hotel and restaurant business and

I know how hard it is, I know how hard every single one of our business owners works this day and age. Thank you.

Rich?

MR. VANDENBURGH: Hi. Good evening. Richard Vandenburg president of the BID. 234 Carpenter Street as well. I just want to say I've known Joe for probably -- I'm not sure -- 15, 20 years. I know him personally. I know he's operated similar types of businesses like this in other parts of New York and does an outstanding.

I've had a professional relationship with him as beer supplier, as well as a friend, golfing buddy. So I can say he's an upstanding guy, 100 percent on the record, and from the BID's perspective, we'd be thrilled to have another operator such as Joe

and the quality of people that he
is in our Village. So 100 percent
good guy.

MAYOR STUESSI: Great, thank you.

(Applause.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Any other
questions or comments from the
Village Board?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Must be New
Years. Nice feel of the meeting
so far.

MAYOR STUESSI: Is everybody
supportive for reaching out to the
SLA that we encourage them to
grant the license?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I don't
have a problem with it.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Sure.

MAYOR STUESSI: Great. We'll
make sure to do that and see if
we're able to help them speed
things along. Thank you.

All right, next up --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Can I
interject because I see these two
ladies in front of us here. Were
you wanting to speak today?

MS. WILHELM: Yeah.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: About
something that --

MS. WILHELM: Yeah.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Could we
let them go first?

MAYOR STUESSI: Sure, please.

MS. WILHELM: Rena Wilhelm,
129 Sterling Avenue. I had asked
to be put on the agenda. It's
actually -- it speaks volumes that
I was not approved, that I am
representing Greenport Skate Park.

Kim is video recording me so I
can prove to the greater Long
Island skateboarding community
that I have not given up. I am
the one who must answer questions
and often deflect attacks.

Hopefully you all saw the East

End Show segment that aired in December. We ended the year on a big high, but now it's a new year and I'm here. I've prepared a statement so that I don't go off the rails because I'd like to, and here we go.

Good evening, members of the Board. My name is Rena Wilhelm and I'm the president of Greenport Skate Park, Inc., a 501(C)(3) formed to revitalize the Greenport Skate Park and rebuild the trust of the community that uses it.

I am here tonight because after years of commitment, volunteerism, fundraising, and community building, I am still struggling to understand why this project has not been given a clear path forward.

The Greenport Skate Park was built 26 years ago. Just ten years after it had opened, it was already falling apart. For over a decade

many residents tried, unsuccessfully,
to get various administrations to
take responsibility for its condition.

Six years ago I stepped in and
committed myself to reversing that
trajectory. With almost no
administrative support and only a
handful of volunteers, we repaired
most -- the most dangerous issues
by hand, with our own money
because we refused to stand by and
watch children become disenfranchised
in the park the Village owns.

Despite the uphill battle, I
promised to the local kids and their
families that I would not give up
on them and because of that
promise, I kept pushing.

Then last April, we received the
most promising break this park has
seen in decades. A member of the
Long Island skateboarding
community who owns a masonry
company with his father offered to

rebuild a major portion of the park for a fraction of the projected cost. This was transformative.

It brought renewed hope, press attention, and momentum.

In July -- to be clear that was seven months ago -- that builder and I presented our Phase 1 renovation plans to this administration. At that meeting Trustee Patrick Brennan recommended that the Village legal counsel establish a process to help us move forward with any improvements.

I presented the importance of this park at the Southold Greenport joint meeting. I remained available and I awaited feedback that never came.

Meanwhile, the community continued to step up. We have raised over \$125,000 almost entirely from local residents and business owners, many of them donating multiple times because they believe in this

project and are trusting me to deliver what the Village has not prioritized.

What I'm asking for now is simple, a clear, direct path from this administration that allows Phase 1 of the renovation to proceed and I am generally struggling to understand why this has not happened.

The Village has a park that has been neglected for years. A community-led nonprofit has raised the funds to repair and rebuild it. A professional contractor is ready to donate labor and materials at a level that is almost unheard of. All we need is the Village's cooperation.

This should be the easiest yes this Board could affirm, especially after two years of negative press about the Village's handling of community resources and public spaces. This is a win waiting to

happen.

Instead, our progress is stalled and the message it sends to residents, to donors, to the kids who use this park is that this administration does not prioritize this project no matter how much support it receives.

And I need to point out something that has been deeply frustrating to both me and the people who have stepped up to support this project. This administration is going to, once again, ask where a colleague of mine intends to donate the money raised from what will surely be another successful dog dock diving community event for Greenport.

We worked tirelessly, brought the community together, and raised \$10,000 specifically for the Greenport Skate Park Revitalization Project. That money, along with the rest of what we have raised is

sitting untouched. Not because of us, but because this administration has not prioritized the park or given us a path forward. We cannot continue to build momentum, raise funds, or honor the community's generosity if we are constantly stalled at administrative level.

Our community has done everything to ensure the success of this project. We have raised the money. We have secured a contractor. We have built trust among the families and kids who rely on this space and we are ready to hand the Village a revived, safer, modernized park on a silver platter. All we need is your partnership. Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you very much, Rena. I want to commend you for everything you've done for the park.

2 (Applause.)

3 MAYOR STUESSI: It's been
4 incredible to watch all the effort
5 from you and a number of other
6 folks. Kim, and what you did with
7 the dock diving was spectacular as
8 well. As you're aware, there are
9 some challenges with State
10 contradicting to utilize vendors
11 who don't meet certain levels of
12 qualification.

13 That said, I know I had sent you
14 a pretty incredible grant opportunity
15 that we were just made aware of --

16 MS. WILHELM: Yes.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: -- earlier
18 this week that might be able to
19 help bridge the gap. What I'd
20 like to do is have somebody from
21 the Board, and we can do a smaller
22 group meeting, and dive into this
23 a bit more and see what more we
24 can or cannot do.

25 The challenge, of course, is

building things under the State laws and adhering to prevailing wage, etcetera, is much different than just somebody wanting to go and build something.

MS. WILHELM: Sure.

MAYOR STUESSI: That said, I know this whole Board is very supportive of doing whoever we can, and we need to do more. And it may mean if we're not able to figure out how to get this other grant to bridge the gap, then we may need to look at bonding to try and bridge the gap as well.

MS. WILHELM: Okay, so when I started this project, the one thing I said from the very beginning is that I didn't want this to be a burden on the tax payers. This is why we did ourselves. This is why we barely asked anybody for anything.

You and I discussed prevailing wage. I also explained that we

are not government funded. We're
are privately funded. We're a
nonprofit and there's several ways
that we can go about this. It's
been seven months. Anyone on this
Board have had any conversations
with Kevin about the project in
seven months?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think I
want to interject because I am
going to, later on when we get
into our own Work Session, I want
to put a resolution on that we
have our grant agency work along
with this to apply for that grant
that's for the empire because it's
a construction grant. I looked
into it myself, but we could take
that up later when we get into the
Work Session.

MS. WILHELM: Okay, but that's
recent, right?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah,
that's recent.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, this was
3 just announced.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We
5 have talked about it. I mean, I
6 don't want you to think that
7 like -- we all want to be able to
8 do this. And if you have
9 solutions that you think would
10 work, we're happy --

11 MS. WILHELM: But I did speak
12 of those solutions with Kevin. I
13 was under the impression you were
14 all in the same --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and they
16 don't -- they unfortunately don't
17 work. We've tried everything.
18 We've reviewed it with legal to
19 try and build it that way.

20 MS. WILHELM: Okay, and the
21 rest of the trustees have been a
22 part of this conversation?

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I have a
24 question, Rena. Do you have an
25 actual estimate of what this is

going to cost?

MS. WILHELM: Yeah.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that was shared with us at a public meeting.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: In dollars and cents numbers and stuff like that?

MS. WILHELM: Yeah, everything. Done. \$125,000 this guy is going to do it for. We raised it. We're over that.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: \$125,000, you raised that, but is that the amount of money it's actually going to cost for material --

MS. WILHELM: He's doing it regardless. That's why I've said, this guy is donating. Either he's donating his materials or his labor. That's what I've been saying for seven months, that this is -- this goes -- prevailing wage does not apply to donated or volunteer work.

So, yes, there are ways that we

can, sort of, approach this. But I don't see anyone approaching anything in seven months. I've been talking about it for seven months, Kevin, but I haven't gotten --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I don't think we've had a full Board discussion about and perhaps --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: There are legal impediments.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I know there's legal impediments.

MAYOR STUESSI: We've discussed it multiple times in Executive Session, the challenges.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Significant, insurmountable legal impediments in terms of using private funds to develop on a public property. You're subject to competitive bidding and prevailing wage.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, no, I understand that portion of it,

but what I'm getting at is this grant opportunity has come up and I think that it's something that we need to -- I mean, after all, we spent, over the last two years, 145,000 -- \$143,000 on McBride's \$6,500-a month grant opportunities and I think we should be utilizing them to push this forward.

MAYOR STUESSI: We are. Like I said, I sent it to her the other day.

MS. WILHELM: I can't apply for that grant.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We apply.

MAYOR STUESSI: We'd apply, yes.

MS. WILHELM: I don't own the property, so it's you guys who have to apply for that.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right, right.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So I'm -- you know, as I said, I was going to suggest that at Work Session. I would -- I originally started

with you working on the Skate Park way back under the Hubbard administration.

MS. WILHELM: Yep.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I would really like to get back involved in it again and get it moving forward, but that would be up to the Mayor and the Board, so...

MS. WILHELM: But you were always supposed to be our liaison anyway, so...

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, I think it's something we all -- I mean, I know when we've talked about it, it's something we all want to do. So if the grant can, together with your fundraising, can get us going, I think that we should try to do that.

MS. WILHELM: I would just like to open the conversations. Like I shouldn't have to come here

every month or ask Kevin every single month like what we're doing because at that point, like I'll just resign. Seriously. Like...

MAYOR STUESSI: We need more money to get it done. And so there's really two options or three options. There's -- beyond the incredible amount of money you guys have already raised, to bridge the gap, there's a grant; there's bonding, which of course effects tax payers; and then there's getting participation from the Town, which, you know, after we had all talked and suggested and that was discussed.

MS. WILHELM: Right. I also asked like how did the mini railroad, how did that get built? Like no one seems to be able to give me like a straight answer on how that was built. That was a nonprofit Rotary project that was

done on Village property. The
Little Red Schoolhouse was built.
No one seems to know.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, the
Little Red Schoolhouse, that was a
grant and that was -- that's Village
property and that was a grant.

MS. WILHELM: But volunteer
work or --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, the
volunteer work offset the -- it
set off the grant --

MS. WILHELM: Right.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- which is
done with most grants if you have
in-kind services that prevails
getting you additional cash from
the grant. But as I said, there's
a lot -- there's a lot of positivity
in that grant announcement. It's
just it has a deadline of February
9th and we have to get moving on
it. And you have a project-ready
system and that's, you know,

that's -- you know, we as a Board,
need to move it forward, so...

MS. WILHELM: I'd appreciate it.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

Candace, would you like to
speak on the some of the election
changes?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.
Good evening, everyone. This was
a part of my Work Session, but I'm
just going to do this presentation
piece now, correct, Mayor?

MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon me?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: This was
a part of my Work Session, so I'm
just going to do --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we have
it down under presentations for
Village elections.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. So
for the sake of the public, I've
talked about this a few times, so
I just want to give a little bit
of background.

For Village elections we are supplied ballot tabulators or we have been supplied ballot -- they're called tabulators, which is what counts the ballots. Suffolk County Board of Elections has provided those and they have decided to stop providing that for Village elections, which put us in a position where we have to explore how we will approach our Village election.

So, let's see, obviously I've looked at this ad nauseam actually at this point. This was announced late last year, so late in October we got the announcement. So after a lot of research, I am recommending that we move forward with hand counting or canvassing our ballots moving forward for -- the next election in the Village will be next March in 2027.

So the reason that I am recommending

this is, first and foremost, cost.

The cost of these machines, the options that we have available, we would have to purchase the machines, which opens up the door for the cost of the purchase, the initial purchase, and then maintaining them, servicing these machines. I would become responsible to keep up with these machines, which is daunting.

So the purchase, renting, storing, maintenance of these machines would come at a steep cost for the Village. I have quotes that range from 12- to 15-thousand dollars, which is totally outside of the scope of our normal election cost.

The next reason I think this is a viable option is just voter turnout. So the Village of Greenport election in 2025, it was about 350 people turned out for the vote of our, approximately, 2,500 residents. We also -- the ballot

tabulator, something that should be noted is that, if there is a write-in candidate, the machine only notes that it's a write-in candidate. It will not populate the name of the write-in. So in the case of last year, in 2025, we actually had a viable write-in candidate, so we ended up hand counting the ballots in the end of the evening as --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I'm just --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Jared has been a huge help in figuring this out. He's an expert, so I just wanted to make sure that I'm still on track. So, again, the tabulators, they do not populate the names. So we ended up hand counting the ballots.

There were people who are sitting in this room right now who got to witness that process. It is quite a process to make sure that it is

accurate, is, you know, obviously
first and foremost and in efficient
of the time of the people that are
here doing the work of the election.

And operational simplicity. I do
believe that this would simplify
the process here if we could move
to hand counting ballots. This is
not uncharted territory. We are
not going into space that is --
that's unknown. There are Village
all across the island that hand
count their ballots that are
small, relatively small, just like
we are.

Let's see, anticipated cost. I'm
not going to dig too deep into
this. I will talk more about it
with the Board, but I think it is
important for the public just to
understand how I got to this
recommendation for the Board and
hopefully will receive their support
to move forward in this way.

We already pay election workers to work at the election. So that cost is already accounted for. We would need to purchase ballot boxes if we were to move in this way, so that while the election is going on, the ballots will go into a locked, sealed box that is not opened until the close of the polling day.

So that it is a one-time, relatively low cost. So we would save also on -- we would have the ability to print our own ballots. I thought that we are had to print our own, at least the absentee and early mail ballots in 2025. We did not.

So we have paper. We have the capability to do this, which would save a ton of money. Because right now with the ballot tabulators, if we were to continue down that route, we have to get ballots that are compatible with the machines and

then also sample ballots to test in the machines. All of those things cost additional money.

We would not have the cost of renting these machines, so that's another obvious cost savings. The maintenance and testing, I can't underscore that enough. I don't know what it would look like to maintain these machines. I would assume that for the integrity of the election, at least a test the year preparing for the election would need to happen.

I probably just would want to test it again, but there's no realtime rhyme or reason to this. So, I think, to be safe, it would make sense to test them at least twice before an election, but, of course, that is not my recommendation to move forward that way.

I'm going to briefly just touch on the alternative. Another

option is the Village could turn over our election handling to the Suffolk County Board of Elections. This would save the Village the total cost of the election. I'm not recommending that option because the Village has a long history of conducting our own election.

We are capable of doing this work. Our community has grown accustomed to getting results the same day, which is something specific to Village elections. There are no ballots counted after Election Day. We know who wins that night more often than not, unless there's something really tricky that happens at an election, which we haven't crossed that bridge. Yes, are there any questions?

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, we actually did two and a half years ago when a number of us weren't put on the

ballot.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: That was tricky preelection. For the conduction of the election, that was already situated.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I think there were years where they like had to count absentee ballots like after the fact if I remember.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There's been times --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Based on Election Law --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There's been times when things have had to be hand counted.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, well, absentee -- thank you for bringing that up. So absentee ballots -- we now, in New York State, have early mail ballots. Absentee and early mail ballots are always hand counted. So that's already work that's happening. This

would be just the ballots that
come in for the rest of the people
who vote on Election Day.

Any questions about this? I know
I ran through it pretty quickly.
I hope I touched on the points. I
don't know if I drove home why I'm
suggesting this or recommending
this to the Board. I guess, you
know, just to circle back, this is
work that we can do. We did really
well conducting the election in
2025. It was my first time doing
it, but we had -- it was a smooth
run of it.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I will,
for the public's benefit, comment
and thank you for that because I
know you've been recognized --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you --

MAYOR STUESSI: -- at the
state level at the NYCOM conference
that attorneys all over the State
were participating in. And then I

know you were used as an example
in the most recent meeting where
they cited all the information
that was shared by you as a
Village clerk --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- with the
community in regards to the
election. And so you deserve a
big round of applause for
everything that happened with the
election and helping to share the
information with the public. So
thank you for that.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's
important work, so thank you, I
appreciate that.

Jared, do you want to add
anything that I may have glazed
over too quickly in the nerves of
this conversation?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No.
I'm sure this conversation will
evolve. Unless any members of the

Board have any questions, I'm --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
do have a question. And I think
-- I trust your research and I
think you've done a good job, but
I just, like, one, does that mean
poll workers are going to be staying
later possibly in the night --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: --
I mean, to count?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, that
is a possibility.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
Possibly, but you could also,
perhaps, if we're going to do a
manual tally, hire additional
election inspectors so that you
can have multiple tables. You
know, have one table counting the
Election Day ballots if you will,
another table counting the early
mail ballots, which have to be
separately accounted for from the

absentee ballots.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Got you.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: So there's a way to make it a little quicker.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But I mean, either way, we're probably going to be spending more on paying election inspectors a little bit.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah, so just in terms of what's happened, Suffolk County Board of Elections is no longer using those, what I like to call the ones that look like garbage pails with the scanner on the top. They've done away with that.

They've offered to give those machines to local municipalities, special districts for free. But the catch is, those special districts and municipalities will have to, as the Village Clerk has

pointed out, number one, maintain those pieces of equipment; store them, which comes at a cost; test them before every election.

And then the cost associated with those ballot scanners include purchasing the ballots themselves. If you're using -- if you're instead switching from those machines to a manual canvas and ballots, you can print out the ballots that are going to be used on Election Day here. You don't have to purchase them from a printer at, you know, the expensive cost.

You would you have certain security protocols in place, perhaps different colored ballots for absentee, early mail, and Election Day. And it's all very well manageable, especially with a Village this size and based on the turnout numbers that Candace has shared with me over the last

five years.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, the other issues with those machines since I used to do the inspections on the south side, not here, because I'm a Village trustee here, those machines are faulty at times.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They have problems. They have had issues where they've had to shut the machine down and kind of recount because they discovered the problem during the middle of the elections.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So the machines, I didn't like working with them.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: They're certainly not foolproof, the machines.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So if we would have taken the opportunity to take the free machines, we would be taking old machines. They said that they, you know, serviced them, tested them to the best of their ability, of course, but we would be responsible for the maintenance and making sure that it's appropriate for Election Day or functioning rather for Election Day.

Another issue with that is we have someone from the Board of Elections that is someone that we are already paying on Election Day for that reason, to troubleshoot. So, in addition to the responsibility of making sure that the election is running smoothly and things are moving forward as they need to, I just think that that extra burden is not necessary considering that we are a small Village and it

is manageable to be able to count
these ballots.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
those quotes you got for buying
new machines, did that include any
kind of service or maintenance or
that was just --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: One time.
So that was part of the quote. So
they put in that one-time
maintenance cost, but we would --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
Right, be an ongoing expense.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: If the
-- go ahead, I'm sorry.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: The
other alternative, as the Village
Clerk has pointed out, is
transferring the operation of
Village elections to the County.
And in doing that, you've --
essentially you'd have to pass a
resolution -- I forget if it's

subject to referendum. I had circulated a memo about this a little while ago.

But the County itself would run the Village election entirely, including with the newer machines that they have. But, you know, you lose a sense of control. I think you lose also a sense of identity because, you know, this is a Village election, the Village ought to control it's elections some may think.

Although the cost, if it was shifted to the County, would be entirely borne by the County, at least that's what the comptrollers' opinions that I've read have said. I don't know if the County would necessarily accept that. It could be an issue that we would have to address with them.

MAYOR STUESSI: Would there potentially be a date change if it

were turned over to the County?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You could, if you were to turn it over to the County, simultaneously pass a resolution shifting the date of the election to coincide with the general election held on the second Tuesday in November.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It would have to, correct?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No, it would not.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It would not?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No. You could do that.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So the County can run the election on our schedule?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes, yes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Isn't there something about Villages could also have an election in June?

2 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Most Villages
4 on the East End are -- -

5 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: It's
6 March or June, yeah.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
8 that's just -- I mean, if we ran
9 it ourselves, we could -- it could
10 be in June also.

11 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: And
12 if you were to pass the resolution
13 shifting the date of the election
14 from its current date to November,
15 that would also cause a necessary
16 extension of time in terms of term
17 for people who are currently
18 sitting in office.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Jared,
20 do you provide counsel for any
21 other Villages that are hand
22 counting for their elections?

23 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
24 Yes, as a matter of fact, I do.
25 Village of West Hampton Dunes is

very small. I think you said turnout is what, 400 max, that you've seen over time?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Max, and I'm adding to that number.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, it was just above 500 in our election.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I believe so.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: So 500 ballots is, I think, manageable. If you split it up into several tables in making sure that we have sufficient eyes on the inspectors and making sure that the canvas was done right.

Last year I think the Village Clerk did a fantastic job. The way that the ballots were counted, she had spreadsheets for each ballot and the results for each and it was separately counted and I think that's why NYCOM was

complimentary of her efforts and
also the transparency that was
done in terms of noticing the
election and whatnot.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So in
your experience, do you have any
concerns hand counting?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I
don't. I think it's -- it's as
accurate as you can get so long as
it's done deliberately. I think
the election inspectors last year
moved methodically to make sure
that they were doing the right way
at the right speed.

And, of course, everybody standing
around those tables wants it done
like this, but that's just not the
case. It also allows for an audit
God forbid there's a very close
election and somebody brought a
lawsuit in challenging the results
of the election, you have all of
that paper that can be introduced

to the Court and say, here are the results of the election and have it checked.

Yes, you could do that with voting machines, but, you know, a bigger check-the-box rather than having to fill in that small oval or somebody checking the box that that oval is in, it's voter intent that controls.

But I think given the costs that the Village Clerk has outlined, you know, this should be, you know, perhaps, a financial decision. It's certainly manageable from an operational standpoint.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Candace, I think your report was clear and concise and I agree with your recommendations. I think that's probably sensible for our Village.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you. I will also note that I, as part of my research, I've spoken with

village clerks from various sized municipalities just to, you know, get that extra confidence boost from them. And I did. It was exactly that. There are many clerks who, when I asked the question, they're like I wouldn't even consider purchasing that and putting that burden on the community at that cost considering the size of your municipality and the voter turnout.

And then one more note, I thank you for bringing that up. We live in a community, as we can see, that is incredibly civically engaged and I think it's beautiful. We have election inspectors. We have access to really, really experienced election inspectors.

I had an abundance of options to choose from with the Board of Elections list. And they, you know, as Jared said, they were

methodical. They do this work outside of just village elections. There is a little bit of a difference between how village elections are conducted and the County elections, how they conduct it. But we have really great access to capable people in our community, so I have full confidence for that reason as well.

MAYOR STUESSI: I'm curious, were there any discussions about dates for elections in this meeting you just participating in? Because I know when I go to the East End Mayors and Supervisors Meeting, one of the things that I've heard from a lot of folks is they believe they get a bigger turn out, at least in the Villages, when they do a June election.

And obviously the towns are now, you know, they're all, as is the County, on a different schedule

with November elections as a standard, one of the reasons being is for turnouts.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: That didn't come up. I think this current situation is enough to consider right now and to figure. You know, this is not something that was budgeted for anywhere across Suffolk County. So everyone is dealing with this burden where -- you know, the cost impact.

There are also a lot of clerk treasurers across the island and I'm so grateful that I don't have to do Adam's work. So just like that balance of, you know, being fiscally responsible and then also making sure you protect the integrity of the election was at the forefront.

So no conversations that I had were, you know, really surrounding

date changes. I think people have opinions on it and I don't know if there's really a way to really prove that. I'm of the belief that if it's a presidential election, that's going to drive turnout. Everything else, it's...

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: The one thing I'd point out, just in terms of changing the dates -- changing the date of an election, is I think it would be subject to referendum, even if you were to pass a resolution switching the date of the election to the date of the general election in November as part of the package of resolutions shifting the operation of Village elections to the Board of Elections, because you're extending necessarily the terms of office of encumbrance, it would have to be approved by the community through a referendum.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: But not for a
3 June?

4 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You
5 would --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Either way.

7 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: --
8 if you were to switch from March
9 to June.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Any idea what
11 the history is, why most of the
12 Villages out here are June versus --

13 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I
14 don't know. It's something that
15 was when the Villages were created,
16 they picked one or the other.
17 Those are the two dates during the
18 year that Villages hold elections.

19 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I think
20 it's a mix though. I spoke with
21 the clerk from Amityville all the
22 way to Sagaponack and it's a mix.
23 There's some clerks that are dealing
24 with this issue in realtime for
25 March election right now. So this

has been an incredible challenge.

But I am confident in this recommendation that we can do this.

MAYOR STUESSI: I apologize, I don't recall seeing a budget number of what you thought the increase would be to the budget. It sounds like it would be two additional --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Well, it would be at least -- I'm sorry -- additional poll workers. I think that would -- the cost of that would be offset by reducing or taking away the cost of purchasing ballots.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You'd probably recognize a savings if were to go the hand counting route.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah, but, I mean, right now we don't -- like the last election --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: --

we didn't pay the County.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: We did.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Oh,
we did?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: We have a
person that --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah,
to rent them. Last year the County --
last year the County rented those
machines.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, so
we pay for the rental and then we
also pay for --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
The ballots.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: The
ballots.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: The
ballots from a company that are
compatible with their machines.
You have to have the actual ballots.
You have to have test ballots.
And then we also have a person
that works for the County Board of

2 Elections that we have to pay.

3 They are here for the full day.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
5 we're paying our own election
6 inspectors?

7 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: On
8 top of the --

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Adam, what
10 did we budget for the election
11 usually? I know it's every --

12 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
13 7,000? Six or seven thousand.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, 7,000,
15 I think was the number.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So this
17 would increase that cost by a
18 minimum of \$10,000.

19 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: If
20 you were to stick with the machines?

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, that's
23 what I thought.

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Just
25 because we would have to purchase

the machines. I would strongly advise against taking the old machines. I think that would be a recipe for, you know, problems that may cost as much as purchasing a new one down the line. We also -- I have no idea where we would securely store these machines.

MAYOR STUESSI: That's a big issue.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, it's a huge issue and having them in a secure location is paramount. So I don't think it's a good idea to purchase the machines and certainly take the free offering of machines.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But so going to hand counting would probably actually be less.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It would save money.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, so like, if we're talking

about that \$7,000, it might be less because what we're doing is just paying more inspection -- election inspectors and buying ballot boxes.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Right, and then there's a specific number, correct, based on the law of election inspectors? We can't just have like a frivolous amount of them, right? It's like increments of four.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I think you're entitled to four per election district. And since this Village is only comprised of one election district, you can have four. But that, to you're -- you're asking that question in response to my earlier point about splitting up into tables. You're going to want at least two bipartisan teams, you know, so

essentially you'd be maxed out at two tables.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Right.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So you could only have four election inspectors?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah, and then you can have backups to relieve those election inspectors during the day.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Oh, I see.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But there's only four that's actually allowed on the --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah, right.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- being active. And then you have those that are in reserve for when they want to take lunch or they need to take a break.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Right.

I think it's you're entitled to an election chairperson and four election inspectors.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct, which is what we had at last election. So that would be flat. It wouldn't change.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And so we're one district for the purposes of the Village election?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Because we're not -- were multiple districts for other elections.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: For purposes of the Village election, right.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Like the Town of East Hampton, which was the last one I did. That was a big one, so...

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah. We also represent the Village of

2 Hempstead which has 36, so that's --

3 MAYOR STUESSI: When did you
4 do this in East Hampton, Mary Bess?

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: In the
6 later 1997 --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, I'm sorry,
8 I thought you meant recently.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no.
10 Once I became a Village Trustee, I
11 stopped doing it. They kept
12 putting it me on the south side
13 and it just didn't work for me.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Is it
15 fair to say the timeline for this
16 Board to make a decision is tied
17 to the budgeting process; is that
18 right, Adam?

19 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure,
20 yes.

21 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: So
22 there are no deadlines with respect
23 to the election aside from when you
24 need to notice, you know --

25 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Right.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: --

what vacancies are -- you have to
do that in any event. You'll have
to notify the County Board of
Elections as to which offices are
up for election this coming here.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Right.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, if we
wanted one of old machines, we
would need to let them know pretty
quickly.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: That's
right. In fact, they've --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, if
we want --

MAYOR STUESSI: That's the
main issue here.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, so
the only deadlines right now is if
we would like to take one of those
free machines, I would need to let
them know that as soon as possible.
If we decide to -- the Board
decides to purchase new machines,

then that's a conversation. Adam would like to know that as soon as possible.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Aside from that, our deadlines, as far as the 2027 election, we are, at least, six to seven months out from any of those notices and deadlines, so we have no obligation for that work right now.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Right.

MAYOR STUESSI: I've got no interest in an old antiquated machine. I'm assuming nobody else on the Board that does?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. I was going to say that I think we should just go with her recommendation and move on for the rest of the meeting.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I agree.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: We've got a

number of folks here. Is there anybody else from the public that would like to speak this evening before we go to the rest of the agenda? We have a pretty lengthy number of things.

MR. HARRIS: I would like to.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, please.

MR. HARRIS: Peter Harris, 212 Knapp Place, Greenport; former superintendant of highways and then highway business for 43 years.

Earlier this evening Chief Miller made a statement pertaining to potholes and I got to tell you, I don't understand why the amount of potholes that are out on the road in the Village of Greenport that have not been taken care of since the one major snow fall that we had.

Every other highway department -- just the other night, Tuesday night, I was coming home from an engagement I was at. At 11:00 at night the

State of New York had three trucks out doing pothole repair through the tavern turn and the railroad bridge.

This Village, you people sitting at that dais, you ought to be ashamed of yourselves to allow this highway department that the Village of Greenport has to have not -- they should have had the materials on hand that once the storm is over and the roads dry up, those potholes should have been addressed. I don't get it.

And it falls back right on the person that is in charge of not making sure that material is on hand prior to the winter season, that the road patch is on hand so that when potholes start breaking out, potholes are filled.

That disaster that the chief spoke about earlier on Center Street on either side of 1st Street, I'm not

talking potholes, I'm talking
potholes that people's vehicles
can get damaged.

The paving that you were -- had
addressed, Mayor, on North Street,
I don't even know how you even let
the contractor begin paving so
late in the year. They went and
they -- they went and they milled
the road and they started to put
the base coat down and the
temperature took a nosedive.

So you don't pave below 50-degree
temperature. I don't even know
why that you even allowed them to
even start that late in the season
because it's a disaster. Because
between 2nd and 3rd, that section
of North street never even got any
asphalt put back down over where
it was milled. I don't understand.

You people are the ones that make
the decisions. And you're crew
leader or whatever his title is,

should have said, listen, we shouldn't do this. But case and point, Main Street, big potholes. You got the one -- they paved the one section right by Manor Place that they had milled out, but there are potholes. And it's inexcusable that no potholes are being taken care of.

And I just don't under -- I just -- like I said, 43 years in the business I was in. And if I was in office right now and this -- these roads were a part of Southold Town, that phone would be jumping off the hook.

Why aren't these potholes being taken care of? I understand you had a water main break. They did a wonderful job repairing it. And it's going to settle a little bit. But there should be adequate amount of pothole repair material on hand.

I've ridden by that highway yard on numerous occasions. I see all the -- here it is, 11:00 in the morning, all the trucks are in the yard. Why? Why are you not out on the road working?

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you. As I said earlier, we got some material last week. There was some that were filled. There's more that are going to be and Corazzini is going to be doing some work over there too.

MR. HARRIS: Mayor, you know, that's a -- that's a lame, lame statement to say, we got some. It shouldn't be some. It should be adequate amount of material. Okay? Adequate. Not some.

Because the residents and the people that live on the out -- the Greater Greenport area, where I live in, that go and do my shopping in this Village and travel on these streets, to see,

day, after day, after day, and
nothing. Nothing.

And no one, I guess, no one
sitting up at that table has dropped
a dime to the crew leader and say,
so what are we doing? How come
these are not getting done? I
don't get it. Luckily he isn't --
that he doesn't have to run or
election, because he'd be out.

MR. SALADINO: John Saladino,
6th Street. I live on 6th Street,
so it's nice. I have had no
potholes, but in response to what
Pete says. Pete, I understand
there's potholes in the Village --
and this is not why I'm up here to
talk. There's potholes in the
Village, but I drive from the
Railroad Bridge in Greenport West
to the Town of Southold and it's
like a washboard.

MR. HARRIS: They just did it
the other night.

MR. SALADINO: What's Southold doing? You know, I drive in the disabled lane not to hit the bumps in the road. If there was cop behind me, I would be pulled over because he would think I'm driving off the road. So, I mean, we can throw rocks at everybody in the town.

MR. HARRIS: One square mile, John. One square mile.

MAYOR STUESSI: Pete -- guys, let's --

MR. SALADINO: Anyway, my question is -- do I have the Board's permission to ask the clerk a question about the election?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, absolutely.

MR. SALADINO: Candace, can you tell me the difference in cost to the tax payer if we did paper ballots and dropped them in a box as opposed to buying the new machines with hiring additional -- is it substantial? Is it \$500,

\$1,000, \$10,000?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It would be a minimum of \$10,000.

MR. SALADINO: I vote yes. My second question is --

MAYOR STUESSI: Hold on a second, that's purchasing the new machines --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- it doesn't include maintenance and storage, etcetera?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: No. And I'm --

MR. SALADINO: We'll those are other logistic things.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Right, so --

MAYOR STUESSI: But there'd be a cost to that likely.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So this quote here is \$12,425 for the purchase of the machines, for a one-time training. I would probably need more. I'm a double

check kind of person. And just things of that -- yeah, one-time training, service of the machines on Election Day is \$4,500.

Yeah, the printing of the ballots is substantial as well. So this total is about \$12,425. That's a one-year purchase total quoted and this is the lower quote.

MR. SALADINO: So the other side of that coin is we would have to buy a ballot box for like \$8.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

MR. SALADINO: Buy an official ballot box for \$800 and we would have to pay four people. Jared said four?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Well, you'd want backups so that --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. So we would have to pay eight people at \$21 an hour that I think the Village pays them, right, the election inspector is like 20

bucks an hour?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Just to be clear, not to cut you off, we did have the maximum, because we had two alternates and four election inspectors in 2025. So the cost that was imposed on the Village last year would be very similar to 2027 aside from an increase in pay, which the State just pushed through. So we would have to increase their pay, I think, \$1 for the six of them.

MR. SALADINO: They need a better union. No.

The other thing that I would say is in reality and, you know, obviously I can't ask those folks, but I'll ask you, and it's rhetorical, how long do we honestly think it would take to count them? I can't remember an election where there was more than

500 ballots.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: We know how long it takes because you had to count the ballots at last election.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It took until about midnight. It took a couple extra hours.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It did.

MR. SALADINO: Is that a hardship?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: No. It was necessary.

MR. SALADINO: You ran. You ran in the last election?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I sat here until they were done.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: He was here.

MAYOR STUESSI: Julia and Mary Bess ran last year.

MR. SALADINO: Oh, right. I apologize. I apologize.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We all sat

there.

MR. SALADINO: Were you guys
awake 'till the last one? But
really, is that that big a deal to
find out if you're elected or not
by like midnight?

And what you had said, it gives
you a sense of identity. It gives
you a sense of, you live in a
small Village, you come to this
place, you drop your ballot in the
box, as opposed to some machine
gobbling up your ballot.

Is it really that big a deal?
You know, I don't know if these
folks have an opinion about it. I
have an opinion about it. I'm on
Board 100 percent. If I get a
vote, I vote yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Vote
yes for what?

MR. SALADINO: To do paper
ballots in the box.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Got ya.

2 I thought you were saying spend
3 the money on the machines, John.

4 MR. SALADINO: Have you met me?

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
6 don't know. You surprised me
7 sometimes.

8 MR. SALADINO: -- are you crazy,
9 when somebody can do it for \$25?

10 MAYOR STUESSI: What about
11 April versus June, John?

12 MR. SALADINO: I do have
13 opinion about that too --

14 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: March.

15 MR. SALADINO: -- March verse
16 June.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: March. Sorry.

18 MR. SALADINO: I think June --
19 I think anybody that wants June as
20 the Election Day does it to pander
21 to second homeowners. I don't
22 think it's going increase turnout
23 of the person that lives in this
24 Village full-time.

25 I think it's to pander to people

2 that are either in Florida because
3 they don't live here full-time, or
4 some guy that lives in Manhattan
5 that comes here for three months
6 and he chose to register to vote
7 here. I think you should make it
8 in January when there's a snowstorm.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: So you want to
10 squelch voter turn out?

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: They
12 can all vote absentee.

13 MR. SALADINO: Listen, you're
14 not going to squelch voter turnout.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: January?

16 MR. SALADINO: You're not
17 going to squelch voter turnout to
18 the people that live here that
19 live and die by the issues that
20 are here. You're going to squelch
21 the guy that's not going to take
22 the Jitney in that day or take the
23 railroad in that day or drive his
24 BMW in that day or come back from
25 Florida on that day.

MAYOR STUESSI: I don't know,
I see some Jitney folks and BMW
owners in the audience.

MR. SALADINO: I'm not apologizing
to anybody.

MAYOR STUESSI: We know that.

MR. SALADINO: I don't care
who's in the audience, but that's
my personal experience. That's my
personal experience.

MAYOR STUESSI: A referendum
to move the election to January.

MR. SALADINO: No, keep it in
March because we don't want to
confuse things --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

MR. SALADINO: -- and we don't
want to spend. Jared, didn't you
say we were going to have to have
a referendum?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
You'd have to have a referendum.

MR. SALADINO: And that cost
money, right?

2 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That's
4 an election.

5 MR. SALADINO: We don't want
6 to spend money. Adam and I are on
7 the same page about spending money.

8 The other thing that I originally
9 came up here to speak about was --
10 so is my vote registered that we're
11 going to do canvassing?

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I got you.

13 MR. SALADINO: I'm on the
14 record for voting yes.

15 Are you going to discuss tonight,
16 at this meeting, to put a referendum
17 on the agenda for next month --
18 next week's meeting to change
19 150-41 and 150-44 in the Village
20 Code about videotaping and about
21 alternate members to the statutory
22 boards? Are you going to discuss
23 that tonight?

24 MAYOR STUESSI: We were going
25 to briefly discuss it.

2 MR. SALADINO: Then I'll briefly
3 make my comment.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: We have not
5 read over -- at least I haven't --

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I
7 haven't either.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: The Planning
9 Board comments came literally
10 within moments before the meeting.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
12 think also aren't the public
13 hearings scheduled --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: --
16 for both those for next week, but
17 go ahead.

18 MR. SALADINO: There's a
19 public hearing schedule for that?

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
21 believe so.

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So the
23 video conferencing public hearing
24 is next week. The alternates is
25 February 19th.

MR. SALADINO: I'm going to
give my opinion now if I may?

MAYOR STUESSI: Please.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

MR. SALADINO: I was here, I
was a member of the statutory
board when the resolution was
passed to add alternative members
to statutory boards. To me, to
have an alternative member -- an
alternate member, it's kind of
like a nonissue. I'll preface it
by saying --

MAYOR STUESSI: This was how
long ago would you say?

MR. SALADINO: Ten years maybe.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, about
that.

MR. SALADINO: DO you remember
it? You were here. Maybe ten years,
I'm not sure. I've been a member
of the Zoning Board for 11 years,
the chairman for 10. We have
never cancelled a meeting because

of a lack of a quorum. Not once did we ever cancel a meeting because of lack of a quorum.

In my memory, I can remember maybe two or three recusal's to members because the lawyer was their lawyer or whatever it was.

So -- and just before it slips through my mind, to correct the record, Trustee Phillips had make a comment at last month's Work Session that one of the motivating factors was to prevent a problem that the Zoning Board had the month before or that month where there was a 2-2 tie.

There wasn't a 2-2 tie. There was a discussion that our attorney thought might end in a 2-2 tie, but the actual vote was 4-0. So it was a nonissue. And even if there was a 2-2 tie, our attorney is here, he would tell you it's a default denial, but you have

62 days to vote, two additional meetings to vote, and somebody changes their mind or they hold still and then it's a denial.

I'm adamantly opposed to changing the wording of the code to add additional reasons -- to add alternative members, auxiliary members -- what's the term?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
Alternate.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
Alternate.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Alternate.

MR. SALADINO: Alternate members to the statutory board. You can add two. I think by law you can add two. And I don't have a problem with one year, two years, five years, whatever you guys want to do.

MAYOR STUESSI: You've been Board chair and been on the Board for a long time. Do you have a

recommendation of one year versus
two years?

MR. SALADINO: I think it's a
nonissue. I don't think it's
going to increase membership. I
don't think it's going decrease
membership. I don't think it's
going to -- unless somebody is
actually used, that's what's going
to make somebody not sit through a
two-hour Zoning Board or two-hour
Planning Board meeting and sit
there and not get to participate.
Audience members get to do that
because they get to come up to the
podium and voice their opinion.

MAYOR STUESSI: And then can
you share what you mean by
alternate language?

MR. SALADINO: The code as its
written says the only time you can
use an alternate member is in the
case of a conflict of interest.

That's our code. I believe that's

New York State code also. The Planning Board's recommendation was to change that and make it for any reason; absenteeism, somebody's late, somebody's sick, somebody doesn't feel like showing up, somebody's in Florida.

I think that's -- I think that's wrong. I think it's a way to perhaps selectively choose who gets to vote, who doesn't get to vote. I think it's a way to get perhaps -- I'm Sicilian and we're naturally suspicious, so I'll say this. A lot of people might not agree with me, but it's also a way to perhaps get rid of a member that somebody doesn't want on a particular Board. I think it's a slippery slope and you shouldn't go down it.

A guy gets a flat tire or he stops for a coffee, his watch stopped or whatever and he's ten

minutes late for a meeting. It happens all the time. And now he doesn't get to serve in a position that he's been in for a year, two year, five years, six years?

You pull somebody out of the audience that's never done this before and you put them up and they get to vote? And what happens the next month when the guy's on time? Does that alternate member sit back in the audience?

And even if you do miss a meeting, it happens all the time. We have members through illness, through family emergencies that don't show-up. They read the minutes from the previous month and they take their chair the next month.

If somebody's consistently absent, there's a remedy for that. This Board can relieve them of their job. Because somebody doesn't

show-up in what somebody else has in their mind, a timeframe or the amount of service they should perform, it's not up to the chairman to say, I don't want this guy no more or this person anymore. That's not it. It should stay -- in my opinion, for whatever that's worth, it should stay the way it is.

If there's a conflict of interest -- I recused myself last month, not because of the conflict, but because of perception of bias. People recuse themselves for different reasons. So, you know, I didn't want the applicant to think that. He made comments that some members were personally holding up his application.

To avoid the perception -- we've learned at training seminars, the perception of bias is as bad as actual bias. So to avoid that, I

recused myself. The Board worked fine. On that application the vote was 4-0. They didn't need an alternate member.

So I would suggest to this Board, you can make it whatever time you want, one year, two years, five years. To me that's a nonissue. I show up. My members show up. So this really is a nonissue to me as far as how long an alternate should be appointed for.

I think if you have the desire to serve, if you're appointed for five years or one year, that desire remains the same. So I don't think it's going increase people's desire to serve on the -- on a statutory board.

And, again, that's my opinion, but I would encourage you not to change the draft language in the code and change it from a conflict of interest to anything other than

that.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: John,
would you say it's not in the
public's interest to expand those
reasons why an alternate can
serve; is that what you're saying?
It's not in the public's interest?

MR. SALADINO: I don't think
it is. I think -- I think if
somebody's not doing their job,
like consistently not showing up,
is -- one of the few reasons you
can be dismissed from a statutory
board is absenteeism or not doing
your training or --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
Oath of office, some other things.

MR. SALADINO: -- or
violating -- well, nobody here is
going to violate the Constitution.
But then the Village Board has a
remedy. They hold a public
hearing and they dismiss them for
cause. I mean, because a guy's

late, he shouldn't lose his seat.

Somebody invests -- somebody like myself or my colleague, Dinni Gordon, she's on the Zoning Board for 12 years. She gets a flat tire in front of her house. She's 80 something years old. And by the time she fixes it and gets here, she's ten minutes late, she lose her slot? She loses her seat? It's just not right. It's just not right.

If have you a legitimate conflict or you choose to recuse yourself -- and then the question comes up, what if you abstain? What if you abstain from a vote? There's the possibility of a 2-2 vote, right?

I mean, what do you do? You abstain at the end of a public hearing -- at the end of a discussion and now it comes time for a vote and you abstain and it's a 2-2 vote, you call the guy

out of the audience and say what do you think? I see more problems than it's worth.

I don't know what happens on the other boards. You know, I'm not -- I know what happens on the Board that I serve on. I'm intimately familiar with the workings of the Zoning Board. I don't know what happens in Planning and HPC, but in my experience on the Zoning Board, we've never had that problem where the lack of someone there caused any problems.

There was always a quorum. We've never cancelled a meeting. In my time, 11 years, we've never cancelled a meeting because of the lack of a quorum.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: How long have you been chair of the Zoning Board, 11 years?

MR. SALADINO: Eleven years.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Have

you ever had -- what's the history of having vacancies on the Board? None?

MR. SALADINO: What do you mean vacancy?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Where the Board is not filled for some period of time.

MR. SALADINO: Well, if there's a vacancy on the Board, somebody that's been appointed to the Board and there's a vacancy because of sickness? We had a member that got very sick and had a stroke and couldn't serve early on into their tenure on the Board, that's not on us. That's on you. That's on you.

The Mayor, with the approval of the Board, appoints new members or reappoints members. If a vacancy occurs during a term, it's unilateral. He can appoint whoever he wants.

I mean, you know, sometimes there's

controversy, two guys want the job.

I remember it happened with a previous Mayor. He wanted to accommodate them and they had to like, I don't know, like a runoff or something. I don't know how that happened.

But as far as my personal experience, sometimes a member will quit. Sometimes a member will get sick. And then it's up to the Board to fill that slot. Well, actually it's up to the Mayor.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: It's up to the Mayor.

MR. SALADINO: He doesn't need you to fill that slot. Don't take that the wrong way. I mean, it's just the way it's written in our code. But as hard as it is to believe, we kind of muddled through. You know, with four members, we kind of muddled through.

I don't know how it is -- like I said, I don't know how it is on Planning; I don't know how it is on HPC, but -- and if there is a 2-2 tie, the lawyer knows the deal, the applicant knows the deal, the Zoning Board knows the deal.

It's a default denial 62 days later. Not that night. At the next meeting -- we have two meetings within 62 days, they can discuss it again. Maybe somebody changes their vote. Maybe they don't, and then it's a denial. You know, that's how it is. That's how the rules work.

MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick, do you have a perspective on this as former Planning Board chair?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I know on the Planning Board, I think, there was some periods of time where there was -- it was not fully filled. But I think, as

John was pointing out, that's not really -- I don't think it's really a code issue. It was really the administration's ability to make an appointment.

MR. SALADINO: Isn't it also the motivation of the member? I mean, my members show up. I say my members. I mean, collectively. The Zoning Board shows up. I mean, they're kind of anxious to do their job and stuff.

Occasionally, you know, somebody has family emergency or something happens, a plane is cancelled or something and that's to be expected. But if somebody's consistently absent. You know, I hear, well, you know, sometimes they only show-up for half the meetings and stuff. Then it's up to you to get rid of them. They're not motivated to be on that Board. I know it sounds harsh, but it's --

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Do you think
3 there should be some sort of
4 minimum number of meetings that
5 somebody attends a year?

6 MR. SALADINO: I'm not going to
7 make a comment about that. I
8 don't know. Because every
9 circumstance is different. You
10 know, if you have a member that's
11 got a problem going on someplace
12 else and it's unavoidable and they
13 choose to make a valued judgment
14 about what -- if somebody's got to
15 go to a hockey game or if
16 somebody's got a condo board
17 meeting in Babylon and had they
18 choose to attend that instead of
19 their obligation here, then that --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: It's very
21 different than mom being sick or
22 something like that.

23 MR. SALADINO: Exactly, exactly.
24 And you take every case as it
25 comes. And, you know, but if I

had a member that didn't show-up
11 times out of the year for 12
meetings, then I would say maybe --

MAYOR STUESSI: Mary Bess, any
perspective from former chair?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, actually
all my members showed up because
they were extremely interested in
the Village.

MR. SALADINO: Exactly.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They were
all -- you know, there was some
major projects that we had. One
of them was 123 Sterling. So it
was a community that had members
here that worked.

But I do know that there were
times, okay, that it was getting
with the conflict of interest on
some issues that, you know, the
mechanism to have an alternate
come in wasn't there at that point,
okay? And that's where I'm
concerned is that it's not whether

we need them right at the moment,
it's we have to have something
that's within the code to provide
for it.

MR. SALADINO: But we have that.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, but
getting back to the discussion that
came up at the last Work Session
or whatever was that Village Attorney
at the time brought up to the Board
that you need to have an alternate
within the code and he wasn't
aware of it because he brought up
the 2-2. That's where I got the
information from, John. I have to
correct that, okay? He just said
that they had a 2-2 vote and that
he was recommending --

MR. SALADINO: He was reading
the room.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, I know.
Whatever it was, it doesn't really
matter. What matters is, do you
agree that we need to have the

mechanism or the process within
our code to cover an alternate or
are you against having alternates?

MR. SALADINO: I'm not opposed
to alternates. I recommended it
as part of the discussion. I was
on the Zoning Board as part of the
discussion when you passed that
resolution. I didn't have a
problem with that.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But as far
as what the Planning Board, I just
got that document, what, 5:30 this
afternoon?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And I
skimmed it and scanned it and I
saw what you're talking about, but
I haven't digested it yet. So I
kind of agree with you that it
should just be -- there should be
circumstances as to why you need
an alternate.

MR. SALADINO: I'm --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's debatable.

MR. SALADINO: I think what we're doing -- I think it's getting circular. The law -- I don't think we should pass new laws to -- I don't think we should pass new laws when we have the old law that addresses this on the books. Why pass a new law to say, yeah, we need an alternate?

The code says we're entitled to have an alternate. It's up to you. The resolution's been in effect for ten years. Well, this Board collectively hasn't appointed anybody to be an alternate to the Zoning Board, Planning Board, or HPC.

That's up to you. If you want to appoint two people and let them sit in the audience and serve if there's -- I have no problem with that if there's a conflict of interest.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, my concern

purely is, as I had shared with you prior, is we have somebody ready on call at the back bench in case we lose a member, that I thought it was more important to -- or not more important, but good to have somebody. And a five-year appointment seemed like really long time for somebody serving as an alternate versus a year or two years, in the case where you take the Jitney to go pick up your BMW in Florida in January.

MR. SALADINO: I wish I had a BMW. My car is 17 years old. I don't own a BMW. But one of the things that I heard was that it would motivate people to serve. Right now people aren't motivating to serve. I don't agree with that. I think there's a lot of people out there that would like to serve.

MAYOR STUESSI: There's a lot

of interest in Planning Board and Zoning Board, less so in some of the other committees from what I see or I've heard.

MR. SALADINO: Well, we're where the action is.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, nobody wants to work with the --

MR. SALADINO: But how motivated if you appoint somebody, even for a year, and you make them sit where Rena is sitting now for one year and never get to participate?

I would rather see an intern sit in that seat. I would rather see a high school kid or a college kid or young adult sit in that seat and learn the deal. I'm on old coot. I'm not doing this much longer. My colleagues are just as old -- well, almost as old as I am.

MAYOR STUESSI: You have one individual taking exception with that in the audience right now.

MR. SALADINO: He is an old
coot too. But it would be good --
I would rather have an intern or I
would a college kid there learn the
ropes and then if you guys think
they're worth, step in and do it.

But I just don't think it's going
to motivate anybody, especially on
the Board that I serve on. We
kind of show-up. And it's rare,
rare that there's a conflict of
interest; very rare that there's a
conflict.

I remember twice perhaps or three
times in my tenure that somebody
recused themselves because of
conflict of interest. Abstain,
all the time, but -- so now you're
saying, well, it will motivate
somebody to serve on the Board.
So they to sit here for a year, 12
meetings, not get to talk, not get
to participate, not get to debate,
not get to do anything, and go

home like an hour later.

I don't see that as a motivating factor, but I don't care about the time limit. I want to stress that. I don't care about the time limit. You guys can make that whatever you want, six months, a year, two years, five years. I don't care about that. I just don't want you to -- I would rather you didn't change the wording of our present code.

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay, thank you, John.

MR. SALADINO: Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: If you have further feedback, feel free to send the Board an e-mail or reply to that Planning Board summary.

MR. SALADINO: Thank you.

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

MR. OSINSKI: I'd like to speak.

MAYOR STUESSI: You didn't want to go first, Isabel?

MS. OSINSKI: Only if you don't allow me to.

MR. OSINSKI: I'm Michael Osinski, 307 Flint Street. I'm here because I understand today there's a discussion of changing the Wetlands law?

MAYOR STUESSI: We were, very briefly, going touch on it, as I said in the e-mail, in preparation for having a deeper discussion in our next meeting. We're going to be scheduling a daytime meeting with a number of different --

MR. OSINSKI: Like I asked you and several Board members, what's the motivating purpose of changing these laws? What's driving this?

MAYOR STUESSI: So we've had some prior discussions on this several meetings back. Patrick, would you like to touch on some of

the conversations?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I'm having trouble recalling. I saw your e-mails today. I didn't respond because I think we're talking about procedural things.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Not changing the law in terms of how restrictive it is or the scope of the law, but my recollection was that there was maybe some procedural things that were inconsistent and --

MAYOR STUESSI: Process and how it relates to the code, yeah.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And we're also looking for ways to try and improve the processes for the public benefit. So -- but I can't recall right now exactly what the issues were.

MAYOR STUESSI: That's exactly what it was.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I think there was some talk of like the CAC and whether there should be like a more formalized reporting, but these were just like conversations.

MR. OSINSKI: Okay. It just said that you wanted to change the code. So I mean, we own a lot of wetlands. I called other people that own lots of wetlands and they said they don't know anything, nobody is talking to them. So, you know...

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We had some procedural problems come up in the past, Mike, that caused the applicants some months of delay. And that was part of the reason of looking into the code because I believe the code does designate some requirement to the process. So I think that's why it probably came --

MR. OSINSKI: Filing a wetland?

I mean, I filed tons of these. I actually have another one coming, but...

MAYOR STUESSI: And there's also been some changes by the State relative to freshwater wetlands as well that we need to do some updates with.

MR. OSINSKI: Okay, alright.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I think some of them were just --

MAYOR STUESSI: One -- I'm sorry, go ahead, Lily.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I was going to say were procedural about like who signs the permit. Like just little, like cleaning up things, which maybe sometimes would involve changing code.

MR. OSINSKI: Because wetlands -- obviously changing, you know, the wetlands code, we could have a very negative impact, financial, hugely negative impact. And, you

know, we'd like to find out, you know, as soon as possible what's going on.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: As I said, in the past -- the past year and a half maybe or two years, there was some applications that was procedural questions with inhouse and dealing with the permit process of it, so...

MAYOR STUESSI: But my hope -- I know you had problems years ago trying to build your oyster farm with the Village. My hope would be that the next person that tries to do it, the Village Board has made it easier to do something like that. One of the things that we're having a challenge with is procedurally on things and making sure it all lines up and the ducks are in a row for signoff.

But what we are seeing a lot of now, we just had another one that

came in yesterday, is a request to build swimming pools in houses that about freshwater wetlands, think about the whole Silver Lake area, and they're now in this larger distance.

And so it's going to require, likely not any code tweaks, but some procedural things because that's -- you know, folks -- everybody wants a swimming pool these days. Folks don't swim in the bay.

MR. OSINSKI: Okay, but just to follow through on the point you just raised. You're saying people that live in Silver Lake, or are abutting Silver Lake, want to build a swimming pool in the back yard and how is that -- how is their backyard wetland?

MAYOR STUESSI: Freshwater wetlands.

MR. OSINSKI: How is that

defined?

MAYOR STUESSI: By State law.

MR. OSINSKI: And what is the definition?

MAYOR STUESSI: I don't have it in front of me right now, but if you're within X number of feet, which has now been increased, relative to freshwater wetlands, it requires a permit from the Village and us sending the CAC committee a permit, which we've done on others, but the distance has now been, how shall I say it, reduced actually. It covers a larger --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I think that also updated like where there's more wetlands in some areas than there used to be.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, there's more wetlands and houses that used to may not fall in that zone, now fall in that zone because of both

more wetlands and the increase in the coverage area. And then you also have an increase in demand with the wealth that's coming out here, by people that are building houses and putting pools in for themselves.

MR. OSINSKI: Does that apply or does that also apply to saltwater wetlands?

MAYOR STUESSI: They did not change the distance on saltwater wetland.

MR. OSINSKI: Alright, and that's controlled by the DEC?

MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

MR. OSINSKI: Okay. Just so you know, the definition for the DEC is one of two things. Either 100 feet from mean high tide or an elevation above 10 feet. If either one of those two are met, then that's not considered a wetland. Does anybody want to

disagree with that?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's the definition of what is exempt from review.

MR. OSINSKI: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's not the definition of a wetland.

MR. OSINSKI: Well, for the saltwater -- for anything to be considered, you know, within the scope of a saltwater wetland, it is either one of two things. It's either 100 feet away or if it's 10 feet above -- 10 feet above elevation, that is not considered. It could be less than 100 feet, but if it's above ten-foot elevation, that is not considered a saltwater wetland. That's the law as it exists. I just want to make that clear.

You guys, you know, there's an assumption -- well, I've heard it said, I went to public hearing splitting two lots a while ago. I

went to -- I think you were there
or you were that Board. And then
it passed on -- you know, you left
and the next -- it was approved.
Somebody made a comment, oh, you
know, that's too close to the
wetland. And it's like, like the
private property owners are going
to, you know, diminish the wetland.

Whereas in the real -- in the
real world out there, we augment
the wetland. We put in half a
million filter feeders constantly.
We grow -- we've establish marshes
of eel grass. You don't see the
Village doing any of that, no.

The Village dumps storm water
into the wetland on our property.
Every time I complain, never fixes
it. You fixed every other place
around Widow's Hole, except the
thing -- the storm water that goes
directly into our property that
runs directly into Widow's Hole.

I asked the Town. I asked the County. The County gave you money to fix that and you refused to do it. You took that money and used it somewhere else.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, would love to reengage in that conversation --

MR. OSINSKI: -- so dry wells.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- Paul Palace had worked with you on that before.

MR. OSINSKI: Dry wells from the source of the runoff, from 5th Street, you know, is the watershed in the Village. Everything coming down 5th street towards 4th Street into Flint Street and Widow's Hole, if you were to put two dry wells, cheap dry wells, you'd get 80 to 90 percent captured.

MAYOR STUESSI: I don't want to have a debate on --

MR. OSINSKI: Sure, okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- engineering here, but I will say we're having

problems with dry wells throughout the Village right now. Including, yeah, I actually participated in a USGS Zoom the other day on a preliminary study that they evaluated all of Greenport. And I'll share what I got -- I literally just got it -- with you and the Board.

There's significant problems that are getting worse and to my point, we're already having issues with dry wells, so the solution would be something different. But if you guys are prepared, would love to work with you with our engineering and see if we can get some County funding again in place to do something over there, but it won't be dry wells.

MR. OSINSKI: Well, that's --

MAYOR STUESSI: So let's set a time.

MS. OSINSKI: The pavement.

MR. OSINSKI: The engineer in Southold Town, that's what they're doing all over Southold Town is putting dry wells before the water runs into the wetlands. That's what they're doing. Ask their engineer. They do it all the time.

MAYOR STUESSI: I talked Michael Collins many times.

MR. OSINSKI: That's what he told me. That's what he told me.

MAYOR STUESSI: My belief is it won't work there based upon what we already know and similar situations where we're seeing problems with dry wells.

MS. OSINSKI: Permeable pavement.

MR. OSINSKI: Permeable pavement.

MAYOR STUESSI: But let's set a meeting and we can talk about it.

MR. OSINSKI: Okay, but, you know, the point I'm trying to raise is that there's a supposition that waterfront owners that want to degrade

the quality of the wetlands and that's not the case. We enhance the wetlands and we see that the Village, you know, doesn't do -- does just the opposite, pours storm water directly into the wetlands and never addresses it. That's the reality.

And at the same time, oh, I'm going to make some law that you're going to do this and that. It's the Village that's doing the polluting and you had funds back from the County when you did the other four areas around Widow's Hole. You just skipped it because you wanted to dump water into our private property. Yes, you did. You skipped it.

You did everywhere else around Widow's Hole. You did at the end of Brown Street, you did the end of Clark Street, you did the end of 4th Street, but on Flint Street

where you have a culvert and you throw water into private property, you just left it there.

And then when you wouldn't do it, I went to the County. That's when Al was the a County commissioner or County representative. He got the funds, gave to the Village, and you didn't fix it. You use it had somewhere else.

MAYOR STUESSI: I can't speak to that. There's other --

MR. OSINSKI: But you were the Mayor.

MAYOR STUESSI: But what I'm saying is this happened in the past.

MR. OSINSKI: Yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: We have the ability to do some things.

MR. OSINSKI: I wish you would.

MAYOR STUESSI: Let's set a time. We can talk through it. I know Patrick and I both sat on your back porch. He's chair of

our Waterfront Committee. There's some real opportunities.

And one of the things the governor just announced is significant funding from the State that's close to \$4 billion for water quality and sewers and were going to be setting a meeting next month to review a whole bunch of different opportunities relative to this.

We've got a major issue at bottom of 5th and 6th Street that should have been fixed years ago and wasn't and we've got to do something down there too.

MR. OSINSKI: Yeah, that's just so low. But if you move -- instead of putting the drains at the end, move it up to where the water is higher, then those dry wells will work. Capture the runoff from where it's coming from, not at the end where it's the lowest point. All right, so

thank you for your time. We just would like to be kept in the loop if you want to change -- I mean, that's why we're here.

I have to thank my wife. She got AI to do a search on a permit and it -- it said you have a meeting tonight. You should go. AI said you should go to the meeting tonight. They're talking about changing the wetlands code.

So anyway, thanks for your time. I really appreciate it. You know, it's always a pleasure to come and see the Village at work.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, Mike.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thank you.

MAYOR STUESSI: Rich, if you can please approach the podium and just state your name and address.

MR. VANDENBURGH: A question, I just wasn't sure. There's sequence and there's a Page 65. Are we going to get to that?

2 MAYOR STUESSI: We've got a
3 lot to cover this evening. We're
4 taking any public comments on
5 anything if you'd like to speak on
6 something.

7 MR. VANDENBURGH: Just looking
8 for a couple updates. So, again,
9 Rich Vandenburg, 234 Carpenter
10 Street, also president of the BID.
11 We -- actually, I'm sorry, I left
12 my phone.

13 So the obvious items on that
14 Page 65 and 66 pages, would be the
15 status of request for BID appointees.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Please go
17 ahead, I apologize.

18 MR. VANDENBURGH: No problem.
19 Would the status of the BID's
20 request for appointees by the
21 Trustees and the Mayor.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: We have
23 resolutions for next week for this.

24 MR. VANDENBURGH: Oh, great.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Candace was going

to touch on that in her Work Session.

MR. VANDENBURGH: Okay, very good. I didn't see that in the -- I didn't see it in the -- maybe I missed it. Was it in the Work Session agenda?

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, this is just a Work Session. The resolutions themselves will be in next week's agenda, but Candace is touching on things.

MR. VANDENBURGH: Great. And then will you also be giving an update relative to the status of the ice skating rink progress?

MAYOR STUESSI: I am hopeful we can do something next week. We've got a follow-up meeting with our committee early next week on it and I believe we have somebody who's going to fund the engineering that we need separate and apart from it. But I'll be glad to set up a time. I can walk you through

a little bit more of our timeline
on it.

MR. VANDENBURGH: Okay, that
would be great. Only because we
-- Ryan on our Board had attended
a -- what he thought was an Ice
Skating Rink Committee, but it
sounds like there's a lot of
confusion by that committee, that
it's not really an Ice Skating
Rink Committee.

So I think there's just got to be
some clarity really, some real
clarity delivered about, you know,
what people think, relative to
what type of committee they may be
serving on. Because it sounds --
you know, I understand that Liz
Gillooly is like, I'm not on an
Ice Skating Committee. I'm on the
250th Anniversary Committee.

MAYOR STUESSI: You're talking
about Lisa. I don't think it's
fair to --

MR. VANDENBURGH: I'm just saying my problem is that there's a lot of uncertainty and not clarity. There's not transparency about where we stand on this. We've been -- not to riff off of what Rena has been saying, but, you know, we've been asking about where are we going?

This is one of the initiatives that we heard from our membership about it's really important to the BID that we kind of understand truly, and I mean, all five of you, understand truly where we are relative to this progress.

Because it is a little bit -- and we seem to be kicking cans down the road relative to really what's happening. And, you know, my worry is it's not fair. Ultimately, you know, membership who aren't sitting here in the room with me tonight say, you know, Rich, you

told us that there was going to be some real clarity at the January meeting about what's going on.

I -- you know, I'm ultimately working with other members on the BID Board to try to facilitate fundraising efforts and things like that, but it's impossible in the void of actual clarity about what it is we're doing, who is in charge of steering that committee, what are the objectives of that committee, what are the milestone timelines of that committee?

None of that exists and I keep hearing that, well, you know, we'll hear about it next month, we'll hear about it next month. You know, it was back in 2024 when I think the photograph of you with that big check with the governor. I mean, that's 18 months ago and we still don't have any true kind of clarity about what is happening

relative to, kind of, get the ball off of first base.

So I think, you know, my concern is we get kind of lip service about what's happening, but we're not really getting true, accurate clarity and transparency about what's happening and it's really important to the Village. I know it's incredibly important to our membership.

So I don't like to have to come here and keep asking because I would love to just be updated with some real accurate information. I can tell you that, you know, just as a further just comment relative to what the BID is doing, we have received two responses to our proposals for working with commercial real estate brokers about addressing the vacancy issue in our Downtown BID District.

We're going to close that RFP

process to the five, we had five brokers that we sent the RFP out to, in the next week or so. So we'll be able to like look at the, potentially, the two responses that we got.

MAYOR STUESSI: Could you share, for the benefit of our Board and the public, what your RFP had in it and how you're envisioning a commercial real estate broker would assist --

MR. VANDENBURGH: Sure.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- with the vacancies in the Village?

MR. VANDENBURGH: Yeah, generally speaking --

MAYOR STUESSI: Because every single vacancy in the Village, with the exception of one property that is tied up in litigation directly across from Aldo's, has a sign on it for available space. There are brokers representing them.

MR. VANDENBURGH: Yep, absolutely.

And the idea behind what we're trying to do is we're trying to work with a commercial real estate breaker that would be able to offer a wider base of solicitation to potential -- with commercial connections that they already have, to entertain their coming in to have a discussion ultimately with that landlord about what they could do in that space.

It's really just kind of going to a bigger pool of potential leads to, kind of, solicit those types of businesses. We did that survey back last year where we heard, you know, some of those ideas from our membership about the type of businesses that were missing in the Village.

So we've shared that with -- in our feed to say -- you know, with the idea of attracting potentially

a hardware store candidate, a bike store candidate, a childcare operation, you know, certain things we heard back from our membership as to what appeared to be missing in the Village in the BID area.

And looking for that expertise, because I'm not saying that there's not -- the ability of a local broker finding somebody, but ultimately there's the idea that if we can solicit a larger, more higher level expertise, to come in, kind of connect with the landlord, the property owner, we then work with whoever's sign is in the window, they're willing to co-broke and work with those people.

But I think, just like any other real estate transaction, if they have somebody that is a buyer and there's a sign that says, I'm a seller. Well, the buyer's broker

is going to reach out to the seller broker and there's going to be a discussion.

Ultimately I think it's going to involve the property owner to become more reasonable, but they also have knowledge and expertise in terms of how we could craft innovative solutions to get the two to ultimately agree.

And so we're -- you know, we're trying to do what we can relative to solving what appears to be the pressure under existing businesses that are choosing to, you know, leave the Village. So, in general, that's what our RFP said. I mean, I'm happy to share with you --

MAYOR STUESSI: We've seen leave recently where folks retired and those spaces have already been filled.

MR. VANDENBURGH: Yeah, for whatever reason.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: I will say, if
3 you can indulge me for a moment, I
4 had a commercial brokerage license
5 and a leased well over a million
6 square feet in New York City and --

7 MR. VANDENBURGH: Yep.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: -- and Miami
9 and Florida and Los Angeles and
10 elsewhere. And I will tell you
11 that -- not to knock realtors, but
12 I am going to a bit -- commercial
13 realtors, they care about the
14 transaction. And it's strikes me
15 that the best advocacy group we
16 have in this Village for doing
17 business in this Village is the
18 folks that are already here and
19 the members of the Business
20 Improvement District --

21 MR. VANDENBURGH: Which we've
22 heard from.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: -- and those
24 that are now involved with the
25 Greenport Business other group.

I'm sorry, I'm forgetting --

MR. VANDENBURGH: GBOA I think
it is.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- the title
of it.

MR. VANDENBURGH: Greater
Business Owners Association.

MAYOR STUESSI: I know this
came up the other evening. It
would seem to me that a solution
might be to host some sort of
event over a long weekend. Get
some hotel rooms, bring folks in
from different areas to experience
what the Village is like and see
spaces.

Other young entrepreneurs -- not
necessarily young, but entrepreneurial
folks that have one-off businesses
in other places and invite them here.
Let them meet, you know, Rena from
Weathered Barn and Kim and Kara,
you know, you talk about the brewery.

Put them up for a few days and

have a conversation and meet the actual folks who have the listings for these properties that are open and get them all to open it up and tour it. Because our biggest issue is just getting exposure and the fact the landlords want too much money. We've had a bicycle guy shop in the Village, actively make an offer on spaces --

MR. VANDENBURGH: Yep, we know yep, yep.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- as I've told you, for nearly a year and a half now. To the extent that he was ready to sign something with one space and was \$500 apart.

MR. VANDENBURGH: I've reached out to that owner and we're having discussions to try and bridge that gap already. So I know Eric and I've already reached out to him and we're having discussions.

But I think those are wonderful

ideas and I don't think we're talking about doing anything different than that. Ultimately, we, by way of our procurement policy that we're trying to adhere to, we're putting out the request to say, okay, who would like to join us on this journey of trying to do exactly that?

And those are more granular steps perhaps in terms of once we establish that relationship, get those people in to do exactly that. Have a -- you know, they are not necessarily, you know, New York City, you know, brokers.

These are people that are on the island. They may not be in Greenport Village, but they're not necessarily from far places away. They are New Yorkers. They understand. They've actually spent time looking at, and I will share the RFP that -- ultimately

that we sent out and I'm happy to share their responses.

So I think it's -- you know, it's the first tangible step that we can do in an organized way because I don't think -- I'm not seeing, relative to whatever the reason by way retirement or financial reasons -- we're not seeing those signs in the windows really delivering results thus far.

So we need to continue to figure out ways to incorporate other help to work with those particular people, those brokers, to add more opportunities and greater leads to get those people into the Village and have a discussion that then would involve the landlord and the property owner and perhaps the Village. I would like to incorporate the Village Board as far part of that discussion.

One of the innovative things that

we can do to provide a pathway for trying to reinvigorate the businesses down there, be they crafts people or, you know, other -- not necessarily big box people, but people that are going to add value to our Village that are -- that is in response to the survey results that we got. So we're working on that, as well as we're addressing the other initiatives as well.

I won't take up anymore of your time. I know it's been a long meeting already. But our next step is to look at what we can do, and I have some other thoughts. On Board is working on some other thoughts relative to finding ways to assist with the visitors dock as well as the jail.

So -- but I really am very anxious to try and work with a full Board of 11 people, two trustees, one

from you, Mayor, and one of the other trustees. So hopefully we can accomplish that by next week for sure and have a greater understanding about what we're doing with the ice skating rink. Thank you very much.

MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

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

(No response.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Nobody?

(No response.)

MAYOR STUESSI: I'm going to call a five-minute break.

(At this time a brief recess was taken.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Candace, we'll turn it back to you for the Clerk's Report.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: All right. So first up I have some announcements.

Village Hall will be closed on

Monday, January 19th, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Today happens to be his birthday in case you didn't know that.

Monday, February 16, 2026, Village Hall will be closed in observance of President's Day.

The Annual George Washington's Birthday Celebration Parade is going to be held on Saturday, February 14, 2026.

Another reminder and update about the Village of Greenport Website. As I've been mentioning over the course of the last several months, we are required, by law, to now have a dot-gov website and dot-gov e-mails will also be corresponding with that.

We're looking to launch this, as per the requirement of the law, late this month, early February. So that is -- that project is

still ongoing. Trustee Lily and I had a meeting with them last week and the work continues. I would say the website looks wonderful. I think it's going to be a really great update for the Village. It will make -- the whole goal is for ease of use. Same content, just an easier way to navigate through the website.

We have launched our photography contest for the Village of Greenport. So this contest will run for the full 2026. So we're going to be choosing four groups of winners. So we'll be doing quarterly selections of four to five winners. The prize is that you're photos will be used as the official stock images for the Village of Greenport website.

So this is a project that with the help of Andrea in the clerk's office, Andrea has been incredible

in working with the interns that we've had thus far. We've had several since I became the Village Clerk. And the most recent intern who put together all of the parameters for this, this contest, did a ton of research about how other municipalities have run similar contests, and ultimately the images that we're using, the promotion materials.

So, again, a huge shout out to Andrea. I think it's really important work to be able to give opportunities to students. We are also -- this is in the early stages, but we have met with the superintendant of Greenport School and Andrea has created a program where we will hopefully be offering internships for Greenport students where they can receive credit and/or community service hours, which is really important going

forward into the next phases of their life and just for development of our youth. So, again, thank you so much to Andrea for all of her work with that stuff.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Have you gotten some submissions?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: We've gotten just a few. So I'm hoping with, you know, getting the information out there at these meetings and then we probably should do a better job getting the flyers around town.

We've shared it with the school as well because the youngest participant can be 14 years old, so we're hoping to get some students involved with this project as well.

The first drawing for the winners will be the end of March, so that we can start funneling those images onto the website.

Next up is just an update on our meeting management software. So this is another thing that I've been working on for quite some time and we've finally reached a place where we're getting to scheduling implementation.

So the Village of Greenport has a program through a company called Granicus. The program that we use is called IQM2 and that is what creates the meetings agendas.

It's also a software that allows us to search prior meetings for resolutions.

That is system is now obsolete. So the company Granicus has been working with us. After reviewing multiple companies, which, again, all of this was discussed at prior meetings, just a background for the sake of the public. We've decided to stick with Granicus and use their new program called Peak.

New to us, not new programming.

So this program will merge in a better, more seamless, way. Our videos, our meeting agendas, it will be more user friendly. Right now IQM2, it's it looks like original technology. I mean, really, truly original technology. And while it's useful, it comes with a lot of glitches when your technology is that old. So I'm truly looking forward this onboarding process.

This is taking a backseat to the website. The website is, obviously, the most important because we have to be live by a certain time and then we're going to immediately start working to get going with onboarding.

This system will also -- for the sake of the Board's knowledge, it will allow the Board to submit your own reports directly into the

system. It's going to be great.

It's a really clean looking back office. And then the front-facing piece of it will look very similar to our current reports.

The big change is going to be what our letterhead looks like. So right now, as everybody is aware, our letterhead has the Village information down the left side of the page.

That format is not compatible with this new system, so that will change. That's just a aesthetic.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It wasn't compatible with IQM2 either.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's not really compatible with many things including mailing and so on and so forth. But that is a change that will happen. So the aesthetic of our reports will look a little different. The content will, of course, will remain the same.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Candace,

before you go, because I was
already on IQM2 --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- will I
get converted --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- along
with everybody else?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, so the
Board will probably be in a later
phase of this onboarding process,
but definitely a piece of it --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mine's
already there, so -- okay.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. So
I don't know that that converts in
that way.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.
Sorry, just so that I don't see
something strange come flying
across.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. So
you may be losing functionality
as we speak.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I haven't used IQM2 because it was so antiquated that every time I tried to do it --

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It shuts down.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, it shut down on me.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So we are currently -- you know, most people may not notice the difference, but you can see the difference between if you look at the bottom, the footer, of some of the reports. I have had to already start using templates that I created.

So my report is actually in the template. You can see the Treasurer's Report was put into the system. Jeanmarie is really the only person who can truly use the IQM2 system because it's -- not only is it just an older system that requires a lot of workarounds

within it, it just crashes while she's working and it's difficult to learn.

The next thing on my report, I've already covered, just the election update. I do appreciate the Board's just thoughtful comments for that piece of the -- my presentation and I'm looking forward to pressing forward in this way.

Next up is a resolution for --

MAYOR STUESSI: Are we, Jared, going to need some sort of Board resolution on this?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: For which?

MAYOR STUESSI: For switching --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: For the election?

MAYOR STUESSI: -- over to the hand counting ballots?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No, nothing, no. Just a decision in terms of what we're going to do --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So the marketing -- not marketing, but giving the public a heads up that we will be doing paper ballots from now on.

MAYOR STUESSI: It strikes me we should do a resolution for it for it next week.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It won't hurt, will it?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No. There's no need, but I understand the reason for doing it.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: There's no harm in doing it.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, so if the Board would like a resolution --

MAYOR STUESSI: Any comments from anybody else? Patrick? Julia?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, you just think it would be good to have a resolution so that

it's in the --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Jared says
it's not necessary, but whatever.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Or I can
-- if the Board would prefer, I
can come up with some type of
communication that can be shared
with the community about this.

MAYOR STUESSI: We're going to
need to do that in any case. I'm
just asking should -- we don't
legally need a resolution. Does
the Board think, for the purpose
of making it abundantly clear
before, that that communication is
needed or not?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think
there's a benefit in that each
Board member will be on the record
with saying, I agree with this.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And
then it's completely clear.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It also

gets it out. The resolution will be on the agenda and the public will see it and so then, you know -- it will say, well -- no, I agree.

MAYOR STUESSI: Lily?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
Yeah, that's fine. I understand that motivation. It makes sense.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I can help with you the language.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
And we can definitely think about putting it like in the newsletters and on social media.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, all the things. All the places.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It doesn't require a public hearing?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No.
If you were to move forward the resolution transferring to the County, that would require hearing referendum and all that, but not for this.

2 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Two be
3 clear, I do plan to reach out to
4 the Suffolk County Board of
5 Elections tomorrow so that they're
6 no longer waiting for us about the
7 machines.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: No problem.

9 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Just
11 to be clear, if we were to let the
12 County take it over, we would
13 still be paying them for the
14 rental of the machines?

15 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: No, it would
17 be free.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It's
19 completely free?

20 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
21 It's the County's -- based on,
22 again, the comptroller opinions
23 that I've heard --

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
25 Well, right, except you said maybe

the County wouldn't go for that.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah,
it's a County charge.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They could
very well come down and say we're
going to charging rent at some
point, correct?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No.
I mean, because we wouldn't be
renting the machines. They would
have -- operate -- you know, it
would be the incumbent upon them
to operate.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But they're
not going to charge an operation
fee?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No,
not according to this comptroller
opinion, but they could push back
against that.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what
I'm saying. Okay, maybe.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.
The first resolution that I have,

and the only, is a resolution to schedule the Annual Village Property Tax Lien Sale. The Tax Lien Sale will be held on March 10, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at Village Hall.

Correct, Adam?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

Next up is --

MAYOR STUESSI: Can I interject for a quick second?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Of course.

MAYOR STUESSI: Adam, can you just speak on this briefly? I know when we talked you said you've seen a pretty healthy increase above last year in the number of properties with this. Do you recall offhand approximately?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I don't recall offhand, no. But just for clarification --

MAYOR STUESSI: Because I know it was significantly more than

last year.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It does vary from year to year.

Using last year as example, yes, it would be higher than last year. Just for clarification, any unpaid property taxes are sold within the same fiscal year so the Village can become whole.

We sell those liens. If and when those properties are then redeemed, the principal and interest that would have accumulated on that parcel is then forwarded to the buyer of the tax lien sale.

MAYOR STUESSI: The other thing worth mentioning is in certain cases where the Village might have had to do some work on a property, like when we had to deal with some abandoned houses or put a fence up, that's included in this and there is at least one case that I'm aware of.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: A
re-levy, yes. Yes, we do have
those cases within the Village too.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So we
have a house on 3rd Street that
we're still renting the fence --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: --
directly across the Village Hall.

MAYOR STUESSI: That's the one
I'm talking about.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Does
that continue to be applied to
this property?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Oh,
yes. Yes, every year.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay,
next up are the public assembly
applications. So we received a
public assembly application for
the Annual Graduation Parade for
Greenport High School for the
Class of 2026.

So they would like to have the graduation parade on Friday this year; Friday, June 26th. The parade will line up at 4:30 p.m. and then kick off will be at 5:00 p.m. So this -- I didn't include the route here, but it is the -- no change to the route that they've been doing over the last several years since this parade began.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's usually in the morning on Saturday or Sunday?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It is usually in the morning. So this is a change. I'm not sure what drove this change. The school, last year, shifted things up a little bit as far as graduation date. It was historically -- or I don't know if historically is the right word, but for many years graduation, I believe, was on a --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Sunday.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: --

Sunday. They switched it to Saturday. So this is another change in their process. I'm not sure, again, what the driving factors are here. But for the sake of the Board and the public, just like all other public assembly applications, this went to the Chief of Police who gave the green light for being able to support this parade through the Village.

Next up is a public assembly application for the Greenport Marine Fire Rescue Squad and Greenport Fire Department to host Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at Station 1 on Saturday, January 31st from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. There is a request to suspend the open container law for the duration of this fundraiser.

And then, finally, there's just two legal notices that were

published for the sake of the public. The first legal notice was for public -- I'm sorry, a public hearing to be held next Thursday, January 22nd regarding the authorization of video conferencing.

The next public hearing that is noticed is for alternate ZBA and Planning Board members. That public hearing date is February 19th, which is the Work Session next month.

And that concludes my report does anybody have any additional questions?

MAYOR STUESSI: One addition for the benefit of the Board excepting Trustee Phillips who was at the meeting with me. The Greenport Business Owners Alliance, not the BID, had a meeting other the other night. And the Board was made aware that there was some interest from them to possibly do a mass assembly in Mitchell Park after

the Fire Department Parade.

The Business Owners Alliance made the decision that they did not want to proceed with doing an event in Mitchell Park and are going to focus on doing events specifically in all of their retail store and restaurants so it doesn't require a mass assembly permit from the Village.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But the BID is -- did request information from the fire department -- of the fire departments that will be participating so that they could hashtag them along with the merchant's own marketing for the 14th or for Valentine's Day weekend.

They're trying to promote the parade as much as possible. So there will be advertising and some pictures, I think, that they're going to be doing. But they're trying to -- part of it was the

Valentine's Day weekend. They were trying to, you know, make it a grand event, but short notice and I think that they focused on working with the BID, with the BID doing the marketing portion and them pressing their marking as well, so it should be pretty interesting to see what comes out of this.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Is there anything about the Business Owners Alliance event that you're saying it's most like going to take place within the restaurants and things, is there anything about that that the fire department would need to know?

MAYOR STUESSI: No.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no.

MAYOR STUESSI: It's just like handing out gift-type items and doing some stickers and stuff, yeah.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Trying

promote for those who come to the
parade --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

MAYOR STUESSI: And then it's
a lot of social media. It was
actually Sarah Phillips from the
First and South who's part of the
other group that made the
suggestion, it would be great to
get the BID who has a budget, as
you know, and is doing a lot on
social media to include a lot of
information from different fire
departments.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah,
good. I'm optimistic that it's
going to be a good thing for
everyone involved in that there's
a huge turnout for the parade and
then --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, the
restaurants, in particular, are
excited because it's, you know,
Valentine's weekend, so they're

2 busy with the long weekend already
3 and the retailers are trying to do
4 what they can to bring folks in.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Is
6 it something they're thinking
7 about trying to maybe do next year?

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, they're
9 working on a plan for a special
10 January event that Rena and Kim
11 and Sarah are sort of leading the
12 effort on.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
14 like the Fire and Ice with the
15 firefighters.

16 MR. SALADINO: I don't want
17 you guys to feel diminished.
18 We're not leaving because of you.
19 We're just --

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They're
21 wading out.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: The Jitney is
23 here?

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I know
25 where they're headed. Goodbye.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: You had enough?

MR. SALADINO: You know where I'm going.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

MAYOR STUESSI: Send over some takeout.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I -- from what I've gathered in the conversations I've had with some of them, from the business owners as well, Rich Vandenburg from the BID, is that they're trying to create events for January, February, and March. And the Fire and Ice, to do it properly, they didn't really have enough time.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right. I'm just saying it will be cool for next year, if they're planning that far ahead.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

MAYOR STUESSI: And that's something Rena has been working on

for several years. It just didn't get the timing aligned and the volunteers. It sounded like a lot of folks were stepping up.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah. I mean, I know people are very into the idea of, you know, events in the winter for the Business District to drive business, so people would.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: For a long time I -- I actually am excited to see every meeting that I attended with them being part of -- you know, being part of the BID and the Business District. I'm excited to see the business owners starting to converse with each other and throwing ideas out and working together.

I think the BID has a function of an organization that deals with certain things and I think the merchants is a down-to-earth

discussion and what can we do and
take the process and move forward.
I was really excited. It reminded
me of the days of when -- before
the BID was even in existence and
we all met with the Greenport
Merchants Group. It was kind of
exciting to see. So I have high hopes.

MAYOR STUESSI: Any other
questions for Candace?

(No response.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Adam?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
Thank you. Good evening.
Starting off with my resolutions.
My first one is to add the
outstanding water/sewer balances
in arrears to the Village of
Greenport 2026 tax bills. These
are unpaid water/sewer utility
balances that were previously
billed and remain outstanding.

Re-levying them ensures the charges
are tied to the property that

received service and allows the Village to collect them in a consistent manner. This is an annual resolution we pass every January.

My next resolution is to schedule the public hearing for the '26/'27 Village Tentative Budget, 6:00 p.m., April 9, 2026, at the Old Schoolhouse.

My third resolution is to make an additional contribution in the amount of \$31,286.00 to the Volunteer Firefighter Length of Service Award Program for the Village of Greenport Fire Department.

Just for some clarification, each year, the Village budgets approximately \$290,000.00 for our fire department LOSAP or Length of Service Award Program, which is a benefit plan that provides tax deferred retirement-style income to our volunteers. It rewards long term service and helps

recruit and retain volunteers by
offering financial incentives.

Even though the yearly LOSAP
requirement is approximately
\$260,000.00, the Village voluntarily
invests the remaining budgeted
amount to support our volunteers.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Trustee
Brennan, the point system, is that
-- have they started the process
of that?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The
upgrade to the new system?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well,
they're upgraded to the new
system, but the grievance dates
for the points, have they start
that yet?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I don't
think so. They just released the
total points report for the prior
year. It's just released, I guess,
for the first time on Tuesday or
Monday this week. So members will

be -- now they're informed whether they have a grievance.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, okay.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I guess to answer your question, I guess that's starting that process. You know, the fire department switched over to a whole new way of collecting the points.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, no, I noticed the new report. It was much easier to deal with than the old one, but I know that they have certain time periods with the grievance day.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: Speaking of which on the fire department and the assistant chief, it wasn't mentioned. Do you know if they've done anymore work on looking to start some fundraising towards the purchase of that Delta on the boat?

2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I do
3 know, yeah. So they -- the marine
4 rescue squad has approved or
5 resolved to create a fundraising
6 committee and they've appointed a
7 chair, which is Fire Department
8 Member Christy Lutz.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, great.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Now
11 that originated in the squad, but
12 the fundraising is really a
13 department matter. So the
14 intention is for this to go to a
15 Board of Wardens next Wednesday to
16 get their approval of this
17 committee and this chairperson.

18 And so the Wardens will discuss
19 that and hopefully approve that
20 and get -- support this and then
21 that would then come to the
22 Village Board because the Village
23 Board also has to approve this
24 fundraising scheme. It has to
25 also have a flesh out fundraising

plan.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that's what I was going to ask about.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's still in the works. So I'm not sure that it will be coming to this Board this month. It will probably be in February. Really, we have to get through the Board of Wardens and the Fire Counsel first, right?

MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh. I just -- it gives me pause. Julia actually sent a thing around to the Board and I have firsthand knowledge because I've got family and friends who live in Portland, Maine as well and there was a big fire there and the working docks and we all know the length of time it's going to get the boat once we actually place the order.

And it would seem to me that whatever the department can do to

set their goal and give us some sort of timeline. And then we, as a Board, I think, need to have a very thoughtful conversation on whether we wish to bond for the rest of it in order to get something going and get an order in because we're years away from seeing the boat the day we advance it.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's right. That's right.

MAYOR STUESSI: That scares me.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: This Board has already agreed to bond.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, but actually doing it is a different thing.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, so that would be great. I think the fire department would like the Board to do that. I think the appropriate time to do that would be once the Board approves the fundraising scheme, right? So that fundraising plan will likely

run the entire course of the
procurement of the vessel, so
that's like 30 months.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: But I
would like this Board -- hopefully
this Board would agree to go to
contract with the vendor and get
started as soon as this Board is
comfortable that the fundraising
scheme is -- that it's been
decided on and that it's kicking
off, right?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I mean,
my hope would be if they're ready
to come to us in the Work Session
conceivably. Hopefully we find
something we feel good about and
we can put it on the February meeting.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.
Now, with respect to whether we
have to bond, I'm getting -- I'm a
little bit confused by the counsel
that I received from Brian Stolar

about whether the Village can even pay for this until it's completed. All right, so there's some kind of municipal law that prevents us from prepaying or making a deposit on an acquisition like this? Are you familiar with this, Jared?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Generally speaking, you can't make payment until you've actually receive the services or the -- in this case, the equipment.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Right.

So I don't that we need to the money, right? We can go to contract. If the law prevents us from prepaying or paying a deposit, we have to come to an agreement with the vendor that they're going to take like a Net 30 agreement.

MAYOR STUESSI: Why don't we set a call with Adam and Brian and the vendor so we can get real

clarity and make sure were all on the same side.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

MAYOR STUESSI: That makes sense, assuming the vendor agrees to it.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Just to clarify --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: If this is -- I'm sorry to interrupt.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: No, go ahead.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: If they have any experience contracting with municipalities, this shouldn't come as a surprise to them.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: They have lots of experience and they told me that they do this quite frequently.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I was just going to say the Spaghetti Dinner is fundraising. What we're

talking about is like a much more clarified plan that will actually make us -- make the department the amount of money that we need.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I'm glad you brought that up. The Spaghetti Dinner is the second -- so the Marine Rescue Squad is rejuvenated. It's about four or five years old now. The Spaghetti Dinner, this will be the second year, that's really intended to raise money for the squad's purposes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Got you. Not for the boat per se?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Not the boat. It was a successful event, but it doesn't raise the kind of dollars we need.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right, okay.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The fundraising scheme I'm talking about is really for apparatus

acquisition, much larger dollar figures. And so the Spaghetti Dinner is actually run by Jordan Arnold who's a lieutenant in the Marine Squad and he spearheads that project. Christy Lutz who's also a member of the secretary of the Marine Rescue Squad is going to be spearheading this -- what we call apparatus fundraiser.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's completely separate.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Gotcha.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So let's get back to the contract. If we signed a contract with Munson --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- or whoever it is. When do we have to issue the PO for that? Does that get issued with the contract or --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, absolutely.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I

think they're one and the same
essentially.

MAYOR STUESSI: One and the
same.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So what
does that going to do to you,
because a PO has to be offset with
funding from someplace, correct?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: But that's why
I was suggesting that we do a call
with the vendor, with counsel, and
the Deputy Mayor and we'll get
this figured out with the vendor.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That
would be helpful.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: If
the vendors work with other
municipal's before, I don't think
they'll be any issue.

MAYOR STUESSI: And then
there's, obviously, reimbursement
from the State as well --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Right.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- on this, and we know what that's like getting money back too.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes. That would likely come much later.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, yeah, definitely.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: You know, I'd like to see if we can't come up -- well, we'll do this in the call, but a plan where there's installment payments.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Right? So we pay nothing on day one, but we pay something when the project is 25 percent done, something like that. It may help.

MAYOR STUESSI: That's typically what happens when you buy a bigger boat that's being built for you,

unless it's one that's already built.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I don't know if it's better or worse in terms of this bond thing and the grant.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Well, I believe if we hadn't received any of the goods by that point, I'm not sure. Well, we'd have to speak with legal regarding paying them before we receive anything. Even if they're 25 percent done, this Village hasn't seen anything yet, right? So I think we would have issues with that, but we can definitely discuss further.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Well, spending money later is always better.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Right.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So clearly that would be in the Village's best interest.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: And making sure that you receive the

equipment in the way that you wanted it and ordered it and everything else, especially with fire equipment.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So the goal for the apparatus fundraising committee is to actually come up with an outline of a plan, you know, where there are going be certain set goals, because that's what I would like to see here.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes. That's what this Board needs to review and agree to. And Brian had given me some direction on what that would consist of, like what's the timeline, what's the fundraising goal, what are the avenues or the strategies you're going to use to get the funds? Are you going to got to direct solicitations, you know, individuals, corporations?

And this is all to allow this to happen within what State allows

for. So ultimately when the funds are raised, the fire department is going to turn over those funds to the Village specifically for this piece of equipment. All right, so we can't use that money for anything else. Anyway, it's just to keep it all legal and compliant.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, as I said, I just, I think it's wise that we have an outline to follow.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because we change Boards and there needs to be something to back it up --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- in the future.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because that hasn't been done in the past here and it's been an important point of mine. You know, we are not permanent, but that action is

going to be permanent.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I agree. And because it may have a two, two-and-a-half-year timeframe, the folks working on it in the fire department will also change, right?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And the strategies may change from year to year too. So we may start off, this is our grand plan and we may have to pivot.

MAYOR STUESSI: What example are you thinking of where this was done in the past?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It hasn't been done in the past. That's why I'm saying is we need to do it now because things were done on -- were done where the fire department went off in one direction and then the Village Board found out about it later. And it's just -- I think the communication needs to

be that within our governmental paperwork that there's an outline that can be followed from year to year until we get the boat.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. No, I think the Deputy Mayor has done a great job with Brian in getting that all organized and started with the fire department and I look forward getting their presentation.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's not a criticism. It's just --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No, I'm not taking it as a criticism. I totally agree. I totally agree. I'm hoping that this is something that's going to be a great collaboration between the fire department and the rest of the Village and that it goes as smoothly as possible.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I know a lot of the waterfront people that I deal with, and you deal with

them too, but they've all been,
kind of, waiting to here --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- what's
going to happen?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yep.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
Continuing.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Did
have you a question?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Adam, finish
your report.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
Alright. Continuing, my next
resolutions pertain to the
Recreation Center Summer Camp
fees. I will be taking at length
about that very momentarily. It's
actually one of my talking points.
So I'm just going to cover the
middle of my report here first,
which is just the utility billing.

Although there is a minor timing

issue related to the holidays, the discrepancy is immaterial and the billing is effectively on time.

Now to get on to the Recreation Center Summer Camp fees. Right now the cost of eight weeks of summer camp is approximately \$1,120. That works out to about 300 hours of supervision, which is roughly \$3.73 per hour. These fees haven't change in years while our costs absolutely have. If we want to keep offering the same --

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, we made a small increase last year.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: In 2023 we --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We made an increase to the after school.

MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, that's right.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
That was the after care program.

(Whereupon, there was crosstalk.)

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

Because the summer camp was already
like in session.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes,
so when we had that discussion
last year, this was mentioned, but
at that point, I believe we had
already started taking reservations.

MAYOR STUESSI: You're right, yes.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Okay.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Adam,
wait, can you just clarify that
\$1,100 and \$120 that we pay now,
that's the resident fee?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
There is only one fee.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Oh,
there is only one fee?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: So
there's only one fee. It's \$1,120
for eight weeks of summer camp.

MAYOR STUESSI: And I'm sorry,
and three dollars and how much
cents an hour?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

\$3.73 is the cost.

MAYOR STUESSI: So let's than
\$4.00 an hour for childcare?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
Correct, yes. If we want to keep
offering the same program with the
same level of staffing and
supervision, these fees need to be
increased. So over the last few
years, we've seen higher wages;
including continued minimum wage
increases; higher insurance costs,
both for health and liability;
increased rent at the rec center;
and just high cost of goods and
services needed to keep the
facility operating.

Based on last season's enrollment
a majority of these campers are
not Village residents. The proposed
fee structure sets a base cost for
program and provides a discounted
rate for those Village residents.

For the eight-week program, I am

proposing a base fee of \$2,000 for the eight weeks with a \$500 resident discount, bringing the resident rate to \$1,500 for an eight-week program.

Just for reference, that would be \$5 an hour, so still relatively inexpensive. Over the next few years, I'd like the camp fees to follow a year-by-year increase model, instead of long gaps followed by large jumps. For reference, even with these proposed increases, our fees remain well below comparable summer camps in the area.

The proposal is also about restructuring how we charge at the summer camp. Last year we had about 90 campers in total, but only about a dozen attended for the full eight weeks. Most families are using weekly or even daily care and right now those rates are just prorated from the existing

eight-week fee. So there's no different rates for anything under eight weeks.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So there's no encouragement for them to take the whole --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Right.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct, yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So the prorated -- what are the -- so the rate is a per day?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: So, well, \$1,120 for eight weeks comes to \$140 a week or \$28 a day. So right now you can drop your child off for eight hours for \$28 for the day. Again, 90 campers for the whole year, about 12 attended for the full eight weeks. So most are taking advantage of lower, you know, lower instances of weekly or even daily care.

Under the proposed eight weeks --

so now I'm referencing the 1,500
and the 2,000, the short terms
rates were still too low if
they're prorated off those figures
as well. And as you mentioned,
there's no incentive to send your
child to the camp for the full
eight weeks.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Is there
any reason why -- and I'm just
throwing this out -- that if they
decide they only want it for two
weeks that they have a different
daily rate?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I'm
sorry?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: If they only
decide they want it for two weeks,
can we establish a daily rate for
those who don't take the full --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
think --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.
Oh, yes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That
would be a weekly.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: A weekly?
Okay, I'm sorry, I didn't see the
weekly.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
That's okay. So because of that,
I'm also proposing to establish a
weekly rate --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm sorry,
I didn't see the word weekly.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
That's okay.

-- of \$300 per week with
residents receiving a \$75 discount
with the daily rates prorated off
those numbers. Again, these are
still considerably lower than
other camps in the area. I hope
the Board and public can see this
need for the restructuring in fees.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So it
would be a daily, a weekly. Is
there anything else? Is there an

eight-week price?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah, the eight-week price is \$1,500 and \$2,000. The one week price would be \$300 for nonresidents, \$225 for residents. And the daily would now be \$60 for nonresidents and \$45 for residents.

So it's a complete restructuring of how we're currently doing the camp right now. Right now the only fee we have is eight weeks, \$1,120. Any length of time that they want to drop their child off is just prorated off of that number, that one instant number.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And it's a minimum of -- so one day is the minimum?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah, one day is the minimum, correct.

MAYOR STUESSI: Could I ask that you -- I'm assuming you don't have numbers at hand -- update the

prior analysis you did on revenues to expenses and share with the Board on what it cost us to provide this? Because I also want to remind the Board that we -- had to increase the rent that we pay to the church for this property, which was an increased expense.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
Substantial.

MAYOR STUESSI: And historically, it's always heavily subsidized by the Village.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
Correct.

MAYOR STUESSI: It would be good for all of us to understand what that delta is --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I definitely can --

MAYOR STUESSI: -- on expenses versus --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

2 I think you'll be very surprised
3 to see the expenses versus the revenues.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: On the
5 lease, do we have a rent increase
6 coming up again?

7 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: So
8 I believe in September is when the
9 last increase was. It went from
10 1,000 to 1,500 per month.
11 September of 2026 it's going from
12 15 to 2,000. September of 2027,
13 2000 to \$2,500 per month. So in
14 two years it's more than doubling.

15 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
16 That's a great deal.

17 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's a
18 great deal.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, it's
20 been way under market to for a
21 long time.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So
23 currently we know its subsidized
24 by the Village because it's \$3.37 --

25 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Very much so.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Even at \$5.00 an hour, it's still going to be heavily subsidized.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes. I mean, I know it's not the Boards intent to do sudden large increases. So while this one is substantial, you know, in reference to what it was, I'm still going to be proposing year over year increases going forward until we can find a more stable middle ground between revenues and expenses.

MAYOR STUESSI: And how are you proposing -- I'm sorry.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Go ahead.

MAYOR STUESSI: The -- you'd go by address to make sure that somebody is in the Village?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: So the logistics I'd probably leave to the rec center manager, but, yes, I would assume it would be

something --

MAYOR STUESSI: Because it would seem like we may need to go to the extent, procedurally, to look for some sort of utility bill as well, which is pretty common.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah.

MAYOR STUESSI: Because I know, I've heard issues with folks in the past in the community who try to send their kids to different schools, they try and establish an address somewhere. And there is some level of proof that you have to prove that you actually live there --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Oh, absolutely.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- not just writing in the address.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Absolutely.

MAYOR STUESSI: Especially

when there's such a large number
of students that live outside of
the Village --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- utilizing it.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

The logistics, I would want to
speak directly to the rec center
supervisor and see what would work.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
know when you e-mailed us, you had
spoken to the rec center supervisor
about some of these things.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
have you shared this plan with her
and --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Oh,
yes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
she's --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: She's
very supportive, absolutely.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I

would just say just, for the
benefit of any public listening,
that if there still are, you know,
Department of Social Services
funds for childcare, when I spoke
to them, this would also be part
of that. So if you could get a
childcare voucher, you could use
it for this.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So
just as something so we'd know
that there is like another option
for people where this might --

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, at the
moment, that is something that is
greatly influx.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes,
I know.

MAYOR STUESSI: And we've been
notified on housing and the
Section 8 that we do. And, you
know, it's been spoken about as
recently as today even relative to

things in New York. So I don't think things are going to get better, unfortunately. I think it's going to get worse.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Adam, we discussed this online or in your office, I can't remember, but I totally support the idea of trying to make a better value for our residents' families and children. I do want to point out, even nonresidents paying taxes, right?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: If this isn't your primary residence you mean?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Well, sure, if you have a summer house in the Village, yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: No, but these are kids who live outside the Village who use the Village --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: They're in

Southold Town, not just Village taxpayers.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I think this goes to the residency question though.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right, I think how he --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So if you own a home in the Village and you're here part-time --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, you're a taxpayer.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: You're a taxpayer.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Or a tenant. You could be a tenant.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Or a tenant, right. But you're not eligible for the discount?

MAYOR STUESSI: No, you would be.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You're a resident.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

You are. If you have an address --

MAYOR STUESSI: That's what I'm saying, we need to define residency within the Village lines and get proof, just like you would have to have to enroll your kid in school.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Maybe a better definition is residential property owner.

MAYOR STUESSI: Or renter.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right, but what about renters?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Or renter.

(Whereupon, there was crosstalk.)

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Renters, tenants as well.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I was hoping primary residence is what I was shooting for when I originally made this, but that's up for interpretation.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right, but, I mean, then the question

becomes how do you prove?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Domicile.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Your license?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Domicile.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right,
okay, so then it's a licence and
not a utility bill.

MAYOR STUESSI: We just went
through this with the new rental
law, so we've got the paperwork
that we're just getting ready to
launch here will verify, and Brian
went through all that. So I mean,
sit with you --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- and that's
a very easy way to do it. Ultimately
somebody is signing and attesting
to an --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But

I mean, to Patrick's point, even
if you don't live her all the time,
you do pay taxes. But if we want
to make it just --

MAYOR STUESSI: You're domiciled
here.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: --
that your primary residence is
here, then you get the discount.

MAYOR STUESSI: Hold on, domicile
and primary are two different things.
So you're primary residence might
be in New York City where you spend
more than half your time.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: But you could
be domiciled here spending less
than 162 and a half days.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Right.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I
think we just have to come up with
a plan that matches what our goal
is. If our goal is to create value
for Greenport families; is that

our goal?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's
not about taxpayers, who owns the
property or who doesn't, it's
about supporting families that
live here --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: -- correct
with this opportunity?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Full
time you mean? Families that live
her full time?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
want to clarify because there are
families that live here in the
summer and on weekends.

MAYOR STUESSI: But that's the
difference. How --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

MAYOR STUESSI: This is exactly
what we went through with the
rental law and I believe the delta

was 140 days.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But I guess what I'm saying is what -- is that the goal is to say people who live here X number of days get this discount? Or is it -- because when I understood this from Adam, I just thought he meant people who lived on my side of the street, not people who lived on the other side of the street or in Southold Town. You know what I mean?

Like I thought when you were saying nonresidence, I thought you meant Greater Greenport. Because I know there are people who use our rec center and use our summer camp who do not live in the Village proper.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: My initial intent was for primary residence in the Village. That's what I meant when I put this in place.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right,
like people who live here --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: But you did
say that most of the people who
use the summer day camp are not
residents, that they live outside
of the Village, correct?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes,
correct.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
then they wouldn't get the discount.

MAYOR STUESSI: But by outside
of the Village, you're primarily --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Greater Greenport.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- referring to
people that are living out here,
but not within the Village limits.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I would say
many of the children that go to
Greenport School. You know, I mean,
there's, you know, a number of
ways to corroborate that information.
But they're local kids.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: In any case, they're still getting a good value here because it's is still below market.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes, very much so.

MAYOR STUESSI: What was the next close's comparable?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: More than double even for the non -- the higher rates, the \$2,000 rate.

MAYOR STUESSI: Where was that again; do you remember?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I believe it was in Greenport or very close, Peconic?

MAYOR STUESSI: Was it the Legion one? I think --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
It's probably Peconic Dunes.

(Whereupon, there was crosstalk.)

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I'm sorry, I don't have the list with

me. It could be Peconic Dunes, yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because
that's run by the extension.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Okay.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
that's also like an overnight camp.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
Sure.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So
that's like kind of a totally
different thing.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
They definitely -- the other
comparable places, they definitely
offer other services than we do,
right? That's definite.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well,
Suffolk County Farm offers day
program too. So you can compare
to that because that would be a
similar situation. It's subsidized
by Suffolk County and the Extension,
so it is cheaper.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Okay.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: If you want to
3 take a few overnight kids, Lily,
4 and we can up the charge a bit and
5 make some more money for the Village.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I'm
7 still confused on what we're --

8
9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: The Boy Scout
10 has a camp too, don't they, up in
11 Baiting Hollow? The Boy Scout
12 Camp is up in Baiting Hollow, you
13 can us that as a comp.

14 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah,
15 I believe I provided a list to the
16 Board.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: It was a very
18 healthy list.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
20 I'm sure our camp is very, very
21 inexpensive compared to --

22 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It
23 is. It is. Well, even this proposal,
24 the highest rate that we're looking
25 at now, which would be the daily

for a nonresident, \$7.50.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah. Can you get a babysitter for that? I don't think so.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: No. That's would be what the hourly cost would be --

MAYOR STUESSI: No. I paid twice that for my kids 20 years ago. I mean --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Right, correct.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Can we talk about this later --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: -- during Executive Session.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, okay.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That's alright. So how are we talking -- the resident issue?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No. It's just other ideas that I have regarding this.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Okay.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
just -- at some point, I would
like clarity on how we're going to
define resident. Because now I'm
just confused.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
Sure, or we can change the
language to something that's more
suitable to the Board by next
week. I'm fine with that.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well,
I just --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: My
suggestion, Lily, is that we
identify what it is we're trying
-- what our goal is. Who are we
trying to support?

MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And
then we come up with a definition
that tries to narrow down on that.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: You, obviously,

seem to have an agenda or somebody in mind, you know, a certain person that fills that category for you.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: No, I just want it to be clear, that's all. I mean, I just want to know what -- I just, when I understood it before, I just really thought it meant the Village boundaries. It was not about like where your ID was or your domicile was, but I'm not opposed to that. I just didn't understand it that way.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I guess there's a question talking very simply about it, to Patrick's point is, would we want to offer a Village rate to somebody that's only here for a month with their kids?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Maybe.

MAYOR STUESSI: That implies a totally different thing than somebody who's domiciled or is a

Village resident verses someone who either owns a house and pays taxes or somebody that has a rental permit, a longer term rental permit.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Wait, I'm sorry. You mean someone who's renting here for a month?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and comes to Greenport for a month on a vacation rental or two weeks, Airbnb.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I manage properties and there are a number of people that are tenants, year-round tenants here, you know, who live here.

MAYOR STUESSI: I think we're all in agreement they should, of course, qualify.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right, of course, yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I think we all know that affordability and the big picture is an issue

for Greenport, right? So childcare is a component of affordability, right? So we're talking about how increase the housing stock and other things. So this is an opportunity for us to get at affordability for families, right?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Absolutely, and its also you're fostering furthering recreation for those same families that live within the Village.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Right,

and we want families here to fulfill jobs and to volunteer and do work in the community, and be first responders, and all that stuff. So that, to me, is what we're trying support.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, and we're

asking the Village taxpayers to support subsidizing this for Village residents? Domiciled?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So

basically the same thing that can
get you a short term rental permit
can get you a discount? Like --

MAYOR STUESSI: No, long term,
I think, is what we're signing.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Long term.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: No,
I'm saying the option of the short
term rental that says, okay, I
live here for 120 days or whatever
the number is.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
That -- if I could qualify for
that permit, I could also get a
discount on my summer camp fees.
I think that makes sense.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, that's
what I would suggest.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
guess, I'm just saying let's have it --

MAYOR STUESSI: The domicile
threshold that we're using for
rental permits --

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That
3 makes sense.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: -- that allows
5 you that benefit likely makes
6 sense for this.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Adam,
9 you had also pointed out, I think,
10 in one of your communications that
11 this should help with the running
12 of the summer camp because there's
13 staffing issues. Right? So you
14 have to have a certain ratio of
15 supervisors to children?

16 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And if
18 they don't know who's coming on
19 day-to-day basis, that's a real
20 challenge.

21 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Because
23 they have to staff up and down?

24 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
25 Hypothetically up if needed. You

know, because we do allow daily stays, now the --

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, if they hit a threshold, they won't take the kid.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Right.

MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, it's as simple as that. If we don't have the staffing to take above a certain number, we have to say no.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: We would have to say no. I believe we would definitely try to accommodate and see if we could get an additional personnel in to cover. Because as I'm sure you're aware, there's a certain ratio of children and adults needed to be onsite.

So even if one additional child is dropped off and we don't have coverage for that, prior to trying -- to turn them away, we might,

you know, call a part time staffer and ask if they're available to come in last minute just so we can accommodate additional children.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Right, so this should smooth that out in terms of --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: -- operational. It should help.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Another idea worth exploring perhaps is make the qualification based on whether the children are Greenport School District students or not.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, except that we have the -- you know, we have east/west. You know, 11944 covers outside the Village of Greenport and go to Greenport schools. So the student could be living in -- not within the Incorporated Village of Greenport.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Greater Greenport perhaps. That
may be another way to look at a
it. We'll hash that out.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Any questions left on this for
right now?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No.

Good work on that, Adam.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Thank you.

Just to continue, significant
collections:

Rents collected in December 2025,
\$60,030.18.

Property tax collected through
December 2025, \$1,374,996.27.

Significant payments:

We did make our semiannual
insurance payment. We make those
in January and June every year and
that is \$148,593.00 to McMann
Price Agency.

And we have also received our new

generator at Peconic Landing Pump
Station from Power Pro Services
for \$43,563.00.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That was
for Peconic Landing?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.
And that concludes my report.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have a
question.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You and I
discussed that it's time to start
thinking about the parking --
parking meter program.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: When are we
going to start it back up again
and are we going to increase the
area behind the arcade where we
used to have metered?

MAYOR STUESSI: So I'm scheduling
a afternoon session like we did
this past month like we had talked
about, for February. And this was

one of the items on there. And so the Board is going to -- I would encourage everybody to look back on some of the information.

Adam, maybe you can, you know, resend some of the stuff you had sent before, so we can have a healthy discussion on whether we wish to consider expanding the zone and then, to your point, offering some sort of resident sticker for that area back there.

And then separately we need to talk about additional enforcement, of course, with that. It doesn't appear we're likely going to get the support from the police department on it, so we would need to, you know, look at funding that ourselves.

But I'm still hopeful we can discuss that, you know, as we get Deputy Mayor Brennan on them Police Advisory Committee,

whatever it's called, for the Town too. But this would be a lengthy point. What I think you've done some financial analysis on it before, maybe look at it again and circulate it to the Board --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I can do that.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- in advance.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I'm definitely in favor of expanding the paid parking.

MAYOR STUESSI: My recollection was the two places we looked at where they had, call it, premium paid parking where residents don't get discount was Front and Main.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: Which is very similar to Port Jefferson --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes, it is.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- and Patchogue. And both of them offer

-- and then they have their
regular lots paid for any
visitors, but residents --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

But residents --

MAYOR STUESSI: -- get stickers --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Right, correct, yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- to park
between those areas.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But I also
think we need to realize that the
section behind the arcade, that
strip of Adams Street, is also
prime parking spaces and years ago
that was where the meters were.

I think that, yes, Front and Main
are important, but in my observations
over the years, that section is --
because it's within walking distance
to Colonial or walking distance to
IGA, that is a -- there's a large
turnover on that particular section
of the Adams Street parking spaces.

think there's 22 -- was it 22
spaces back there? I don't know.
I have to pull out the graph that
maybe the information that Stephen
put together years ago --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I
believe I have that on a spreadsheet.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, we've also
got it from our ParkMobile. Because
our original contract, we went
ahead and had them lay it out for
everywhere, but just chose to do
the test installation with the
more limited area.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
Correct.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Mary
Bess, are you talking about just
the south side of Adams Street or
all of Adams Street and the arcade?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The two
sides on Adam. Behind -- well,
I'm not -- Whiskey Wind, there's

parking spaces there, that had
meters and then across the other
side had meters. Not the --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: The south
side of the islands?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, the
south of the islands.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Both
sides and then south of the island?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Got you.

MAYOR STUESSI: We can talk
about it more when we have a map
in front of us. I guess my quick
reaction to that would be, I know
there's a lot of local families
that utilize the laundromat there
and I wouldn't necessarily want to
penalize them and have them have
to go further away with a whole
bunch of laundry.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
I'm in favor of resident passes.

MAYOR STUESSI: We can talk

about where and what and --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

I just -- I believe after what we've seen with just Front and Main Street, it's hard to ignore expanding that.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

That was a great program.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What did we net?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Just over \$100,000 and that's just on Front and Main Street. So it's hard to ignore.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I guess, my question is, irregardless of whether the police department enforces or whatever, now is the time to start thinking of reaching out for help wanted ads. At some point we have to set a timeframe to look for someone to be in place before we start the program, you know?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that's why I'm saying, you know, we need to make a decision and be prepared.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I'm in favor. I believe enforcement, even if it's just on weekends and, you know, evenings possibly, I think that would be beneficial for sure and I think it would pay for itself.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The only other expense that I've been thinking about is -- and I'm not sure if -- I know the marina manager has spoken to me about customer service with some of the marina people feeling extremely uncomfortable with some of the activities that go on at night in Mitchell Park. They're starting to comment about it. I think he said he had some people who weren't coming back.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, you'll

recall, we've had this
conversation with Southold Town --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- and their
police department multiple times
looking for additional officers in
the Village.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Just a
parking discussion or you moved on?

MAYOR STUESSI: No, she moved
on to --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm sorry,
did you have more on the parking?
I'm sorry.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I just
had one more question. Do you
envision the resident pass as a
physical thing or digital
application in ParkMobile?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
There's different ways to do it.
I know there are municipalities
that do it digitally, if you will,
or off license plates. Others

have hanging tags or bumper
stickers. It's really just what
works best for our Village.

MAYOR STUESSI: Digitally
scanning --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Any -- I'm sorry.

MAYOR STUESSI: If I can
interject quickly. Digitally and
scanning though requires a
different level of equipment too
for enforcement.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I
guess I was thinking is that you
would use the ParkMobile App, but
within that there's -- somehow
it's discounted because you're a
resident.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: But what is a
resident? You're going to run
into the same problem we just
discussed about residency for the
Summer Day Camp.

MAYOR STUESSI: Without a
doubt.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

3 Maybe it's always the same thing.

4 (Whereupon, there was crosstalk.)

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: A resident
6 pass can't be an all day free
7 pass. That's why, you know, it
8 would have to go along with what
9 the code says for the --

10 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Oh,
11 of course, yes.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- parking
13 time and things.

14 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I
15 was envisioning stickers or hanging
16 tags, but that's you up for discussion.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean,
18 interestingly, the communities that
19 have been doing this the longest
20 out here on the south side,
21 they're still doing stickers.

22 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
23 Right.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Even in this
25 day and age and after many more

years than us doing ParkMobile.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, I think the app is going to be -- people have resistance to the app in general. So to force them then to use the app to get a discount, you know, might be more trouble than it's worth.

I had one more question for you, Adam.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can you update board and the public on any outstanding or just the status of like electric payment plans that we're discussed in past year?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah, sure. Currently we have five payment plans. Two for businesses, three for residential. I'm not sure you how much further.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I just mean, I guess, like everything is on time being paid?

2 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

3 Yes. The parameters of the
4 agreements are being met, yes.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
6 is there a way, like -- because I
7 think we talked about this last
8 year like to have a quarterly
9 update of them?

10 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

11 Yeah. Well, it's constantly
12 changing. Obviously they're
13 six-month plans now. So in six --
14 or in -- if I do a quarterly, you
15 know, it could be drastically
16 different. There's really no
17 relation between one quarter and
18 the other, but I'm happy to do
19 that, yeah.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.

21 Thank you. Any other questions?

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I just
23 wanted to get back to, would it
24 behoove us to -- since we're
25 dealing with customers -- and I

understand what you're talking
about with Southold Town, but --

MAYOR STUESSI: I'm sorry, are
we back on the police department?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm just
wondering if we should explore
having some time type of security
system or walking around.

MAYOR STUESSI: A constable of
some sort?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Sort of go
out to an RFP to see what the
expenses are for a security
company to come in for the June,
July, and August just to -- I
don't know if it would be worth
it. I don't know what it would
cost, but I just know that from
the customer point, the marina
can't afford to really lose
customers. And I know the other
one is a social issue, you know,

2 but we kind of have to make them
3 feel secure when they come here.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Well, I
5 think that goes for all visitors.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, yeah,
7 I know, but --

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
9 residents --

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I mean --

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: --
12 of all kinds.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: -- honestly
14 it's been a bigger issue back on
15 Adams Street primarily for residents
16 and folks that work in the stores
17 than it has been in the marina.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: As I said,
19 I'm just --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: That's where
21 we've had many, many more
22 incidents back there.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And that's
24 where Southold Town should be
25 focusing on is back there. I just

-- as I said, I'm concerned about the comments coming in that the marina manager has mentioned that, you know, they make comments to him that they've not been -- felt comfortable and I'm just putting it on the table because I think we need to think about it.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah I, heard that from the marina manager as well. I was thinking, you know, I don't know what it would cost us, you know. I mean, they have security guys that do all these winery events and stuff like that. So I'm sure they're out there.

MAYOR STUESSI: More than what the Southold Town Police Department pays police officers. We'd be better to work with them on funding.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, I feel like the issue is also that security guards would -- it would escalate to a -- there's

not much a security guard can really do.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And then it would escalate to a police issue anyway, you know? So I mean, I appreciate that. Like I think that's a good, creative thought and I think it is something we need to solve, but I'm not sure. I think we maybe need to keep working with Southold.

MAYOR STUESSI: The Town has an obligation to police the Village. We have a contract for it.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I know, but --

MAYOR STUESSI: You were going to say something, Patrick?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah. Is there a situation where a municipality does private security?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You could, but that costs money. A way to do it where you potentially

could see a revenue stream would be to have code enforcement officers, whether part-time or full-time. That would, obviously, generate significant revenue for the Village, especially in the summer months when you have people parking all over the place or people violating whatever, you know, laws they're violating within the parks and whatnot. That would be a significant potential revenue stream.

MAYOR STUESSI: I don't know how a code enforcement officer deals with public safety items outside of --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Well, they would -- to the extent --

MAYOR STUESSI: There's a difference between that and --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: To the extent it wasn't summonsable, it was a violation. If it was a crime, they would call the police

who would respond, but they could take down data and be an eyewitness to the -- and help in that regard.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Anyway --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think with respect to Mitchell Park, I don't think that's going to produce any revenue with that particular situation that we're trying to --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, the same thing on Adams Street too. But, you know, the violations that the police department deals with now, by and large, don't pay.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, as I said, it's a topic to that we really need to think about so we don't need to lose any revenue out at Mitchell Marina because that a lot of expense.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yep. Port Jefferson has a constabulary, right?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah. So does the Village of West Hampton

Dunes. That's more expensive than code enforcement though.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, it is.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

What is it?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Constabulary. They have some police powers, but not full police powers. West Hampton Dunes, if there's an arrestable offense, they have to either call state police, which have a presence there or the County police to complete the arrest, but they're there to -- they can detain. That's on one hand. On the other hand is having a, you know, local code enforcement, meter maid type individual that goes around.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Writing violations for open container?

MAYOR STUESSI: It doesn't help our issues.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

Writing violations for parking and open containers and things like that.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I mean, it's something to think about, especially thinking about budgets and I, mean, if we're going to hire someone for parking anyway.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Um...

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Possibly, or you're saying that would be a different?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: That would be different. That would be different. This is referencing hiring a security firm.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, no, but I was thinking like Jared said code enforcement, right? Like that's not necessarily a security firm. That's like a civil service type --

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Right, but I'm not sure if that's what Trustee Phillips was hoping

to get.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: At this point we need to talk about it and we need to realize that we have an issue, and because we also are in the business of a marina, that we have a customer obligation as well as the rest of it.

And I understand that is a police department, but as running the marina as a business, we have responsibility to our customers as well. That's why I'm bringing it up.

Because we have big boats come in there. The big boats pay big fees. You know, we have the smaller boats that we want to encourage to keep coming. We just updated the pump-out station down there, which is a big ticket item. Although that will be reimbursed, yes or no?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Yes, but not until -- because we

received it in January of '26,
we're not going to see that
reimbursement until the end of the
year, but yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: As I said,
it's an out-of-the-box thinking, but
I think we need to think about it.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: So for this
February meeting, which we're
getting confirmed, if you -- and
we're back to parking, if you can
gather all the prior data you
have, update anything, and then
let's -- we can get like a --
we'll do it on like a work table,
a Work Session table put together.
Let's get a couple of plans printed
utilizing what we've already input
into ParkMobile and we can have
them printed at the printer on
like one of the big blueprint
printers so it will be good size.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Do you have
a date in mind in February?

MAYOR STUESSI: I'll reach out
to everybody separately.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: It's really
late and I know we've got about
another 45 minutes just until
Executive Session.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, no, I
just though you had a date in
mind, that's all.

MAYOR STUESSI: Some updates
in regards to the building
department and the new rental law
and enforcement. We've got a
package ready to go out. I
believe I had touched on before
what we are doing and the
department has put together is
they have pulled every single
active rental permit and then
they've also looked back two years
for any permits that may have

lapsed and expired.

That is all going to be going out in the mail next week to everybody that falls under either one of those categories. We've already got a basic summary up on the website. We've got a larger FAQ, plus the new application is going up on the website as well.

We've messaged this now in two recent newsletters. We'll include it in the next newsletter as well. Ken has actually been fielding a lot of call from -- not a lot, but a relatively good size number of people asking some questions. He's been able to answer them.

We've, even as recently as yesterday, had an inquiry from somebody looking to possibly convert into a bed and breakfast because they're realizing that they won't qualify for the permit. So that information has been sent

to them and, you know, along with the form they would need to fill out to go to the building department for that.

As it relates to entertainment permits, we are coming up on the anniversary for several of those of the total number that we have. And we've been communicating ahead of time anybody's permits that are going to be expiring, to put in their renewal information, if there's anything that's going to be changing, etcetera.

Beyond that, I notice it didn't make it in, but we've got the building department report.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I just got it today.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we'll send it to the rest of the Board separately and add it on to the agenda. There were two major significant applications beyond

some of the residential ones that we got in the last month.

Those are the Greenporter, which is doing a very significant renovation of the hotel property. They're going somewhere north of \$5 million to renovate the property. The construction permit alone was pretty healthy as part of that.

And then the North Fork Art Center is doing a big renovation right now. Some of you may have seen the dumpster parked across the street. And they're adding an elevator, which I know folks are really excited about for the third floor. So that's proceeding.

There's a number of other projects throughout the Village going on. You know, all else residential with the exception, and we still don't have a permit for it yet, The Olive Branch Restaurant space

where the wall collapse and the building department had to get them a evacuation and no entry order over there.

They've still not filed anything to get started over there on that. Supposedly that's happening. One of those tenants has already moved out and is going over by the crepes store. And then we've got two new tenants, including the crepes store moving into 140 Main. Those permits were issued months ago and they're in construction and proceeding pretty quick right now.

George has been working more hours. We've got a resolution on for next week as well with him, but there's a lot of residential construction in the Village that he's been doing ongoing inspections for.

There were a couple of folks who tried to start some work without -- demolition work without permits

that he issued stop work orders on
and that's been resolved. So I
know he met with both of them the
last couple of days. But he's all
over the place. They're, you
know, very organized and moving
things forward.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Why is
it that he could not have gotten
his report to the clerk before today?

MAYOR STUESSI: It was missed
by Bernette who is working
part-time.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So she
works part time in the building
department?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Does
that report also include code
enforcement?

MAYOR STUESSI: It does not
yet, but it will.

In regards to Municipity, we are
still trying to problem solve for

finding a solution with them. The initial cost to move over was going to be \$30,000 because we weren't piggybacking.

I am hopeful to talk to the Town again to see if there's any way to get back on. As you know, they're having a whole bunch of issues with their own IT and the recent hacking that they had there, as well as Lloyd is retiring.

I am going to see the Sag Harbor Mayor tomorrow and see how they were able to piggyback on their's, I believe it's with East Hampton, to see if there's any other route for that. Because we're still trying to get back up on Municipity and then get all of our data brought over as well. We believe it's not compromised by Southold Town, but we're not sure yet.

The other thing is we were -- we were having some lapses with the

Town picking up building plans and permits issued for a number of different properties. George reached out to the newest assessor who just joined on and got it fixed immediately. And so they picked them all up and those are over with them now.

So that's something we've talked loosely with Adam about, you know, looking at sort of a lookback as well with the building department between George and Ken and going through and making sure that we match it up with assessments. I know Adam, at least as of last week, you still didn't have the updated book from the Town. Have you seen it yet?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

They dropped it off last -- they dropped it off, I believe it could have been earlier this week, just on Monday.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. So
3 we've got that now and we will add
4 and match up with all the permits
5 that were issued to make sure they
6 have everything.

7 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.
8 I did make a note to my deputy
9 treasure that while he is going
10 through it, I wanted him to make
11 notations, as you had requested,
12 on properties that may have
13 increased or decreased that can be
14 cross referenced with the Village.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and so
16 what are the dates that that book
17 covers?

18 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I
19 believe they cover, it's like
20 March through February.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay, because
22 obviously, this is hugely important
23 to us and the Village taxpayers,
24 that we get full credit for work
25 that was done on any new assessments.

And so, theoretically, any property that's had significant work should be reassessed by the Town.

One of the challenges we've had is some things that had been removed from the assessment role, which --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: 401 North Street. 401 North?

MAYOR STUESSI: I don't remember 401 North.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: 301 I think.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is it the one on the corner?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I believe it's 301.

MAYOR STUESSI: And every single North Fork housing house was removed, as well as, obviously, Hogland grieved and that was a big number as well.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: So I don't think

there were any others outside those.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: No.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So

would there be any benefit if the
assessor's office would give us a
heads up on these properties that
may be going off the tax rolls?
Like this is a complete surprise.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They used
to send letters.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The
Housing Alliance?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. The
Town, when they got a grievance,
they used to send a letter to the
Village stating that.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I
don't know if I've seen one
recently. I believe you're right.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because we
used to get head's up that this
was going to happen. Because that
particular one with the North Fork

Housing Alliance, that was a shockeroo to me because, you know, the Town of Southold waived that, correct?

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes. The assessors.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: But I'm surprised they're even paying taxes. Why?

MAYOR STUESSI: They shouldn't have been.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: They shouldn't have been, so...

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, no, I'm not -- but I was just --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's a big hit, but I'm surprised they paid as long as they did. I don't know what the specifics of that are, why they're not eligible to prorate it.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I can't answer that one.

VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

Yeah, it would be at the Town
assessment level.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: While
we're talking about the building
department, I don't know if you
could do this now or maybe under
advise of counsel, but I was
approached by a property owner in
the Village who thinks they're not
eligible for a short term rental
based on the new law, based on
their understanding of it.

And they said, how do I appeal
that? I said, you can't appeal
something you haven't been denied
for. Is that correct?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is that the
guy that owned the unit at 123
Sterling?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I'm not
going to stay who it is.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I got a call
from somebody about that too.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I would think they would need to be denied first and then they would -- the appeal process would come to us.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: To us, right. Because it's not in the zoning code, so there's no avenue for appeals.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It would be us, but you have to have a denial first.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay, that's what I told him. I directed him to the building department. If they want to apply for something and get denied, then that would be the first step.

MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, it would surprise me to think that somebody would think they're going to get denied, but have a case otherwise for it. I mean, this one with the bed and breakfast was pretty clear, I know I'm not going

to get one.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Maybe they just want to try and test the Board.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I mean, the Board doesn't have any ability to do anything outside of what the code says --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No, we have --

MAYOR STUESSI: -- without change the code.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No, we do have the --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You have the appeal authority.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We have the appeal process.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: We have appeal authority. Any code provision could be appealed to the Board. There has to be an appeal outlet, right?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: If

there's a permit and you're denied --

MAYOR STUESSI: But don't we
have to change the code for it?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: If
there's a permit -- no. What
their -- the questions that will
come before you if a permit is
denied is whether the denial was
arbitrary, capricious or contrary
to law.

MAYOR STUESSI: Right, but if
it meets the law, we don't have
the ability to overrule that, do we?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
Then you would have adhere to the
determinations --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that was
my point. Sorry.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: And
that would then allow them to bring
an Article 78 if they wish to.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right,
that's where they -- yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I'm

sorry, you were talking about something else. I just didn't want to mention --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: No, no, it's okay.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The air -- not the Airbnb, but the bed and breakfast raises a question of, I thought at one point we were going to look at the code on that because some -- they have some restrictions on it that, you know, somebody short-term renting, I don't know if they're going to have that -- I don't know. It raises a question. Do we need to look at the law?

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, we had discussed, at one point, looking at it and potentially changing it from requiring the property owner to live there, to be able to have a manager, thinking that you create a job and a house for

somebody.

On these larger ones, you know, I would suggest everybody take a look at it, but it's -- it has a number of qualifications base ones including lot size, you know, that you have to be there full-time, parking is required. It's fairly onerous, I think. But it would be worth everybody's while to take a look at it.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It also had a minimum bedroom.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, size.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes. Bedroom size and count, yeah, and a maximum count.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: And we increased it, right, at one point I remember, Mary Bess; didn't we?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, we did do something, but I just -- it's been a while and it was kind of -- it was set up -- years ago,

when they first came, it was controversial, as a lot of people were not happy about bed and breakfasts, they actually were similar to the short term rentals.

And then once they passed it, it just -- I think the short-term rentals has over-fazed it a little bit. But it's restrictive. It's extremely restrictive and it probably needs to be looked at.

MAYOR STUESSI: I apologize, I need to take a quick two-minute break.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's okay.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I do too.

(At this time a brief recess was taken.)

MAYOR STUESSI: Real quickly, relative to starting work over behind the Seaport Museum. We're getting an update from Corazzini on their portion of the work. They're prepared to actually start getting mobilized next week back

there on it. There's a legal issue that we're going to go into Executive Session on relative to a piece of this over there. But we will -- we'll have that and moving forward as I said.

The one outstanding issue that were going to need to make a determination on, and I'm probably going to loop you in on a phone call tomorrow, Patrick, when Rick is back --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- is we think we can figure out temporary power with a rental unit to keep the commercial boats over on the commercial dock, but there may be a timing issue. And I know Rick's already talking to fisherman over there on, you know what it may be as far as timing.

One suggestion was maybe to look at moving them over to the yacht

pier temporarily. Rick had some concerns about that, but we'll set a call tomorrow to talk about that briefly.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay, all right.

MAYOR STUESSI: I think that was it, unless anybody had any other questions and we can go into Executive Session on that.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Peconic Star Agreement?

MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, yes, I'm sorry. Please, go ahead.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Well, I think we're close?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I think -- did everybody get a chance to take a look at the updated rental items?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yes, I think it's fine.

MAYOR STUESSI: I think we're there unless anybody had any

further questions. I just back
and forth with counsel.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The only
further question I had and Brian,
I believe he talked to me that he
mentioned to you, my one concern
is and he said it may be in the --

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
Exclusivity?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- code, is
when there's a significant weather
event that the marina manager has
the authority to have them move
away from it because you don't
want to be at that dock in the
northeast --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, so
wouldn't that just be a policy?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's
in the policy.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's in the
policy?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So now
that we've referenced a policy, I

think -- yeah, I was concerned about the same thing or a sinking vessel.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

MAYOR STUESSI: Right, and then we can just update the policy if we have further issues.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, okay.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: While we're talking about -- weren't we also working on updating that policy?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Isn't that on our, kind of, long list of --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yep, so that's still like in a progress kind of thing.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay, I just want to make sure.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I had a call from Dave Abatelli before. We were talking about the carousel meeting, but he wanted to say

thank you so much for this
agreement that you're, you know,
going to have with Peconic Star
this year again, you know, because
the museum has had limited --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and this
new boat, that speed he bought, is
going to be amazing for going out
there.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: No, they're
very excited. They'll definitely
be able to increase number of
cruises significantly, so he was
really happy.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and then
we just -- the museum just got the
grant from the State as well --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- to replace
the dock for them to land over at
Bug Light so it'll make it even
better.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, no he's
very excited.

MAYOR STUESSI: It's super exciting. Really quickly on the LWRP grant. I had a follow-up today. We still don't have anything back from the State on it. McBride was reaching back out to the State to figure out what the status -- I mean, not the status. We know it's been awarded, but they haven't sent through the paperwork.

Obviously there's going to be a bunch of onboarding with that and then we're going to need to go out to one of the consultants to hire them as part of it.

This special February meeting, we will have John from McBride here as well. A large part of this will be focused on water quality and sewer stuff and we will have the sewer study in advance of that because there's a big opportunity with the State now with all of this

that's going to be coming out.

Together with that, I will send -- I probably won't get to it tonight as late as it is, but tomorrow. I just went through this very interesting Zoom presentation by USGS, which they're just back on -- well, those that still work there are back on the job after the -- what do you call it?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: DOGE?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, the shutdown.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: And so they had been working on this project across Long Island and they actually looked at two municipalities, one of them being Greenport, because it had this sort of perfect storm of being right on the water, elevation issues, tidal issues, etcetera.

And, you know, looked at it relative to our sewer system. And so they've released a portion of it, including -- so I'll forward that to the Board, which says a lot, but then begs other questions.

And then there was also one of the people that worked on it who wasn't employee, but was part of some university here in the states, and she's now at Padula in Italy, did a whole presentation that they're going to get us a copy of too to take a look at so we can share, not just with the Board, but the public.

Long story short, as well all know, you know, and as I touched on with Osinski we're having a lot issues with, you know, groundwater coming up, not just in tidal surges, but in our ground not being able to absorb water during

these really heavy and intense rains. And, you know, a lot the of their data was ten years ago that they were looking at, and we know what's happened just in the last ten years or --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, and the dry wells fill up. You were trying to tell him that these wells fill up, you know, we can't use them.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So we had people within the audience who were hoping to hear an announcement about the LWRP grant.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think we missed an opportunity there. It got overshadowed a little bit with the public comment discussions. So it's a positive development with the Village. I think we should make sure that we

make some time for it at the next meeting.

MAYOR STUESSI: Definitely.

And I think we can probably share a bit more maybe in the next newsletter. I know we touched on it. And, you know, we'll know more once we get the package of how quickly we can get funding and then mobilize and I know there were some very fruitful conversations with consultants and we'll need to --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, we'll pick the whole thing up.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- committees, etcetera. And we are going -- the historic grant that we applied for, I'm told good news is coming and we're expecting a letter next week on that, which is, you know, really wonderful news.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: And then there

would be a resolution next week
for everybody to consider on this
parks grant that I had sent over
to Rena, and I'll forward to
everybody else. So there's two
parks grants that have just come out.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

MAYOR STUESSI: One of them is
for recreation and would qualify
for something like the Skate Park.
The other one is for other work in
parks.

And so my hope was we could look
at that one towards a good portion
of the work that needs to be done
down at 5th and 6th Street because
that's going to need to be a whole
combination of road end work,
bioswales, and it's going to mean
replacing park equipment and the
bathrooms and all of that down
there.

And the challenge is, we can't
apply for both of them. And so I

just want to poll the Village Board quickly. It strikes me, based upon some of the other stuff that's coming up, that we can potentially get some additional water and water quality grants especially if we can get the Town to move forward on CPF for this to help solve and have kit of parts or a kit of tools, I guess it would be, to solve for what we need to do on 5th and 6th Street, but we all know we're really, really limited on potential funding for the Skate Park.

And this new grant that was just announced fits it perfectly and only requires a ten percent match as well. So you look at the \$100,000 they raised, we can conceivably asked for a million dollars.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, the maximum is \$900,000.

MAYOR STUESSI: But I mean with the \$100,000, we've got a million dollars to spend, which is one of the original numbers for doing quite a bit of significant work over there.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, then we can put a resolution on for -- well, depending on how the Board feels, we would be able to put a resolution on for next week for McBride to start working with the skate people.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, but that's what I was suggesting we do --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: -- but I'm asking the Board --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I think --

MAYOR STUESSI: -- are we inclined to do this for the Skate Park and then work on other

funding for 5th and 6th Street?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes, I think so. I mean, you have to look at -- the Skate Park group is basically a grant already, it's \$125,000 grant.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: They're trying to figure out how to give it to us.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So that's already a bird in the hand, right?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But also Jared has some -- when we get into Executive Session, he had some suggestions that might supplement all of it together.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay, good. Yes, so I agree with your thinking on that.

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Julia?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm okay with

that.

MAYOR STUESSI: And, Lily, did you nodding as well?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

MAYOR STUESSI: Okay, great. With that, I will make a motion --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Wait, can I one tiny thing for my report --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, sorry.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: -- which is just about starting some social media. I just want you guys -- I just want the go ahead.

MAYOR STUESSI: So what you do you mean by social media, Facebook, Instagram?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Facebook and Instagram. The Communication Committee is ready to do it. I know I sent everyone something a while ago. I sent another. It's attached to my --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm vehemently opposed to social media by the

way, just so you know on the record.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.

Well, maybe then we don't have to have a huge long discussion about it now. Then I will hold off if the Board is not comfortable.

MAYOR STUESSI: Well, why don't you share high level what it is --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well, I mean, it's really just -- it's having Instagram and Facebook that are not comment -- like no comments are allowed. A lot of -- I mean, I gave you all in the last --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: That doesn't exist on Facebook.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Like Southold, I mean, Sag Harbor. There are -- you can look at many municipalities that have super informational --

MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I know East Hampton and Southampton and Shelter Island all do it and they

share meeting agenda items --

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.
So it would be stuff that's like
on our website that we'd be sharing,
stuff that's in the newsletter.

MAYOR STUESSI: A snowstorm is
coming.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah,
very like, you know, noncontroversial.

MAYOR STUESSI: Who are you
thinking would manage this?

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
think for right now the
Communications Committee would
manage it and then, depending on
budget and -- possibly our website
company can manage it. I know
Candace had talked about interns
could help manage it. Or
possibly, you know, it doesn't
have to be our website company.
There are other people who do this
for money, but that's more of a
budget question.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, I guess,
3 personally speaking, I would be
4 supportive it if it's not a place
5 for people to comment and it's
6 very focused with sharing
7 information on meetings and
8 certain initiatives in the
9 Village, or if there's snowstorms
10 and things like that.

11 I would personally have a concern
12 as to how does the Communication
13 Committee have the time and energy
14 to manage it and how are they
15 going to source versus if we
16 considered hiring somebody, in
17 which case, how much is that? I
18 know you had sent something that --

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
20 think it's like -- I mean, the
21 Website Committee gave us like
22 \$350 a month type budget. But the
23 thing is we'd have to give them content.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So

it's not like we would just be
handing it off.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: There's still
no way to stop the Facebook from
publishing comments, okay.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: There
is.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: That's freedom
of expression.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: There
is.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: You're not
allowed to do that.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: There
is. With the technology, you can
just disable comments. On all the
municipalities that have that,
that's what they do. They're just
informational.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm not sure
about that.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well,
I mean --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Like I said,

I hate social media.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So it's probably then, a longer discussion than we're going to have tonight, but I just wanted to put it out there because it's something we have been talking about and I've been informing you guys about for a while.

I understand people's hesitancy. I was hesitant, which is also why it's taken so long. Not so much on the comments, but just the -- I don't know, for many reasons.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Read the Facebook policies.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But I do think, you know, communication is so important. And the way people communicate now is a lot -- it's social media. It's how you get the word out.

We can put the photo contest out. It's not like -- people would see

it much more and you can disable comments so that it's not -- I mean, people then could re-share it and they could say whatever that went. But that is freedom of the speech. They're free to do that and they do it anyway. Like Village business is already discussed on social media.

So many other municipalities do it. But, you know, if the Board is hesitant, that's fine, I just want to know that before I went ahead and did it. But I do think --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think we always hear from our constituents that they want improved communication.

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So if this is something that can help that, I'd say there's a real compelling interest in trying to do this for the public. I apologize,

I don't use social media, so I'm not -- I'd be very wary.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: What I see on social media is ugly and horrible stuff, so I just --

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay, but --

MAYOR STUESSI: I think it would be helpful maybe if you or the clerk's office pulled like some select posts from some of the other municipalities on Instagram and Facebook of how they utilize it for things like, you know, PSEG is out and they're doing roadwork over here, and there's a snowstorm, here are the five highlights of upcoming meeting.

Because that stuff -- I'm not on Facebook, thank God, but what I've seen on Instagram by the other municipalities on the East End, these very thoughtful and helps, to your point, get messaging out,

especially when we've got road or storm issues and stuff that we can get stuff out.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I can do that. I mean, I had sent you all links, but I can do it in a more -- I can send particular posts.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: And there are -- just our neighbor, the superintendant of highways for Southold Town, I get an immense amount of information about what's going on and like roads are being plowed, people are out there from social media. He leverages social media a lot. I think he's a great example of some someone right there using it.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That's true.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: And I mean, it's for the benefit of the public.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Like Truth Social?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I'm sorry?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Like Truth
Social?

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: No, I was
definitely not referencing that.
I would never, just so we're clear
on that. He uses social media to
share really important
weather-related information where
there's down wires, there's all
kinds of stuff. So I'd be happy
to share. I think he's a great
example of how it could be used in
the Village, but I definitely
understand your apprehension.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah,
I can do that. I can send particular
posts and that's a good suggestion.

VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
Alright, that's all I got.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I
just want to make on correction on
something I said earlier that was

a mistake. An application for a short-term rental permit would be appealed to the BZA, not to the Board of Trustees.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: To the ZBA?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah. So I just want to make that clear.

MAYOR STUESSI: Why?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's not in Chapter 150 though?

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I think it's, as a matter of course, it's just any application denied by the building department goes to the BZA.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The ZBA.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes, ZBA.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And then they would have to file an Article 78 if they didn't agree with ZBA decision.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And then
get it back to us.

VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes,
then they'd have the ability to do
that.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Quick question.
Mark Terry, are we going to get any
information from him?

MAYOR STUESSI: Yes. In fact,
on the ADU stuff and then also for
this upcoming meeting on some
planning stuff. And I'm also
going to sent the board a summary
what we spent on planning expenses
last year that Adam had prepared.
Got an update on that. I know
there was some questions.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: At some
point will you update us about
your discussion with Town of
Southold the other day? Didn't
you talk to the Town of Southold
at the meeting the other day on
housing or something?

MAYOR STUESSI: I did not
speak.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Or was it
their staff that did it?

MAYOR STUESSI: But there's
something that I will share in
Executive Session.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay,
all right.

MAYOR STUESSI: I was not a
participate in their meeting.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay.
It was -- okay. Alright, I just
thought you were there, okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: I went.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: The Village
was not requested to be there. It
should have been requested.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay.
You were the public. Okay, that's
fine.

MAYOR STUESSI: And I found out
last minute and went, but there's

a legal issue that we need to discuss.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

MAYOR STUESSI: All right, so I'm going to make a motion to go into Executive Session. The topics in Executive Session are contracts, potential hiring of somebody, and some potential wage changes. Then we have a few advice of counsel items afterwards. Second?

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: The public meeting is closed. Everybody is welcome to excuse themselves other than Jared. Thank you.

(Whereupon, the Village of Greenport Board of Trustees Work Session went into Executive Session.)

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