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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

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

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

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Aye.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Please stand
13 for the Pledge of Allegiance.

14 (Whereupon the Pledge of
15 Allegiance was recited.)

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Please be seated.

17 Mr. Assistant Chief, you're first up.

18 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

19 Good evening, everyone. Happy New
20 Year to you all.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Happy

22 New Year.

23 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: So

24 the first thing I'd like to touch

25 on is, how is it going with the

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

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon me?

5 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

6 -- on 4th Avenue, the parking, the
7 one-way parking.

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

10 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: The
11 no parking, I'm sorry.

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

15 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
16 Okay. So I'd like to get that up
17 as soon as possible.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

19 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
20 Also, there's an awful lot of
21 potholes around the Village. You
22 know, we've all crossed Center
23 Street and 1st Street. The
24 ambulance bottoms out. It's not a
25 good thing.

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

8 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
9 Yeah, well, take notice on that
10 stop because that's bad spot.

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

23 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
24 Okay. Any movement on 409 South
25 Street? Anything happen over

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

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

14 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
15 Yeah, well, they a brawl over
16 there the other night.

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

20 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
21 We're working on our budget. I
22 know we're probably a little
23 behind for you, but we're getting
24 a committee together. I'm going
25 away, so it might have to be

2 beginning of February if that's
3 okay.

4 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

5 Thank you.

6 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

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

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

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

25 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

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

6 In October we went to the Friends
7 of Mitchell Park who gave us -- we
8 were asking for \$30,000 and they
9 gave us -- they didn't give us
10 \$40,000, that's what we can work
11 with for the signs. So they're
12 funding it, Friends of Mitchell
13 Park.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

6 MR. GRZESIK: Correct, yeah.
7 And, you know, I went over it with
8 Rick as far as the construction
9 that they started, which might not
10 be for a while, we had to keep it
11 20 feet back from the bulkhead.
12 So we'll be able to leave it there
13 during construction. They're
14 fairly easy to move, but new
15 footing would have to be put in if
16 they have to be relocated.

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

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

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Twenty feet
24 is fine?

25 MR. GRZESIK: Yeah.

2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

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

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Over here --

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

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

22 MS. MONSELL: Well, ten
23 different things, yes. The early
24 settlement of Southold in the
25 1640's; the birth of Greenport,

2 1830's; whaling industry and
3 growth, 1800's; arrival of the
4 Railroad, 1840's; tourism and
5 resort development, late 1800's;
6 Greenport during World War I,
7 1910; prohibition and rum running,
8 1020's. Number 8 would be World
9 War II and the America's Cup era.
10 Nine, postwar downtown and
11 revitalization, and then the
12 challenge of preservation amid
13 growing popularity to date.

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

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

23 MS. MONSELL: Correct,
24 Greenport.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Julia?

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

7 MS. MONSELL: Uh-huh.

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

12 MS. MONSELL: Thank you.

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

21 MS. MONSELL: She does, thank
22 you.

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

2 to get the information out to
3 people.

4 MS. MONSELL: It's very
5 important.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

2 figure all that in.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. Thank
4 you.

5 MS. MONSELL: Thank you.

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

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

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

21 MS. MONSELL: Widow's Walk.

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

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

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

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

11 MR. GRZESIK: Pretty much.

12 MS. MONSELL: Pretty much.

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

22 MR. GRZESIK: Yes.

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

2 MR. GRZESIK: One of the
3 things with signage, people get
4 bored and only a few people that
5 will really get into history and
6 read everything, whereas, if
7 they're moseying around and
8 walking around the whole property
9 and they're facing the Railroad,
10 that will be the Railroad
11 information.

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

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Right.

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

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

2 walking -- a walking tour of the
3 signs --

4 MS. MONSELL: Pretty much.

5 MR. GRZESIK: Yeah.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- the
7 general concept?

8 MS. MONSELL: Pretty much.

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

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

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

25 MS. MONSELL: Yeah, it could

2 changed.

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

15 MS. MONSELL: Temporary.

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

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

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

6 MR. GRZESIK: Yeah, of course.

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

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

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

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

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

2 but there's already issues with
3 them in a relatively short time.

4 I want to say they've been there
5 five years now, four years maybe --

6 DISTRICT ATTY eight: Three.

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 MS. MONSELL: Then we need 11.

11 MR. GRZESIK: Or 12.

12 MS. MONSELL: Or 12.

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

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

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

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

17 MR. GRZESIK: Yeah.

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

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

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

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

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

2 MR. GRZESIK: Two feet by
3 three feet.

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

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

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

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

2 you know, adding them and copy for
3 it.

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

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

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

14 MR. GRZESIK: Oh, yes, yes.

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

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

8 MS. MONSELL: Rick Albanese?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 MS. MONSELL: Yeah.

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

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

17 MR. GRZESIK: Yeah.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 MR. GRZESIK: Okay, yeah.

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

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

10 MR. GRZESIK: Okay.

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

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

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

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

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

11 MS. MONSELL: Okay.

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

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah,
15 thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

15 MS. MONSELL: Put up 15.

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

20 MR. GRZESIK: Yeah, I was
21 actually there.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 MS. OSINSKI: Can I --

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

2 this, okay?

3 MS. OSINSKI: He got to speak.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: What's that?

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

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

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

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

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

10 MAYOR STUESSI: All right, well --

11 (Applause.)

12 MAYOR STUESSI: The next item
13 up, I'm going to request that our
14 applicant for Smugglers Cove
15 approaches the podium. This is a
16 public meeting to receive comments
17 on the following State Liquor
18 Authority application. This is an
19 application for Smugglers Cove at
20 1410 Manhasset.

21 MR. DUNHART: Good evening.

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

25 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

2 varies on how busy it is.

3 Anything else? What was the other
4 question?

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

8 MR. DUNHART: Okay.

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

12 MR. DUNHART: Porto Bello
13 Restaurant.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Right, thank
15 you.

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

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

22 MR. DUNHART: Sure.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Julia?

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

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

4 MR. DUNHART: Thank you.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm in
6 support of it.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick?

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

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

15 MR. GREMLER: If I might say
16 something?

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

20 MR. GREMLER: I'm their neighbor.

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

25 MR. GREMLER: I can certainly

2 do that.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

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

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I've seen
11 this already online.

12 MR. DUNHART: I don't know.

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

16 MR. DUNHART: This is the
17 seating for outside.

18 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Oh,
19 perfect. Thank you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 MR. DUNHART: Number of seats,

2 yeah, everything is going to stay
3 the same.

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

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

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

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

2 in fact, a change.

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

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

20 MR. DUNHART: Correct.

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

23 MR. DUNHART: Correct.

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

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

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

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Mary Bess?

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

24 MR. DUNHART: Correct.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

2 Other than for the outdoor bar.

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

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

14 MR. DUNHART: Dig deep.

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
22 Yeah, I think so.

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

2 submitted to the State Liquor
3 Authority.

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

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

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

19 MR. DUNHART: One for two.

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

22 MR. DUNHART: Yeah.

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

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

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

21 MR. DUNHART: Correct.

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

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

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

13 MR. DUNHART: Everything.

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

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

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

24 Sure.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: You obviously

2 know it very well.

3 MR. GARRITANO: Yes. What was
4 the question?

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

8 MR. GARRITANO: Bruce Garritano;
9 619 Bailey Avenue, Greenport.

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

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

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

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

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

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

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

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

20 MR. GARRITANO: No because --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: They're fully
22 in the Village.

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

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

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

8 MR. GARRITANO: That's the
9 property line between Southold
10 Village -- Southold Town and
11 Greenport Village. So half the
12 property is in -- not Porto Bello's
13 property, but half of the marina's
14 property is in the Southold Town,
15 half is in the Village.

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

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, no
20 the marina bathrooms.

21 MR. GARRITANO: The marina
22 bathrooms and lounge.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Got it.
24 Thank you.

25 MR. GARRITANO: Okay. Any

2 other questions?

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

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: No.

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

11 MR. DUNHART: Sure.

12 MR. GREMLER: How are you
13 guys?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Good, thank you.

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

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

20 MR. GREMLER: Billy Gremler;
21 1060 Moores Lane North, Greenport,
22 New York. Billy's by the Bay;
23 2530 Manhasset Avenue, Greenport,
24 New York.

25 I am in Southold Town. The line

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

4 MR. DUNHART: Joe.

5 MR. GREMLER: Joe. They're in
6 Greenport. I'm in Southold.

7 Mayor, you know I'm a plumber.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

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

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

2 make in Greenport Village and
3 Southold Town right now.

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

7 I'm coming back for my 17th year.
8 I'm 66 years old. I was in a boat
9 explosion, made that, made
10 17 years in the restaurant
11 business and I'll make 18. So I
12 think we should all stand up and
13 give Joe a round of applause.

14 Joe, how old are you because
15 you're going to look older next
16 year. You're going to look a lot
17 older next year. That used to be
18 full, Joe. That used to look
19 full.

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

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

2 right, Joe?

3 MR. DUNHART: No.

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

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

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, sir.

19 (Applause.)

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

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

6 Rich?

7 MR. VANDENBURGH: Hi. Good
8 evening. Richard Vandenburg
9 president of the BID. 234
10 Carpenter Street as well. I just
11 want to say I've known Joe for
12 probably -- I'm not sure -- 15,
13 20 years. I know him personally.
14 I know he's operated similar types
15 of businesses like this in other
16 parts of New York and does an
17 outstanding.

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

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

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Great, thank you.

6 (Applause.)

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

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

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

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

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Sure.

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

25 All right, next up --

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

6 MS. WILHELM: Yeah.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: About
8 something that --

9 MS. WILHELM: Yeah.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Could we
11 let them go first?

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Sure, please.

13 MS. WILHELM: Rena Wilhelm,
14 129 Sterling Avenue. I had asked
15 to be put on the agenda. It's
16 actually -- it speaks volumes that
17 I was not approved, that I am
18 representing Greenport Skate Park.

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

25 Hopefully you all saw the East

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

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

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

22 The Greenport Skate Park was built
23 26 years ago. Just ten years after
24 it had opened, it was already
25 falling apart. For over a decade

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

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

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

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

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

5 It brought renewed hope, press
6 attention, and momentum.

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

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

20 Meanwhile, the community continued
21 to step up. We have raised over
22 \$125,000 almost entirely from local
23 residents and business owners, many
24 of them donating multiple times
25 because they believe in this

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

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

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

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

1
2 happen.

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

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

20 We worked tirelessly, brought the
21 community together, and raised
22 \$10,000 specifically for the
23 Greenport Skate Park Revitalization
24 Project. That money, along with
25 the rest of what we have raised is

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

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

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you very
23 much, Rena. I want to commend you
24 for everything you've done for the
25 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

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

7 MS. WILHELM: Sure.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah,
25 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

2 going to cost?

3 MS. WILHELM: Yeah.

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

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

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

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

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

25 So, yes, there are ways that we

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

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

10 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: There
11 are legal impediments.

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

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

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

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

2 but what I'm getting at is this
3 grant opportunity has come up and
4 I think that it's something that
5 we need to -- I mean, after all,
6 we spent, over the last two years,
7 145,000 -- \$143,000 on McBride's
8 \$6,500-a month grant opportunities
9 and I think we should be utilizing
10 them to push this forward.

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

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

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We apply.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: We'd apply, yes.

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

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
21 Right, right.

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

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

5 MS. WILHELM: Yep.

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

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

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 MS. WILHELM: But volunteer
10 work or --

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

14 MS. WILHELM: Right.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- which is
16 done with most grants if you have
17 in-kind services that prevails
18 getting you additional cash from
19 the grant. But as I said, there's
20 a lot -- there's a lot of positivity
21 in that grant announcement. It's
22 just it has a deadline of February
23 9th and we have to get moving on
24 it. And you have a project-ready
25 system and that's, you know,

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

4 MS. WILHELM: I'd appreciate it.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

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

9 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

10 Good evening, everyone. This was
11 a part of my Work Session, but I'm
12 just going to do this presentation
13 piece now, correct, Mayor?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon me?

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

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

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

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

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

25 So the reason that I am recommending

2 this is, first and foremost, cost.

3 The cost of these machines, the
4 options that we have available, we
5 would have to purchase the machines,
6 which opens up the door for the cost
7 of the purchase, the initial purchase,
8 and then maintaining them, servicing
9 these machines. I would become
10 responsible to keep up with these
11 machines, which is daunting.

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

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

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

13 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I'm
14 just --

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 option is the Village could turn
3 over our election handling to the
4 Suffolk County Board of Elections.
5 This would save the Village the
6 total cost of the election. I'm
7 not recommending that option
8 because the Village has a long
9 history of conducting our own
10 election.

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

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

2 ballot.

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

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

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: There's
12 been times --

13 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Based on
14 Election Law --

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

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

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

5 Any questions about this? I know
6 I ran through it pretty quickly.
7 I hope I touched on the points. I
8 don't know if I drove home why I'm
9 suggesting this or recommending
10 this to the Board. I guess, you
11 know, just to circle back, this is
12 work that we can do. We did really
13 well conducting the election in
14 2025. It was my first time doing
15 it, but we had -- it was a smooth
16 run of it.

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

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you --

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

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

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

2 Board have any questions, I'm --

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

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

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

13 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, that
14 is a possibility.

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

2 absentee ballots.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Got
4 you.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 five years.

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

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

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

18 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

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

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

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No.

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

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

2 is manageable to be able to count
3 these ballots.

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

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

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

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 were turned over to the County?

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

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It would
11 have to, correct?

12 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No,
13 it would not.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It would
15 not?

16 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No.
17 You could do that.

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

21 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes,
22 yes.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Isn't
24 there something about Villages could
25 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

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

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

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

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I
10 believe so.

11 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

12 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: So
13 500 ballots is, I think,
14 manageable. If you split it up
15 into several tables in making sure
16 that we have sufficient eyes on
17 the inspectors and making sure
18 that the canvas was done right.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: The
10 one thing I'd point out, just in
11 terms of changing the dates --
12 changing the date of an election,
13 is I think it would be subject to
14 referendum, even if you were to
15 pass a resolution switching the
16 date of the election to the date
17 of the general election in
18 November as part of the package of
19 resolutions shifting the operation
20 of Village elections to the Board
21 of Elections, because you're
22 extending necessarily the terms of
23 office of encumbrance, it would
24 have to be approved by the
25 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

2 has been an incredible challenge.
3 But I am confident in this
4 recommendation that we can do this.

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

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

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

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

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: --

2 we didn't pay the County.

3 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: We did.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Oh,
5 we did?

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: We have a
7 person that --

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

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

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
16 The ballots.

17 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: The
18 ballots.

19 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: The
20 ballots from a company that are
21 compatible with their machines.
22 You have to have the actual ballots.
23 You have to have test ballots.
24 And then we also have a person
25 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

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

10 MAYOR STUESSI: That's a big
11 issue.

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

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

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It would
23 save money.

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

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

7 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

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

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

2 essentially you'd be maxed out at
3 two tables.

4 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Right.

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

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

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

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Oh,
14 I see.

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

18 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah,
19 right.

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

25 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Right.

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

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

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

12 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

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

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

19 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

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

24 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.
25 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.

2 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: --

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

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Right.

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

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

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, if
16 we want --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: That's the
18 main issue here.

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

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

5 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

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

13 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Right.

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

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

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
23 agree.

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: We've got a

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

8 MR. HARRIS: I would like to.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, please.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 day, after day, after day, and
3 nothing. Nothing.

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

12 MR. SALADINO: John Saladino,
13 6th Street. I live on 6th Street,
14 so it's nice. I have had no
15 potholes, but in response to what
16 Pete says. Pete, I understand
17 there's potholes in the Village --
18 and this is not why I'm up here to
19 talk. There's potholes in the
20 Village, but I drive from the
21 Railroad Bridge in Greenport West
22 to the Town of Southold and it's
23 like a washboard.

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

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

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

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

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

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, absolutely.

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

2 \$1,000, \$10,000?

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

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

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

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

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

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

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

18 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Right, so --

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

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

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

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

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

14 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

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

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

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

2 bucks an hour?

3 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.

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

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

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

2 500 ballots.

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

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

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

11 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It did.

12 MR. SALADINO: Is that a
13 hardship?

14 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: No. It
15 was necessary.

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

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

20 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: He was here.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Julia and Mary
22 Bess ran last year.

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

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We all sat

2 there.

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

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

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

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Vote
22 yes for what?

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

25 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.

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

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

7 MAYOR STUESSI: We know that.

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

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

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

17 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

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

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

24 MR. SALADINO: And that cost
25 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.

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

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Please.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

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

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

17 MR. SALADINO: Ten years maybe.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, about
19 that.

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

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

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

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

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

2 62 days to vote, two additional
3 meetings to vote, and somebody
4 changes their mind or they hold
5 still and then it's a denial.

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

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

12 Alternate.

13 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

14 Alternate.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Alternate.

16 MR. SALADINO: Alternate

17 members to the statutory board.

18 You can add two. I think by law
19 you can add two. And I don't have
20 a problem with one year, two
21 years, five years, whatever you
22 guys want to do.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: You've been

24 Board chair and been on the Board

25 for a long time. Do you have a

2 recommendation of one year versus
3 two years?

4 MR. SALADINO: I think it's a
5 nonissue. I don't think it's
6 going to increase membership. I
7 don't think it's going decrease
8 membership. I don't think it's
9 going to -- unless somebody is
10 actually used, that's what's going
11 to make somebody not sit through a
12 two-hour Zoning Board or two-hour
13 Planning Board meeting and sit
14 there and not get to participate.
15 Audience members get to do that
16 because they get to come up to the
17 podium and voice their opinion.

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

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

25 That's our code. I believe that's

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 that.

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

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

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

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

2 late, he shouldn't lose his seat.

3 Somebody invests -- somebody like
4 myself or my colleague, Dinni
5 Gordon, she's on the Zoning Board
6 for 12 years. She gets a flat
7 tire in front of her house. She's
8 80 something years old. And by
9 the time she fixes it and gets
10 here, she's ten minutes late, she
11 lose her slot? She loses her
12 seat? It's just not right. It's
13 just not right.

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 MR. SALADINO: Eleven years.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Have

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

5 MR. SALADINO: What do you
6 mean vacancy?

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

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

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

25 I mean, you know, sometimes there's

2 controversy, two guys want the job.

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

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

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

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

2 I don't know how it is -- like I
3 said, I don't know how it is on
4 Planning; I don't know how it is
5 on HPC, but -- and if there is a
6 2-2 tie, the lawyer knows the deal,
7 the applicant knows the deal, the
8 Zoning Board knows the deal.

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

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

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

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

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

14 Occasionally, you know, somebody
15 has family emergency or something
16 happens, a plane is cancelled or
17 something and that's to be
18 expected. But if somebody's
19 consistently absent. You know, I
20 hear, well, you know, sometimes
21 they only show-up for half the
22 meetings and stuff. Then it's up
23 to you to get rid of them. They're
24 not motivated to be on that Board.
25 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

2 had a member that didn't show-up
3 11 times out of the year for 12
4 meetings, then I would say maybe --

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

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

11 MR. SALADINO: Exactly.

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

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

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

6 MR. SALADINO: But we have that.

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

20 MR. SALADINO: He was reading
21 the room.

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

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

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

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

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

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

25 MR. SALADINO: I'm --

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's debatable.

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

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

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

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, my concern

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

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

25 MAYOR STUESSI: There's a lot

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 home like an hour later.

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

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay, thank
15 you, John.

16 MR. SALADINO: Thank you.

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

21 MR. SALADINO: Thank you.

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

25 MR. OSINSKI: I'd like to speak.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2 the conversations?

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

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

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

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

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

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

24 MAYOR STUESSI: That's exactly
25 what it was.

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

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

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

25 MR. OSINSKI: Filing a wetland?

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

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

10 MR. OSINSKI: Okay, alright.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Freshwater
24 wetlands.

25 MR. OSINSKI: How is that

2 defined?

3 MAYOR STUESSI: By State law.

4 MR. OSINSKI: And what is the
5 definition?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

18 MR. OSINSKI: Okay. Just so
19 you know, the definition for the
20 DEC is one of two things. Either
21 100 feet from mean high tide or an
22 elevation above 10 feet. If
23 either one of those two are met,
24 then that's not considered a
25 wetland. Does anybody want to

2 disagree with that?

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

6 MR. OSINSKI: Yes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 MR. OSINSKI: -- so dry wells.

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

12 MR. OSINSKI: Dry wells from
13 the source of the runoff, from 5th
14 Street, you know, is the watershed
15 in the Village. Everything coming
16 down 5th street towards 4th Street
17 into Flint Street and Widow's
18 Hole, if you were to put two dry
19 wells, cheap dry wells, you'd get
20 80 to 90 percent captured.

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

23 MR. OSINSKI: Sure, okay.

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

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

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

22 MR. OSINSKI: Well, that's --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: So let's set a
24 time.

25 MS. OSINSKI: The pavement.

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

9 MAYOR STUESSI: I talked
10 Michael Collins many times.

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

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

18 MS. OSINSKI: Permeable pavement.

19 MR. OSINSKI: Permeable pavement.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

14 MR. OSINSKI: But you were the
15 Mayor.

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

18 MR. OSINSKI: Yes.

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

21 MR. OSINSKI: I wish you would.

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

2 our Waterfront Committee. There's
3 some real opportunities.

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

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

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

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

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

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

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, Mike.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thank you.

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

22 MR. VANDENBURGH: A question,
23 I just wasn't sure. There's
24 sequence and there's a Page 65.
25 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

2 to touch on that in her Work Session.

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

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

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

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

2 a little bit more of our timeline
3 on it.

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

13 So I think there's just got to be
14 some clarity really, some real
15 clarity delivered about, you know,
16 what people think, relative to
17 what type of committee they may be
18 serving on. Because it sounds --
19 you know, I understand that Liz
20 Gillooly is like, I'm not on an
21 Ice Skating Committee. I'm on the
22 250th Anniversary Committee.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

25 We're going to close that RFP

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

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

14 MR. VANDENBURGH: Sure.

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

17 MR. VANDENBURGH: Yeah,
18 generally speaking --

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

2 MR. VANDENBURGH: Yep, absolutely.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 MR. VANDENBURGH: Yeah, for
25 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.

2 I'm sorry, I'm forgetting --

3 MR. VANDENBURGH: GBOA I think
4 it is.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: -- the title
6 of it.

7 MR. VANDENBURGH: Greater
8 Business Owners Association.

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

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

25 Put them up for a few days and

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

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

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

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

25 But I think those are wonderful

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

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

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

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

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

13 So we need to continue to figure
14 out ways to incorporate other help
15 to work with those particular
16 people, those brokers, to add more
17 opportunities and greater leads to
18 get those people into the Village
19 and have a discussion that then
20 would involve the landlord and the
21 property owner and perhaps the
22 Village. I would like to
23 incorporate the Village Board as
24 far part of that discussion.

25 One of the innovative things that

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

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

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

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

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

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

12 (No response.)

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Nobody?

14 (No response.)

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

17 (At this time a brief recess
18 was taken.)

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

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

25 Village Hall will be closed on

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

8 Have you gotten some submissions?

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

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

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

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

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

14 It's also a software that allows
15 us to search prior meetings for
16 resolutions.

17 That is system is now obsolete.
18 So the company Granicus has been
19 working with us. After reviewing
20 multiple companies, which, again,
21 all of this was discussed at prior
22 meetings, just a background for
23 the sake of the public. We've
24 decided to stick with Granicus and
25 use their new program called Peak.

2 New to us, not new programming.

3 So this program will merge in a
4 better, more seamless, way. Our
5 videos, our meeting agendas, it
6 will be more user friendly. Right
7 now IQM2, it's it looks like
8 original technology. I mean,
9 really, truly original technology.
10 And while it's useful, it comes
11 with a lot of glitches when your
12 technology is that old. So I'm
13 truly looking forward this
14 onboarding process.

15 This is taking a backseat to the
16 website. The website is,
17 obviously, the most important
18 because we have to be live by a
19 certain time and then we're going
20 to immediately start working to
21 get going with onboarding.

22 This system will also -- for the
23 sake of the Board's knowledge, it
24 will allow the Board to submit
25 your own reports directly into the

2 system. It's going to be great.
3 It's a really clean looking back
4 office. And then the front-facing
5 piece of it will look very similar
6 to our current reports.

7 The big change is going to be what
8 our letterhead looks like. So right
9 now, as everybody is aware, our
10 letterhead has the Village information
11 down the left side of the page.

12 That format is not compatible with
13 this new system, so that will
14 change. That's just a aesthetic.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It wasn't
16 compatible with IQM2 either.

17 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's not
18 really compatible with many things
19 including mailing and so on and so
20 forth. But that is a change that
21 will happen. So the aesthetic of
22 our reports will look a little
23 different. The content will, of
24 course, will remain the same.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Candace,

2 before you go, because I was
3 already on IQM2 --

4 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- will I
6 get converted --

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- along
9 with everybody else?

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, so the
11 Board will probably be in a later
12 phase of this onboarding process,
13 but definitely a piece of it --

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mine's
15 already there, so -- okay.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. So
17 I don't know that that converts in
18 that way.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.
20 Sorry, just so that I don't see
21 something strange come flying
22 across.

23 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. So
24 you may be losing functionality
25 as we speak.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I haven't
3 used IQM2 because it was so
4 antiquated that every time I tried
5 to do it --

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It shuts
7 down.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, it
9 shut down on me.

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So we are
11 currently -- you know, most people
12 may not notice the difference, but
13 you can see the difference between
14 if you look at the bottom, the
15 footer, of some of the reports. I
16 have had to already start using
17 templates that I created.

18 So my report is actually in the
19 template. You can see the
20 Treasurer's Report was put into
21 the system. Jeanmarie is really
22 the only person who can truly use
23 the IQM2 system because it's --
24 not only is it just an older system
25 that requires a lot of workarounds

2 within it, it just crashes while
3 she's working and it's difficult
4 to learn.

5 The next thing on my report, I've
6 already covered, just the election
7 update. I do appreciate the Board's
8 just thoughtful comments for that
9 piece of the -- my presentation
10 and I'm looking forward to pressing
11 forward in this way.

12 Next up is a resolution for --

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Are we, Jared,
14 going to need some sort of Board
15 resolution on this?

16 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: For
17 which?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: For switching --

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: For
20 the election?

21 MAYOR STUESSI: -- over to the
22 hand counting ballots?

23 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No,
24 nothing, no. Just a decision in
25 terms of what we're going to do --

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So the
3 marketing -- not marketing, but
4 giving the public a heads up that
5 we will be doing paper ballots
6 from now on.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: It strikes me
8 we should do a resolution for it
9 for it next week.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It won't
11 hurt, will it?

12 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No.
13 There's no need, but I understand
14 the reason for doing it.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

16 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
17 There's no harm in doing it.

18 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, so
19 if the Board would like a
20 resolution --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Any comments
22 from anybody else? Patrick? Julia?

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
24 mean, you just think it would be
25 good to have a resolution so that

2 it's in the --

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Jared says
4 it's not necessary, but whatever.

5 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Or I can
6 -- if the Board would prefer, I
7 can come up with some type of
8 communication that can be shared
9 with the community about this.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: We're going to
11 need to do that in any case. I'm
12 just asking should -- we don't
13 legally need a resolution. Does
14 the Board think, for the purpose
15 of making it abundantly clear
16 before, that that communication is
17 needed or not?

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think
19 there's a benefit in that each
20 Board member will be on the record
21 with saying, I agree with this.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And
24 then it's completely clear.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It also

2 gets it out. The resolution will
3 be on the agenda and the public
4 will see it and so then, you know
5 -- it will say, well -- no, I agree.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Lily?

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

8 Yeah, that's fine. I understand
9 that motivation. It makes sense.

10 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I
11 can help with you the language.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

13 And we can definitely think about
14 putting it like in the newsletters
15 and on social media.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, all
17 the things. All the places.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It
19 doesn't require a public hearing?

20 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No.
21 If you were to move forward the
22 resolution transferring to the
23 County, that would require hearing
24 referendum and all that, but not
25 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

2 the County wouldn't go for that.

3 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah,
4 it's a County charge.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They could
6 very well come down and say we're
7 going to charging rent at some
8 point, correct?

9 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No.
10 I mean, because we wouldn't be
11 renting the machines. They would
12 have -- operate -- you know, it
13 would be the incumbent upon them
14 to operate.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But they're
16 not going to charge an operation
17 fee?

18 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No,
19 not according to this comptroller
20 opinion, but they could push back
21 against that.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what
23 I'm saying. Okay, maybe.

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.
25 The first resolution that I have,

2 and the only, is a resolution to
3 schedule the Annual Village Property
4 Tax Lien Sale. The Tax Lien Sale
5 will be held on March 10, 2026 at
6 10:00 a.m. at Village Hall.

7 Correct, Adam?

8 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

9 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

10 Next up is --

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Can I interject
12 for a quick second?

13 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Of course.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Adam, can you
15 just speak on this briefly? I
16 know when we talked you said you've
17 seen a pretty healthy increase
18 above last year in the number of
19 properties with this. Do you
20 recall offhand approximately?

21 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I
22 don't recall offhand, no. But
23 just for clarification --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Because I know
25 it was significantly more than

2 last year.

3 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It
4 does vary from year to year.

5 Using last year as example, yes,
6 it would be higher than last year.

7 Just for clarification, any unpaid
8 property taxes are sold within the
9 same fiscal year so the Village
10 can become whole.

11 We sell those liens. If and when
12 those properties are then redeemed,
13 the principal and interest that
14 would have accumulated on that
15 parcel is then forwarded to the
16 buyer of the tax lien sale.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: The other thing
18 worth mentioning is in certain
19 cases where the Village might have
20 had to do some work on a property,
21 like when we had to deal with some
22 abandoned houses or put a fence
23 up, that's included in this and
24 there is at least one case that
25 I'm aware of.

2 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: A
3 re-levy, yes. Yes, we do have
4 those cases within the Village too.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So we
6 have a house on 3rd Street that
7 we're still renting the fence --

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: --
10 directly across the Village Hall.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: That's the one
12 I'm talking about.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Does
14 that continue to be applied to
15 this property?

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

17 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Oh,
18 yes. Yes, every year.

19 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay,
20 next up are the public assembly
21 applications. So we received a
22 public assembly application for
23 the Annual Graduation Parade for
24 Greenport High School for the
25 Class of 2026.

2 So they would like to have the
3 graduation parade on Friday this
4 year; Friday, June 26th. The
5 parade will line up at 4:30 p.m.
6 and then kick off will be at 5:00 p.m.
7 So this -- I didn't include the
8 route here, but it is the -- no
9 change to the route that they've
10 been doing over the last several
11 years since this parade began.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's
13 usually in the morning on Saturday
14 or Sunday?

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It is
16 usually in the morning. So this
17 is a change. I'm not sure what
18 drove this change. The school,
19 last year, shifted things up a
20 little bit as far as graduation
21 date. It was historically -- or I
22 don't know if historically is the
23 right word, but for many years
24 graduation, I believe, was on a --

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Sunday.

2 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: --

3 Sunday. They switched it to
4 Saturday. So this is another
5 change in their process. I'm not
6 sure, again, what the driving
7 factors are here. But for the
8 sake of the Board and the public,
9 just like all other public assembly
10 applications, this went to the
11 Chief of Police who gave the green
12 light for being able to support
13 this parade through the Village.

14 Next up is a public assembly
15 application for the Greenport
16 Marine Fire Rescue Squad and
17 Greenport Fire Department to host
18 Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser at
19 Station 1 on Saturday, January 31st
20 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. There is a
21 request to suspend the open
22 container law for the duration of
23 this fundraiser.

24 And then, finally, there's just
25 two legal notices that were

2 published for the sake of the
3 public. The first legal notice
4 was for public -- I'm sorry, a
5 public hearing to be held next
6 Thursday, January 22nd regarding
7 the authorization of video
8 conferencing.

9 The next public hearing that is
10 noticed is for alternate ZBA and
11 Planning Board members. That
12 public hearing date is February 19th,
13 which is the Work Session next month.

14 And that concludes my report does
15 anybody have any additional questions?

16 MAYOR STUESSI: One addition for
17 the benefit of the Board excepting
18 Trustee Phillips who was at the
19 meeting with me. The Greenport
20 Business Owners Alliance, not the
21 BID, had a meeting other the other
22 night. And the Board was made
23 aware that there was some interest
24 from them to possibly do a mass
25 assembly in Mitchell Park after

2 the Fire Department Parade.

3 The Business Owners Alliance made
4 the decision that they did not
5 want to proceed with doing an
6 event in Mitchell Park and are
7 going to focus on doing events
8 specifically in all of their
9 retail store and restaurants so it
10 doesn't require a mass assembly
11 permit from the Village.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But the BID
13 is -- did request information from
14 the fire department -- of the fire
15 departments that will be
16 participating so that they could
17 hashtag them along with the
18 merchant's own marketing for the
19 14th or for Valentine's Day weekend.

20 They're trying to promote the
21 parade as much as possible. So
22 there will be advertising and some
23 pictures, I think, that they're
24 going to be doing. But they're
25 trying to -- part of it was the

2 Valentine's Day weekend. They
3 were trying to, you know, make it
4 a grand event, but short notice
5 and I think that they focused on
6 working with the BID, with the BID
7 doing the marketing portion and
8 them pressing their marketing as
9 well, so it should be pretty
10 interesting to see what comes out
11 of this.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Is
13 there anything about the Business
14 Owners Alliance event that you're
15 saying it's most like going to
16 take place within the restaurants
17 and things, is there anything
18 about that that the fire
19 department would need to know?

20 MAYOR STUESSI: No.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, no.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: It's just like
23 handing out gift-type items and
24 doing some stickers and stuff, yeah.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Trying

2 promote for those who come to the
3 parade --

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: And then it's
6 a lot of social media. It was
7 actually Sarah Phillips from the
8 First and South who's part of the
9 other group that made the
10 suggestion, it would be great to
11 get the BID who has a budget, as
12 you know, and is doing a lot on
13 social media to include a lot of
14 information from different fire
15 departments.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah,
17 good. I'm optimistic that it's
18 going to be a good thing for
19 everyone involved in that there's
20 a huge turnout for the parade and
21 then --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, the
23 restaurants, in particular, are
24 excited because it's, you know,
25 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.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: You had
3 enough?

4 MR. SALADINO: You know where
5 I'm going.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Send over some
8 takeout.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I -- from
10 what I've gathered in the
11 conversations I've had with some
12 of them, from the business owners
13 as well, Rich Vandenburg from the
14 BID, is that they're trying to
15 create events for January,
16 February, and March. And the Fire
17 and Ice, to do it properly, they
18 didn't really have enough time.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.
20 I'm just saying it will be cool
21 for next year, if they're planning
22 that far ahead.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: And that's
25 something Rena has been working on

2 for several years. It just didn't
3 get the timing aligned and the
4 volunteers. It sounded like a lot
5 of folks were stepping up.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.
7 I mean, I know people are very
8 into the idea of, you know, events
9 in the winter for the Business
10 District to drive business, so
11 people would.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: For a long
13 time I -- I actually am excited to
14 see every meeting that I attended
15 with them being part of -- you
16 know, being part of the BID and
17 the Business District. I'm
18 excited to see the business owners
19 starting to converse with each
20 other and throwing ideas out and
21 working together.

22 I think the BID has a function of
23 an organization that deals with
24 certain things and I think the
25 merchants is a down-to-earth

2 discussion and what can we do and
3 take the process and move forward.
4 I was really excited. It reminded
5 me of the days of when -- before
6 the BID was even in existence and
7 we all met with the Greenport
8 Merchants Group. It was kind of
9 exciting to see. So I have high hopes.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Any other
11 questions for Candace?

12 (No response.)

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Adam?

14 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

15 Thank you. Good evening.
16 Starting off with my resolutions.
17 My first one is to add the
18 outstanding water/sewer balances
19 in arrears to the Village of
20 Greenport 2026 tax bills. These
21 are unpaid water/sewer utility
22 balances that were previously
23 billed and remain outstanding.

24 Re-levying them ensures the charges
25 are tied to the property that

2 received service and allows the
3 Village to collect them in a
4 consistent manner. This is an
5 annual resolution we pass every
6 January.

7 My next resolution is to schedule
8 the public hearing for the '26/'27
9 Village Tentative Budget, 6:00 p.m.,
10 April 9, 2026, at the Old Schoolhouse.

11 My third resolution is to make an
12 additional contribution in the
13 amount of \$31,286.00 to the
14 Volunteer Firefighter Length of
15 Service Award Program for the
16 Village of Greenport Fire Department.

17 Just for some clarification, each
18 year, the Village budgets
19 approximately \$290,000.00 for our
20 fire department LOSAP or Length of
21 Service Award Program, which is a
22 benefit plan that provides tax
23 deferred retirement-style income
24 to our volunteers. It rewards
25 long term service and helps

2 recruit and retain volunteers by
3 offering financial incentives.

4 Even though the yearly LOSAP
5 requirement is approximately
6 \$260,000.00, the Village voluntarily
7 invests the remaining budgeted
8 amount to support our volunteers.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Trustee
10 Brennan, the point system, is that
11 -- have they started the process
12 of that?

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The
14 upgrade to the new system?

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well,
16 they're upgraded to the new
17 system, but the grievance dates
18 for the points, have they start
19 that yet?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I don't
21 think so. They just released the
22 total points report for the prior
23 year. It's just released, I guess,
24 for the first time on Tuesday or
25 Monday this week. So members will

2 be -- now they're informed whether
3 they have a grievance.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, okay.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I guess
6 to answer your question, I guess
7 that's starting that process. You
8 know, the fire department switched
9 over to a whole new way of collecting
10 the points.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, no,
12 I noticed the new report. It was
13 much easier to deal with than the
14 old one, but I know that they have
15 certain time periods with the
16 grievance day.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Speaking of
20 which on the fire department and
21 the assistant chief, it wasn't
22 mentioned. Do you know if they've
23 done anymore work on looking to
24 start some fundraising towards the
25 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

2 plan.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that's
4 what I was going to ask about.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's
6 still in the works. So I'm not
7 sure that it will be coming to
8 this Board this month. It will
9 probably be in February. Really,
10 we have to get through the Board
11 of Wardens and the Fire Counsel
12 first, right?

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh. I
14 just -- it gives me pause. Julia
15 actually sent a thing around to
16 the Board and I have firsthand
17 knowledge because I've got family
18 and friends who live in Portland,
19 Maine as well and there was a big
20 fire there and the working docks
21 and we all know the length of time
22 it's going to get the boat once we
23 actually place the order.

24 And it would seem to me that
25 whatever the department can do to

2 set their goal and give us some
3 sort of timeline. And then we, as
4 a Board, I think, need to have a
5 very thoughtful conversation on
6 whether we wish to bond for the
7 rest of it in order to get something
8 going and get an order in because
9 we're years away from seeing the
10 boat the day we advance it.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's
12 right. That's right.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: That scares me.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: This
15 Board has already agreed to bond.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, but actually
17 doing it is a different thing.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah,
19 so that would be great. I think
20 the fire department would like the
21 Board to do that. I think the
22 appropriate time to do that would
23 be once the Board approves the
24 fundraising scheme, right? So
25 that fundraising plan will likely

2 run the entire course of the
3 procurement of the vessel, so
4 that's like 30 months.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: But I
7 would like this Board -- hopefully
8 this Board would agree to go to
9 contract with the vendor and get
10 started as soon as this Board is
11 comfortable that the fundraising
12 scheme is -- that it's been
13 decided on and that it's kicking
14 off, right?

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I mean,
16 my hope would be if they're ready
17 to come to us in the Work Session
18 conceivably. Hopefully we find
19 something we feel good about and
20 we can put it on the February meeting.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

22 Now, with respect to whether we
23 have to bond, I'm getting -- I'm a
24 little bit confused by the counsel
25 that I received from Brian Stolar

2 about whether the Village can even
3 pay for this until it's completed.
4 All right, so there's some kind of
5 municipal law that prevents us
6 from prepaying or making a deposit
7 on an acquisition like this? Are
8 you familiar with this, Jared?

9 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

10 Generally speaking, you can't make
11 payment until you've actually
12 receive the services or the -- in
13 this case, the equipment.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Right.

15 So I don't that we need to the
16 money, right? We can go to
17 contract. If the law prevents us
18 from prepaying or paying a
19 deposit, we have to come to an
20 agreement with the vendor that
21 they're going to take like a Net
22 30 agreement.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Why don't we
24 set a call with Adam and Brian and
25 the vendor so we can get real

2 clarity and make sure were all on
3 the same side.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: That makes
6 sense, assuming the vendor agrees
7 to it.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Just
10 to clarify --

11 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: If
12 this is -- I'm sorry to interrupt.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: No,
14 go ahead.

15 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: If
16 they have any experience contracting
17 with municipalities, this shouldn't
18 come as a surprise to them.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: They have
20 lots of experience and they told
21 me that they do this quite frequently.

22 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
24 was just going to say the Spaghetti
25 Dinner is fundraising. What we're

2 talking about is like a much more
3 clarified plan that will actually
4 make us -- make the department the
5 amount of money that we need.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I'm
7 glad you brought that up. The
8 Spaghetti Dinner is the second --
9 so the Marine Rescue Squad is
10 rejuvenated. It's about four or
11 five years old now. The Spaghetti
12 Dinner, this will be the second
13 year, that's really intended to
14 raise money for the squad's purposes.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Got
16 you. Not for the boat per se?

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Not the
18 boat. It was a successful event,
19 but it doesn't raise the kind of
20 dollars we need.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
22 Right, okay.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The
24 fundraising scheme I'm talking
25 about is really for apparatus

2 acquisition, much larger dollar
3 figures. And so the Spaghetti
4 Dinner is actually run by Jordan
5 Arnold who's a lieutenant in the
6 Marine Squad and he spearheads
7 that project. Christy Lutz who's
8 also a member of the secretary of
9 the Marine Rescue Squad is going
10 to be spearheading this -- what we
11 call apparatus fundraiser.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's
14 completely separate.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Gotcha.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So let's
17 get back to the contract. If we
18 signed a contract with Munson --

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- or
21 whoever it is. When do we have to
22 issue the PO for that? Does that
23 get issued with the contract or --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, absolutely.

25 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I

2 think they're one and the same
3 essentially.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: One and the
5 same.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So what
7 does that going to do to you,
8 because a PO has to be offset with
9 funding from someplace, correct?

10 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: But that's why
12 I was suggesting that we do a call
13 with the vendor, with counsel, and
14 the Deputy Mayor and we'll get
15 this figured out with the vendor.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That
17 would be helpful.

18 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: If
19 the vendors work with other
20 municipal's before, I don't think
21 they'll be any issue.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: And then
23 there's, obviously, reimbursement
24 from the State as well --

25 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

2 Right.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: -- on this, and
4 we know what that's like getting
5 money back too.

6 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

8 That would likely come much later.

9 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, yeah,
11 definitely.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: You
13 know, I'd like to see if we can't
14 come up -- well, we'll do this in
15 the call, but a plan where there's
16 installment payments.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Right?
19 So we pay nothing on day one, but
20 we pay something when the project
21 is 25 percent done, something like
22 that. It may help.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: That's typically
24 what happens when you buy a bigger
25 boat that's being built for you,

2 unless it's one that's already built.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I
4 don't know if it's better or worse
5 in terms of this bond thing and
6 the grant.

7 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
8 Well, I believe if we hadn't
9 received any of the goods by that
10 point, I'm not sure. Well, we'd
11 have to speak with legal regarding
12 paying them before we receive
13 anything. Even if they're 25 percent
14 done, this Village hasn't seen
15 anything yet, right? So I think
16 we would have issues with that,
17 but we can definitely discuss further.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Well,
19 spending money later is always better.

20 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Right.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So clearly
22 that would be in the Village's best
23 interest.

24 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: And
25 making sure that you receive the

2 equipment in the way that you wanted
3 it and ordered it and everything
4 else, especially with fire equipment.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So the goal
6 for the apparatus fundraising
7 committee is to actually come up
8 with an outline of a plan, you
9 know, where there are going be
10 certain set goals, because that's
11 what I would like to see here.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.
13 That's what this Board needs to
14 review and agree to. And Brian
15 had given me some direction on
16 what that would consist of, like
17 what's the timeline, what's the
18 fundraising goal, what are the
19 avenues or the strategies you're
20 going to use to get the funds?
21 Are you going to got to direct
22 solicitations, you know,
23 individuals, corporations?

24 And this is all to allow this to
25 happen within what State allows

2 for. So ultimately when the funds
3 are raised, the fire department is
4 going to turn over those funds to
5 the Village specifically for this
6 piece of equipment. All right, so
7 we can't use that money for
8 anything else. Anyway, it's just
9 to keep it all legal and compliant.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, as I
11 said, I just, I think it's wise
12 that we have an outline to follow.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because we
15 change Boards and there needs to
16 be something to back it up --

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- in the
19 future.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because
22 that hasn't been done in the past
23 here and it's been an important
24 point of mine. You know, we are
25 not permanent, but that action is

2 going to be permanent.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I
4 agree. And because it may have a
5 two, two-and-a-half-year timeframe,
6 the folks working on it in the fire
7 department will also change, right?

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And the
10 strategies may change from year to
11 year too. So we may start off,
12 this is our grand plan and we may
13 have to pivot.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: What example
15 are you thinking of where this was
16 done in the past?

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It hasn't
18 been done in the past. That's why
19 I'm saying is we need to do it now
20 because things were done on --
21 were done where the fire department
22 went off in one direction and then
23 the Village Board found out about
24 it later. And it's just -- I
25 think the communication needs to

2 be that within our governmental
3 paperwork that there's an outline
4 that can be followed from year to
5 year until we get the boat.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. No, I
7 think the Deputy Mayor has done a
8 great job with Brian in getting that
9 all organized and started with the
10 fire department and I look forward
11 getting their presentation.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's not a
13 criticism. It's just --

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No, I'm
15 not taking it as a criticism. I
16 totally agree. I totally agree.
17 I'm hoping that this is something
18 that's going to be a great
19 collaboration between the fire
20 department and the rest of the
21 Village and that it goes as
22 smoothly as possible.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I know a
24 lot of the waterfront people that
25 I deal with, and you deal with

2 them too, but they've all been,
3 kind of, waiting to here --

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- what's
6 going to happen?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yep.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

9 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
10 Continuing.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Did
12 have you a question?

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Adam, finish
14 your report.

15 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
16 Alright. Continuing, my next
17 resolutions pertain to the
18 Recreation Center Summer Camp
19 fees. I will be taking at length
20 about that very momentarily. It's
21 actually one of my talking points.
22 So I'm just going to cover the
23 middle of my report here first,
24 which is just the utility billing.

25 Although there is a minor timing

2 issue related to the holidays, the
3 discrepancy is immaterial and the
4 billing is effectively on time.

5 Now to get on to the Recreation
6 Center Summer Camp fees. Right
7 now the cost of eight weeks of
8 summer camp is approximately
9 \$1,120. That works out to about
10 300 hours of supervision, which is
11 roughly \$3.73 per hour. These
12 fees haven't change in years while
13 our costs absolutely have. If we
14 want to keep offering the same --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, we made
16 a small increase last year.

17 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: In
18 2023 we --

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We
20 made an increase to the after school.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, that's right.

22 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
23 That was the after care program.

24 (Whereupon, there was crosstalk.)

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

2 Because the summer camp was already
3 like in session.

4 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes,
5 so when we had that discussion
6 last year, this was mentioned, but
7 at that point, I believe we had
8 already started taking reservations.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: You're right, yes.

10 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Okay.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Adam,
12 wait, can you just clarify that
13 \$1,100 and \$120 that we pay now,
14 that's the resident fee?

15 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
16 There is only one fee.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Oh,
18 there is only one fee?

19 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: So
20 there's only one fee. It's \$1,120
21 for eight weeks of summer camp.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: And I'm sorry,
23 and three dollars and how much
24 cents an hour?

25 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

2 \$3.73 is the cost.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: So let's than
4 \$4.00 an hour for childcare?

5 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
6 Correct, yes. If we want to keep
7 offering the same program with the
8 same level of staffing and
9 supervision, these fees need to be
10 increased. So over the last few
11 years, we've seen higher wages;
12 including continued minimum wage
13 increases; higher insurance costs,
14 both for health and liability;
15 increased rent at the rec center;
16 and just high cost of goods and
17 services needed to keep the
18 facility operating.

19 Based on last season's enrollment
20 a majority of these campers are
21 not Village residents. The proposed
22 fee structure sets a base cost for
23 program and provides a discounted
24 rate for those Village residents.

25 For the eight-week program, I am

2 proposing a base fee of \$2,000 for
3 the eight weeks with a \$500
4 resident discount, bringing the
5 resident rate to \$1,500 for an
6 eight-week program.

7 Just for reference, that would be
8 \$5 an hour, so still relatively
9 inexpensive. Over the next few
10 years, I'd like the camp fees to
11 follow a year-by-year increase
12 model, instead of long gaps followed
13 by large jumps. For reference,
14 even with these proposed increases,
15 our fees remain well below comparable
16 summer camps in the area.

17 The proposal is also about
18 restructuring how we charge at the
19 summer camp. Last year we had
20 about 90 campers in total, but
21 only about a dozen attended for
22 the full eight weeks. Most families
23 are using weekly or even daily
24 care and right now those rates are
25 just prorated from the existing

2 eight-week fee. So there's no
3 different rates for anything under
4 eight weeks.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So there's
6 no encouragement for them to take
7 the whole --

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Right.

9 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
10 Correct, yes.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So the
12 prorated -- what are the -- so the
13 rate is a per day?

14 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: So,
15 well, \$1,120 for eight weeks comes
16 to \$140 a week or \$28 a day. So
17 right now you can drop your child
18 off for eight hours for \$28 for
19 the day. Again, 90 campers for
20 the whole year, about 12 attended
21 for the full eight weeks. So most
22 are taking advantage of lower, you
23 know, lower instances of weekly or
24 even daily care.

25 Under the proposed eight weeks --

2 so now I'm referencing the 1,500
3 and the 2,000, the short terms
4 rates were still too low if
5 they're prorated off those figures
6 as well. And as you mentioned,
7 there's no incentive to send your
8 child to the camp for the full
9 eight weeks.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Is there
11 any reason why -- and I'm just
12 throwing this out -- that if they
13 decide they only want it for two
14 weeks that they have a different
15 daily rate?

16 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I'm
17 sorry?

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: If they only
19 decide they want it for two weeks,
20 can we establish a daily rate for
21 those who don't take the full --

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
23 think --

24 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.
25 Oh, yes.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That
3 would be a weekly.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: A weekly?
5 Okay, I'm sorry, I didn't see the
6 weekly.

7 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
8 That's okay. So because of that,
9 I'm also proposing to establish a
10 weekly rate --

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm sorry,
12 I didn't see the word weekly.

13 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
14 That's okay.

15 -- of \$300 per week with
16 residents receiving a \$75 discount
17 with the daily rates prorated off
18 those numbers. Again, these are
19 still considerably lower than
20 other camps in the area. I hope
21 the Board and public can see this
22 need for the restructuring in fees.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So it
24 would be a daily, a weekly. Is
25 there anything else? Is there an

2 eight-week price?

3 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah,
4 the eight-week price is \$1,500 and
5 \$2,000. The one week price would
6 be \$300 for nonresidents, \$225 for
7 residents. And the daily would now
8 be \$60 for nonresidents and \$45
9 for residents.

10 So it's a complete restructuring
11 of how we're currently doing the
12 camp right now. Right now the
13 only fee we have is eight weeks,
14 \$1,120. Any length of time that
15 they want to drop their child off
16 is just prorated off of that
17 number, that one instant number.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And
19 it's a minimum of -- so one day is
20 the minimum?

21 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah,
22 one day is the minimum, correct.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Could I ask
24 that you -- I'm assuming you don't
25 have numbers at hand -- update the

2 prior analysis you did on revenues
3 to expenses and share with the
4 Board on what it cost us to
5 provide this? Because I also want
6 to remind the Board that we --
7 had to increase the rent that we
8 pay to the church for this
9 property, which was an increased
10 expense.

11 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

12 Substantial.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: And historically,

14 it's always heavily subsidized by
15 the Village.

16 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

17 Correct.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: It would be

19 good for all of us to understand
20 what that delta is --

21 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I definitely

22 can --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: -- on expenses

24 versus --

25 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:

2 Very much so.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Even at
4 \$5.00 an hour, it's still going to
5 be heavily subsidized.

6 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.
7 I mean, I know it's not the Boards
8 intent to do sudden large increases.
9 So while this one is substantial,
10 you know, in reference to what it
11 was, I'm still going to be proposing
12 year over year increases going
13 forward until we can find a more
14 stable middle ground between
15 revenues and expenses.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: And how are
17 you proposing -- I'm sorry.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Go ahead.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: The -- you'd
20 go by address to make sure that
21 somebody is in the Village?

22 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: So
23 the logistics I'd probably leave
24 to the rec center manager, but,
25 yes, I would assume it would be

2 something --

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Because it
4 would seem like we may need to go
5 to the extent, procedurally, to
6 look for some sort of utility bill
7 as well, which is pretty common.

8 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
9 Yeah.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Because I
11 know, I've heard issues with folks
12 in the past in the community who
13 try to send their kids to
14 different schools, they try and
15 establish an address somewhere.
16 And there is some level of proof
17 that you have to prove that you
18 actually live there --

19 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Oh,
20 absolutely.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: -- not just
22 writing in the address.

23 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
24 Absolutely.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Especially

2 when there's such a large number
3 of students that live outside of
4 the Village --

5 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: -- utilizing it.

7 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

8 The logistics, I would want to
9 speak directly to the rec center
10 supervisor and see what would work.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
12 know when you e-mailed us, you had
13 spoken to the rec center supervisor
14 about some of these things.

15 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
17 have you shared this plan with her
18 and --

19 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Oh,
20 yes.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
22 she's --

23 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: She's
24 very supportive, absolutely.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I

2 would just say just, for the
3 benefit of any public listening,
4 that if there still are, you know,
5 Department of Social Services
6 funds for childcare, when I spoke
7 to them, this would also be part
8 of that. So if you could get a
9 childcare voucher, you could use
10 it for this.

11 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So
13 just as something so we'd know
14 that there is like another option
15 for people where this might --

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, at the
17 moment, that is something that is
18 greatly influx.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes,
20 I know.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: And we've been
22 notified on housing and the
23 Section 8 that we do. And, you
24 know, it's been spoken about as
25 recently as today even relative to

2 things in New York. So I don't
3 think things are going to get
4 better, unfortunately. I think
5 it's going to get worse.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Adam,
7 we discussed this online or in
8 your office, I can't remember, but
9 I totally support the idea of
10 trying to make a better value for
11 our residents' families and children.
12 I do want to point out, even
13 nonresidents paying taxes, right?

14 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: If
15 this isn't your primary residence
16 you mean?

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

18 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Well,
19 sure, if you have a summer house
20 in the Village, yes.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: No, but these
22 are kids who live outside the
23 Village who use the Village --

24 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: They're in

2 Southold Town, not just Village
3 taxpayers.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I
5 think this goes to the residency
6 question though.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right,
8 I think how he --

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So if
10 you own a home in the Village and
11 you're here part-time --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, you're a
13 taxpayer.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: You're
15 a taxpayer.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Or a tenant.
17 You could be a tenant.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Or a
20 tenant, right. But you're not
21 eligible for the discount?

22 MAYOR STUESSI: No, you would be.

23 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You're
24 a resident.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

2 You are. If you have an address --

3 MAYOR STUESSI: That's what I'm
4 saying, we need to define residency
5 within the Village lines and get
6 proof, just like you would have to
7 have to enroll your kid in school.

8 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Maybe
9 a better definition is residential
10 property owner.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Or renter.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right,
13 but what about renters?

14 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Or
15 renter.

16 (Whereupon, there was crosstalk.)

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Renters, tenants
18 as well.

19 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I
20 was hoping primary residence is
21 what I was shooting for when I
22 originally made this, but that's
23 up for interpretation.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right,
25 but, I mean, then the question

2 becomes how do you prove?

3 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

4 Domicile.

5 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

6 Your license?

7 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

8 Domicile.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right,

10 okay, so then it's a licence and

11 not a utility bill.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: We just went

13 through this with the new rental

14 law, so we've got the paperwork

15 that we're just getting ready to

16 launch here will verify, and Brian

17 went through all that. So I mean,

18 sit with you --

19 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: -- and that's

21 a very easy way to do it. Ultimately

22 somebody is signing and attesting

23 to an --

24 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But

2 I mean, to Patrick's point, even
3 if you don't live her all the time,
4 you do pay taxes. But if we want
5 to make it just --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: You're domiciled
7 here.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: --
9 that your primary residence is
10 here, then you get the discount.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Hold on, domicile
12 and primary are two different things.
13 So you're primary residence might
14 be in New York City where you spend
15 more than half your time.

16 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: But you could
18 be domiciled here spending less
19 than 162 and a half days.

20 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Right.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I
22 think we just have to come up with
23 a plan that matches what our goal
24 is. If our goal is to create value
25 for Greenport families; is that

2 our goal?

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's
5 not about taxpayers, who owns the
6 property or who doesn't, it's
7 about supporting families that
8 live here --

9 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: -- correct
11 with this opportunity?

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Full
13 time you mean? Families that live
14 her full time?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
17 want to clarify because there are
18 families that live here in the
19 summer and on weekends.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: But that's the
21 difference. How --

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: This is exactly
24 what we went through with the
25 rental law and I believe the delta

2 was 140 days.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
4 I guess what I'm saying is what --
5 is that the goal is to say people
6 who live here X number of days get
7 this discount? Or is it --
8 because when I understood this
9 from Adam, I just thought he meant
10 people who lived on my side of the
11 street, not people who lived on
12 the other side of the street or in
13 Southold Town. You know what I
14 mean?

15 Like I thought when you were
16 saying nonresidence, I thought you
17 meant Greater Greenport. Because
18 I know there are people who use
19 our rec center and use our summer
20 camp who do not live in the
21 Village proper.

22 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: My
23 initial intent was for primary
24 residence in the Village. That's
25 what I meant when I put this in place.

2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right,
3 like people who live here --

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: But you did
5 say that most of the people who
6 use the summer day camp are not
7 residents, that they live outside
8 of the Village, correct?

9 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes,
10 correct.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
12 then they wouldn't get the discount.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: But by outside
14 of the Village, you're primarily --

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Greater Greenport.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: -- referring to
17 people that are living out here,
18 but not within the Village limits.

19 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I would say
21 many of the children that go to
22 Greenport School. You know, I mean,
23 there's, you know, a number of
24 ways to corroborate that information.
25 But they're local kids.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: In any case,
4 they're still getting a good value
5 here because it's is still below
6 market.

7 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes,
8 very much so.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: What was the
10 next close's comparable?

11 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: More
12 than double even for the non --
13 the higher rates, the \$2,000 rate.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Where was that
15 again; do you remember?

16 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I
17 believe it was in Greenport or very
18 close, Peconic?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Was it the
20 Legion one? I think --

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
22 It's probably Peconic Dunes.

23 (Whereupon, there was crosstalk.)

24 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I'm
25 sorry, I don't have the list with

2 me. It could be Peconic Dunes, yes.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because
4 that's run by the extension.

5 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Okay.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
7 that's also like an overnight camp.

8 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
9 Sure.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So
11 that's like kind of a totally
12 different thing.

13 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
14 They definitely -- the other
15 comparable places, they definitely
16 offer other services than we do,
17 right? That's definite.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well,
19 Suffolk County Farm offers day
20 program too. So you can compare
21 to that because that would be a
22 similar situation. It's subsidized
23 by Suffolk County and the Extension,
24 so it is cheaper.

25 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

2 for a nonresident, \$7.50.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah. Can
4 you get a babysitter for that? I
5 don't think so.

6 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: No.
7 That's would be what the hourly
8 cost would be --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: No. I paid twice
10 that for my kids 20 years ago. I
11 mean --

12 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
13 Right, correct.

14 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Can
15 we talk about this later --

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

17 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: --
18 during Executive Session.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, okay.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That's
21 alright. So how are we talking --
22 the resident issue?

23 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No.
24 It's just other ideas that I have
25 regarding this.

2 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Okay.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
4 just -- at some point, I would
5 like clarity on how we're going to
6 define resident. Because now I'm
7 just confused.

8 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
9 Sure, or we can change the
10 language to something that's more
11 suitable to the Board by next
12 week. I'm fine with that.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well,
14 I just --

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: My
16 suggestion, Lily, is that we
17 identify what it is we're trying
18 -- what our goal is. Who are we
19 trying to support?

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And
22 then we come up with a definition
23 that tries to narrow down on that.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: You, obviously,

2 seem to have an agenda or somebody
3 in mind, you know, a certain
4 person that fills that category
5 for you.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: No,
7 I just want it to be clear, that's
8 all. I mean, I just want to know
9 what -- I just, when I understood
10 it before, I just really thought
11 it meant the Village boundaries.
12 It was not about like where your
13 ID was or your domicile was, but
14 I'm not opposed to that. I just
15 didn't understand it that way.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I guess
17 there's a question talking very
18 simply about it, to Patrick's point
19 is, would we want to offer a Village
20 rate to somebody that's only here
21 for a month with their kids?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Maybe.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: That implies a
24 totally different thing than
25 somebody who's domiciled or is a

2 Village resident verses someone
3 who either owns a house and pays
4 taxes or somebody that has a
5 rental permit, a longer term
6 rental permit.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Wait,
8 I'm sorry. You mean someone who's
9 renting here for a month?

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and comes
11 to Greenport for a month on a
12 vacation rental or two weeks, Airbnb.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I manage
14 properties and there are a number
15 of people that are tenants,
16 year-round tenants here, you know,
17 who live here.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: I think we're
19 all in agreement they should, of
20 course, qualify.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right, of
22 course, yes.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I
24 think we all know that affordability
25 and the big picture is an issue

2 for Greenport, right? So childcare
3 is a component of affordability,
4 right? So we're talking about how
5 increase the housing stock and
6 other things. So this is an
7 opportunity for us to get at
8 affordability for families, right?

9 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

10 Absolutely, and its also you're
11 fostering furthering recreation
12 for those same families that live
13 within the Village.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Right,

15 and we want families here to
16 fulfill jobs and to volunteer and
17 do work in the community, and be
18 first responders, and all that
19 stuff. So that, to me, is what
20 we're trying support.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, and we're

22 asking the Village taxpayers to
23 support subsidizing this for
24 Village residents? Domiciled?

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So

2 basically the same thing that can
3 get you a short term rental permit
4 can get you a discount? Like --

5 MAYOR STUESSI: No, long term,
6 I think, is what we're signing.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Long term.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: No,
9 I'm saying the option of the short
10 term rental that says, okay, I
11 live here for 120 days or whatever
12 the number is.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
15 That -- if I could qualify for
16 that permit, I could also get a
17 discount on my summer camp fees.
18 I think that makes sense.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, that's
20 what I would suggest.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
22 guess, I'm just saying let's have it --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: The domicile
24 threshold that we're using for
25 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

2 know, because we do allow daily
3 stays, now the --

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, if they
5 hit a threshold, they won't take
6 the kid.

7 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
8 Right.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, it's
10 as simple as that. If we don't
11 have the staffing to take above a
12 certain number, we have to say no.

13 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: We
14 would have to say no. I believe
15 we would definitely try to
16 accommodate and see if we could
17 get an additional personnel in to
18 cover. Because as I'm sure you're
19 aware, there's a certain ratio of
20 children and adults needed to be
21 onsite.

22 So even if one additional child
23 is dropped off and we don't have
24 coverage for that, prior to trying
25 -- to turn them away, we might,

2 you know, call a part time staffer
3 and ask if they're available to
4 come in last minute just so we can
5 accommodate additional children.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Right,
7 so this should smooth that out in
8 terms of --

9 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: --
11 operational. It should help.

12 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

13 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
14 Another idea worth exploring perhaps
15 is make the qualification based on
16 whether the children are Greenport
17 School District students or not.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, except
19 that we have the -- you know, we
20 have east/west. You know, 11944
21 covers outside the Village of
22 Greenport and go to Greenport
23 schools. So the student could be
24 living in -- not within the
25 Incorporated Village of Greenport.

2 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

3 Greater Greenport perhaps. That
4 may be another way to look at a
5 it. We'll hash that out.

6 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

7 Any questions left on this for
8 right now?

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No.

10 Good work on that, Adam.

11 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

12 Thank you.

13 Just to continue, significant
14 collections:

15 Rents collected in December 2025,
16 \$60,030.18.

17 Property tax collected through
18 December 2025, \$1,374,996.27.

19 Significant payments:

20 We did make our semiannual
21 insurance payment. We make those
22 in January and June every year and
23 that is \$148,593.00 to McMann
24 Price Agency.

25 And we have also received our new

2 generator at Peconic Landing Pump
3 Station from Power Pro Services
4 for \$43,563.00.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That was
6 for Peconic Landing?

7 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.
8 And that concludes my report.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have a
10 question.

11 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You and I
13 discussed that it's time to start
14 thinking about the parking --
15 parking meter program.

16 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: When are we
18 going to start it back up again
19 and are we going to increase the
20 area behind the arcade where we
21 used to have metered?

22 MAYOR STUESSI: So I'm scheduling
23 a afternoon session like we did
24 this past month like we had talked
25 about, for February. And this was

2 one of the items on there. And so
3 the Board is going to -- I would
4 encourage everybody to look back
5 on some of the information.

6 Adam, maybe you can, you know,
7 resend some of the stuff you had
8 sent before, so we can have a
9 healthy discussion on whether we
10 wish to consider expanding the
11 zone and then, to your point,
12 offering some sort of resident
13 sticker for that area back there.

14 And then separately we need to
15 talk about additional enforcement,
16 of course, with that. It doesn't
17 appear we're likely going to get
18 the support from the police
19 department on it, so we would need
20 to, you know, look at funding that
21 ourselves.

22 But I'm still hopeful we can is
23 discuss that, you know, as we get
24 Deputy Mayor Brennan on them
25 Police Advisory Committee,

2 whatever it's called, for the Town
3 too. But this would be a lengthy
4 point. What I think you've done
5 some financial analysis on it
6 before, maybe look at it again and
7 circulate it to the Board --

8 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I
9 can do that.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: -- in advance.

11 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I'm
12 definitely in favor of expanding
13 the paid parking.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: My recollection
15 was the two places we looked at
16 where they had, call it, premium
17 paid parking where residents don't
18 get discount was Front and Main.

19 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Which is very
21 similar to Port Jefferson --

22 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
23 Yes, it is.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: -- and
25 Patchogue. And both of them offer

2 -- and then they have their
3 regular lots paid for any
4 visitors, but residents --

5 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

6 But residents --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: -- get stickers --

8 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

9 Right, correct, yes.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to park

11 between those areas.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But I also

13 think we need to realize that the

14 section behind the arcade, that

15 strip of Adams Street, is also

16 prime parking spaces and years ago

17 that was where the meters were.

18 I think that, yes, Front and Main
19 are important, but in my observations

20 over the years, that section is --

21 because it's within walking distance

22 to Colonial or walking distance to

23 IGA, that is a -- there's a large

24 turnover on that particular section

25 of the Adams Street parking spaces.

2 think there's 22 -- was it 22
3 spaces back there? I don't know.
4 I have to pull out the graph that
5 maybe the information that Stephen
6 put together years ago --

7 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I
8 believe I have that on a spreadsheet.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, we've also
10 got it from our ParkMobile. Because
11 our original contract, we went
12 ahead and had them lay it out for
13 everywhere, but just chose to do
14 the test installation with the
15 more limited area.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

17 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
18 Correct.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Mary
20 Bess, are you talking about just
21 the south side of Adams Street or
22 all of Adams Street and the arcade?

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The two
24 sides on Adam. Behind -- well,
25 I'm not -- Whiskey Wind, there's

2 parking spaces there, that had
3 meters and then across the other
4 side had meters. Not the --

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: The south
6 side of the islands?

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, the
8 south of the islands.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Both
10 sides and then south of the island?

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Got you.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: We can talk
14 about it more when we have a map
15 in front of us. I guess my quick
16 reaction to that would be, I know
17 there's a lot of local families
18 that utilize the laundromat there
19 and I wouldn't necessarily want to
20 penalize them and have them have
21 to go further away with a whole
22 bunch of laundry.

23 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
24 I'm in favor of resident passes.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: We can talk

2 about where and what and --

3 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

4 I just -- I believe after what
5 we've seen with just Front and
6 Main Street, it's hard to ignore
7 expanding that.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

9 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

10 That was a great program.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What did we
12 net?

13 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

14 Just over \$100,000 and that's just
15 on Front and Main Street. So it's
16 hard to ignore.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I guess, my
18 question is, irregardless of whether
19 the police department enforces or
20 whatever, now is the time to start
21 thinking of reaching out for help
22 wanted ads. At some point we have
23 to set a timeframe to look for
24 someone to be in place before we
25 start the program, you know?

2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that's
3 why I'm saying, you know, we need
4 to make a decision and be prepared.

5 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I'm
6 in favor. I believe enforcement,
7 even if it's just on weekends and,
8 you know, evenings possibly, I
9 think that would be beneficial for
10 sure and I think it would pay for
11 itself.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The only
13 other expense that I've been
14 thinking about is -- and I'm not
15 sure if -- I know the marina
16 manager has spoken to me about
17 customer service with some of the
18 marina people feeling extremely
19 uncomfortable with some of the
20 activities that go on at night in
21 Mitchell Park. They're starting
22 to comment about it. I think he
23 said he had some people who
24 weren't coming back.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, you'll

2 recall, we've had this
3 conversation with Southold Town --

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: -- and their
6 police department multiple times
7 looking for additional officers in
8 the Village.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Just a
10 parking discussion or you moved on?

11 MAYOR STUESSI: No, she moved
12 on to --

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm sorry,
14 did you have more on the parking?
15 I'm sorry.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I just
17 had one more question. Do you
18 envision the resident pass as a
19 physical thing or digital
20 application in ParkMobile?

21 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
22 There's different ways to do it.
23 I know there are municipalities
24 that do it digitally, if you will,
25 or off license plates. Others

2 have hanging tags or bumper
3 stickers. It's really just what
4 works best for our Village.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Digitally
6 scanning --

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Any -- I'm sorry.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: If I can
9 interject quickly. Digitally and
10 scanning though requires a
11 different level of equipment too
12 for enforcement.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I
14 guess I was thinking is that you
15 would use the ParkMobile App, but
16 within that there's -- somehow
17 it's discounted because you're a
18 resident.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: But what is a
20 resident? You're going to run
21 into the same problem we just
22 discussed about residency for the
23 Summer Day Camp.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Without a
25 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

2 years than us doing ParkMobile.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well,
4 I think the app is going to be --
5 people have resistance to the app
6 in general. So to force them then
7 to use the app to get a discount,
8 you know, might be more trouble
9 than it's worth.

10 I had one more question for you,
11 Adam.

12 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Can
14 you update board and the public on
15 any outstanding or just the status
16 of like electric payment plans
17 that we're discussed in past year?

18 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
19 Yeah, sure. Currently we have
20 five payment plans. Two for
21 businesses, three for residential.
22 I'm not sure you how much further.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
24 just mean, I guess, like
25 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

2 understand what you're talking
3 about with Southold Town, but --

4 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm sorry, are
5 we back on the police department?

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm just
9 wondering if we should explore
10 having some time type of security
11 system or walking around.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: A constable of
13 some sort?

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Sort of go
15 out to an RFP to see what the
16 expenses are for a security
17 company to come in for the June,
18 July, and August just to -- I
19 don't know if it would be worth
20 it. I don't know what it would
21 cost, but I just know that from
22 the customer point, the marina
23 can't afford to really lose
24 customers. And I know the other
25 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

2 -- as I said, I'm concerned about
3 the comments coming in that the
4 marina manager has mentioned that,
5 you know, they make comments to
6 him that they've not been -- felt
7 comfortable and I'm just putting
8 it on the table because I think we
9 need to think about it.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah I, heard
11 that from the marina manager as
12 well. I was thinking, you know, I
13 don't know what it would cost us,
14 you know. I mean, they have
15 security guys that do all these
16 winery events and stuff like that.
17 So I'm sure they're out there.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: More than what
19 the Southold Town Police Department
20 pays police officers. We'd be
21 better to work with them on funding.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
23 mean, I feel like the issue is
24 also that security guards would --
25 it would escalate to a -- there's

2 not much a security guard can
3 really do.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
6 then it would escalate to a police
7 issue anyway, you know? So I
8 mean, I appreciate that. Like I
9 think that's a good, creative
10 thought and I think it is
11 something we need to solve, but
12 I'm not sure. I think we maybe
13 need to keep working with Southold.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: The Town has
15 an obligation to police the Village.
16 We have a contract for it.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I know, but --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: You were going
19 to say something, Patrick?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah. Is
21 there a situation where a municipality
22 does private security?

23 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You
24 could, but that costs money. A
25 way to do it where you potentially

2 could see a revenue stream would
3 be to have code enforcement officers,
4 whether part-time or full-time.
5 That would, obviously, generate
6 significant revenue for the
7 Village, especially in the summer
8 months when you have people
9 parking all over the place or
10 people violating whatever, you
11 know, laws they're violating
12 within the parks and whatnot.
13 That would be a significant
14 potential revenue stream.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: I don't know
16 how a code enforcement officer deals
17 with public safety items outside of --

18 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Well,
19 they would -- to the extent --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: There's a
21 difference between that and --

22 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: To
23 the extent it wasn't summonsable,
24 it was a violation. If it was a
25 crime, they would call the police

2 who would respond, but they could
3 take down data and be an eyewitness
4 to the -- and help in that regard.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Anyway --

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think
7 with respect to Mitchell Park, I
8 don't think that's going to produce
9 any revenue with that particular
10 situation that we're trying to --

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, the same
12 thing on Adams Street too. But,
13 you know, the violations that the
14 police department deals with now,
15 by and large, don't pay.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, as I
17 said, it's a topic to that we really
18 need to think about so we don't
19 need to lose any revenue out at
20 Mitchell Marina because that a lot
21 of expense.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yep. Port
23 Jefferson has a constabulary, right?

24 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.
25 So does the Village of West Hampton

2 Dunes. That's more expensive than
3 code enforcement though.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, it is.

5 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

6 What is it?

7 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

8 Constabulary. They have some
9 police powers, but not full police
10 powers. West Hampton Dunes, if
11 there's an arrestable offense,
12 they have to either call state
13 police, which have a presence
14 there or the County police to
15 complete the arrest, but they're
16 there to -- they can detain.
17 That's on one hand. On the other
18 hand is having a, you know, local
19 code enforcement, meter maid type
20 individual that goes around.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Writing
22 violations for open container?

23 MAYOR STUESSI: It doesn't
24 help our issues.

25 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

2 Writing violations for parking and
3 open containers and things like that.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
5 mean, it's something to think about,
6 especially thinking about budgets
7 and I, mean, if we're going to
8 hire someone for parking anyway.

9 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Um...

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
11 Possibly, or you're saying that
12 would be a different?

13 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
14 That would be different. That
15 would be different. This is
16 referencing hiring a security firm.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
18 Well, no, but I was thinking like
19 Jared said code enforcement,
20 right? Like that's not
21 necessarily a security firm.
22 That's like a civil service type --

23 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
24 Right, but I'm not sure if that's
25 what Trustee Phillips was hoping

2 to get.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: At this
4 point we need to talk about it and
5 we need to realize that we have an
6 issue, and because we also are in
7 the business of a marina, that we
8 have a customer obligation as well
9 as the rest of it.

10 And I understand that is a police
11 department, but as running the marina
12 as a business, we have responsibility
13 to our customers as well. That's
14 why I'm bringing it up.

15 Because we have big boats come in
16 there. The big boats pay big
17 fees. You know, we have the
18 smaller boats that we want to
19 encourage to keep coming. We just
20 updated the pump-out station down
21 there, which is a big ticket item.
22 Although that will be reimbursed,
23 yes or no?

24 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

25 Yes, but not until -- because we

2 received it in January of '26,
3 we're not going to see that
4 reimbursement until the end of the
5 year, but yes.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: As I said,
7 it's an out-of-the-box thinking, but
8 I think we need to think about it.

9 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Okay.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: So for this
11 February meeting, which we're
12 getting confirmed, if you -- and
13 we're back to parking, if you can
14 gather all the prior data you
15 have, update anything, and then
16 let's -- we can get like a --
17 we'll do it on like a work table,
18 a Work Session table put together.
19 Let's get a couple of plans printed
20 utilizing what we've already input
21 into ParkMobile and we can have
22 them printed at the printer on
23 like one of the big blueprint
24 printers so it will be good size.

25 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Sure.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Do you have
3 a date in mind in February?

4 MAYOR STUESSI: I'll reach out
5 to everybody separately.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: It's really
8 late and I know we've got about
9 another 45 minutes just until
10 Executive Session.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, no, I
12 just though you had a date in
13 mind, that's all.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Some updates
15 in regards to the building
16 department and the new rental law
17 and enforcement. We've got a
18 package ready to go out. I
19 believe I had touched on before
20 what we are doing and the
21 department has put together is
22 they have pulled every single
23 active rental permit and then
24 they've also looked back two years
25 for any permits that may have

2 lapsed and expired.

3 That is all going to be going out
4 in the mail next week to everybody
5 that falls under either one of
6 those categories. We've already
7 got a basic summary up on the
8 website. We've got a larger FAQ,
9 plus the new application is going
10 up on the website as well.

11 We've messaged this now in two
12 recent newsletters. We'll include
13 it in the next newsletter as well.
14 Ken has actually been fielding a
15 lot of call from -- not a lot, but
16 a relatively good size number of
17 people asking some questions.
18 He's been able to answer them.

19 We've, even as recently as
20 yesterday, had an inquiry from
21 somebody looking to possibly
22 convert into a bed and breakfast
23 because they're realizing that
24 they won't qualify for the permit.
25 So that information has been sent

2 to them and, you know, along with
3 the form they would need to fill
4 out to go to the building
5 department for that.

6 As it relates to entertainment
7 permits, we are coming up on the
8 anniversary for several of those
9 of the total number that we have.
10 And we've been communicating ahead
11 of time anybody's permits that are
12 going to be expiring, to put in
13 their renewal information, if
14 there's anything that's going to
15 be changing, etcetera.

16 Beyond that, I notice it didn't
17 make it in, but we've got the
18 building department report.

19 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I just
20 got it today.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we'll
22 send it to the rest of the Board
23 separately and add it on to the
24 agenda. There were two major
25 significant applications beyond

2 some of the residential ones that
3 we got in the last month.

4 Those are the Greenporter, which
5 is doing a very significant
6 renovation of the hotel property.
7 They're going somewhere north of
8 \$5 million to renovate the
9 property. The construction permit
10 alone was pretty healthy as part
11 of that.

12 And then the North Fork Art
13 Center is doing a big renovation
14 right now. Some of you may have
15 seen the dumpster parked across
16 the street. And they're adding
17 an elevator, which I know folks
18 are really excited about for the
19 third floor. So that's proceeding.

20 There's a number of other projects
21 throughout the Village going on.
22 You know, all else residential
23 with the exception, and we still
24 don't have a permit for it yet,
25 The Olive Branch Restaurant space

2 where the wall collapse and the
3 building department had to get
4 them a evacuation and no entry
5 order over there.

6 They've still not filed anything
7 to get started over there on that.
8 Supposedly that's happening. One
9 of those tenants has already moved
10 out and is going over by the crepes
11 store. And then we've got two new
12 tenants, including the crepes
13 store moving into 140 Main. Those
14 permits were issued months ago and
15 they're in construction and
16 proceeding pretty quick right now.

17 George has been working more hours.
18 We've got a resolution on for next
19 week as well with him, but there's
20 a lot of residential construction
21 in the Village that he's been
22 doing ongoing inspections for.

23 There were a couple of folks who
24 tried to start some work without
25 -- demolition work without permits

2 that he issued stop work orders on
3 and that's been resolved. So I
4 know he met with both of them the
5 last couple of days. But he's all
6 over the place. They're, you
7 know, very organized and moving
8 things forward.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Why is
10 it that he could not have gotten
11 his report to the clerk before today?

12 MAYOR STUESSI: It was missed
13 by Bernette who is working
14 part-time.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So she
16 works part time in the building
17 department?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Does
20 that report also include code
21 enforcement?

22 MAYOR STUESSI: It does not
23 yet, but it will.

24 In regards to Municipity, we are
25 still trying to problem solve for

2 finding a solution with them. The
3 initial cost to move over was
4 going to be \$30,000 because we
5 weren't piggybacking.

6 I am hopeful to talk to the Town
7 again to see if there's any way to
8 get back on. As you know, they're
9 having a whole bunch of issues
10 with their own IT and the recent
11 hacking that they had there, as
12 well as Lloyd is retiring.

13 I am going to see the Sag Harbor
14 Mayor tomorrow and see how they
15 were able to piggyback on their's,
16 I believe it's with East Hampton,
17 to see if there's any other route
18 for that. Because we're still
19 trying to get back up on Municipity
20 and then get all of our data
21 brought over as well. We believe
22 it's not compromised by Southold
23 Town, but we're not sure yet.

24 The other thing is we were -- we
25 were having some lapses with the

2 Town picking up building plans and
3 permits issued for a number of
4 different properties. George
5 reached out to the newest assessor
6 who just joined on and got it
7 fixed immediately. And so they
8 picked them all up and those are
9 over with them now.

10 So that's something we've talked
11 loosely with Adam about, you know,
12 looking at sort of a lookback as
13 well with the building department
14 between George and Ken and going
15 through and making sure that we
16 match it up with assessments. I
17 know Adam, at least as of last
18 week, you still didn't have the
19 updated book from the Town. Have
20 you seen it yet?

21 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

22 They dropped it off last -- they
23 dropped it off, I believe it could
24 have been earlier this week, just
25 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.

2 And so, theoretically, any property
3 that's had significant work should
4 be reassessed by the Town.

5 One of the challenges we've had
6 is some things that had been
7 removed from the assessment role,
8 which --

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: 401
10 North Street. 401 North?

11 MAYOR STUESSI: I don't
12 remember 401 North.

13 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: 301
14 I think.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is it the one
16 on the corner?

17 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I
18 believe it's 301.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: And every single
20 North Fork housing house was
21 removed, as well as, obviously,
22 Hogland grieved and that was a big
23 number as well.

24 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: So I don't think

2 there were any others outside those.

3 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: No.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So

5 would there be any benefit if the
6 assessor's office would give us a
7 heads up on these properties that
8 may be going off the tax rolls?

9 Like this is a complete surprise.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They used
11 to send letters.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The
13 Housing Alliance?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. The
16 Town, when they got a grievance,
17 they used to send a letter to the
18 Village stating that.

19 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I
20 don't know if I've seen one
21 recently. I believe you're right.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because we
23 used to get head's up that this
24 was going to happen. Because that
25 particular one with the North Fork

2 Housing Alliance, that was a
3 shockeroo to me because, you know,
4 the Town of Southold waived that,
5 correct?

6 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.
7 The assessors.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: But I'm
10 surprised they're even paying
11 taxes. Why?

12 MAYOR STUESSI: They shouldn't
13 have been.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: They
15 shouldn't have been, so...

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, no,
17 I'm not -- but I was just --

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's a
19 big hit, but I'm surprised they
20 paid as long as they did. I don't
21 know what the specifics of that
22 are, why they're not eligible to
23 prorate it.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I can't
25 answer that one.

2 VILLAGE TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

3 Yeah, it would be at the Town
4 assessment level.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: While
6 we're talking about the building
7 department, I don't know if you
8 could do this now or maybe under
9 advise of counsel, but I was
10 approached by a property owner in
11 the Village who thinks they're not
12 eligible for a short term rental
13 based on the new law, based on
14 their understanding of it.

15 And they said, how do I appeal
16 that? I said, you can't appeal
17 something you haven't been denied
18 for. Is that correct?

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is that the
20 guy that owned the unit at 123
21 Sterling?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I'm not
23 going to stay who it is.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I got a call
25 from somebody about that too.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I would
3 think they would need to be denied
4 first and then they would -- the
5 appeal process would come to us.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: To us,
7 right. Because it's not in the
8 zoning code, so there's no avenue
9 for appeals.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It would be
11 us, but you have to have a denial
12 first.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay,
14 that's what I told him. I
15 directed him to the building
16 department. If they want to apply
17 for something and get denied, then
18 that would be the first step.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, it
20 would surprise me to think that
21 somebody would think they're going
22 to get denied, but have a case
23 otherwise for it. I mean, this
24 one with the bed and breakfast was
25 pretty clear, I know I'm not going

2 to get one.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Maybe
4 they just want to try and test the
5 Board.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I mean,
7 the Board doesn't have any ability
8 to do anything outside of what the
9 code says --

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No,
11 we have --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: -- without
13 change the code.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No, we
15 do have the --

16 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You
17 have the appeal authority.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We have the
19 appeal process.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: We have
21 appeal authority. Any code
22 provision could be appealed to the
23 Board. There has to be an appeal
24 outlet, right?

25 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: If

2 there's a permit and you're denied --

3 MAYOR STUESSI: But don't we
4 have to change the code for it?

5 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: If
6 there's a permit -- no. What
7 their -- the questions that will
8 come before you if a permit is
9 denied is whether the denial was
10 arbitrary, capricious or contrary
11 to law.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Right, but if
13 it meets the law, we don't have
14 the ability to overrule that, do we?

15 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
16 Then you would have adhere to the
17 determinations --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that was
19 my point. Sorry.

20 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: And
21 that would then allow them to bring
22 an Article 78 if they wish to.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right,
24 that's where they -- yeah.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I'm

2 sorry, you were talking about
3 something else. I just didn't
4 want to mention --

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No, no, it's
6 okay.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The air --
8 not the Airbnb, but the bed and
9 breakfast raises a question of, I
10 thought at one point we were going
11 to look at the code on that
12 because some -- they have some
13 restrictions on it that, you know,
14 somebody short-term renting, I
15 don't know if they're going to
16 have that -- I don't know. It
17 raises a question. Do we need to
18 look at the law?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, we had
20 discussed, at one point, looking
21 at it and potentially changing it
22 from requiring the property owner
23 to live there, to be able to have
24 a manager, thinking that you
25 create a job and a house for

2 somebody.

3 On these larger ones, you know, I
4 would suggest everybody take a
5 look at it, but it's -- it has a
6 number of qualifications base ones
7 including lot size, you know, that
8 you have to be there full-time,
9 parking is required. It's fairly
10 onerous, I think. But it would be
11 worth everybody's while to take a
12 look at it.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It also
14 had a minimum bedroom.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, size.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes. Bedroom
17 size and count, yeah, and a
18 maximum count.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And we
20 increased it, right, at one point
21 I remember, Mary Bess; didn't we?

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, we
23 did do something, but I just --
24 it's been a while and it was kind
25 of -- it was set up -- years ago,

2 when they first came, it was
3 controversial, as a lot of people
4 were not happy about bed and
5 breakfasts, they actually were
6 similar to the short term rentals.

7 And then once they passed it, it
8 just -- I think the short-term
9 rentals has over-fazed it a little
10 bit. But it's restrictive. It's
11 extremely restrictive and it
12 probably needs to be looked at.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: I apologize, I
14 need to take a quick two-minute break.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's okay.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I do too.

17 (At this time a brief recess
18 was taken.)

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Real quickly,
20 relative to starting work over
21 behind the Seaport Museum. We're
22 getting an update from Corazzini
23 on their portion of the work.
24 They're prepared to actually start
25 getting mobilized next week back

2 there on it. There's a legal
3 issue that we're going to go into
4 Executive Session on relative to a
5 piece of this over there. But we
6 will -- we'll have that and moving
7 forward as I said.

8 The one outstanding issue that
9 were going to need to make a
10 determination on, and I'm probably
11 going to loop you in on a phone
12 call tomorrow, Patrick, when Rick
13 is back --

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: -- is we think
16 we can figure out temporary power
17 with a rental unit to keep the
18 commercial boats over on the
19 commercial dock, but there may be
20 a timing issue. And I know Rick's
21 already talking to fisherman over
22 there on, you know what it may be
23 as far as timing.

24 One suggestion was maybe to look
25 at moving them over to the yacht

2 pier temporarily. Rick had some
3 concerns about that, but we'll set
4 a call tomorrow to talk about that
5 briefly.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay,
7 all right.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: I think that
9 was it, unless anybody had any
10 other questions and we can go into
11 Executive Session on that.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Peconic
13 Star Agreement?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, yes, I'm
15 sorry. Please, go ahead.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Well, I
17 think we're close?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I think
19 -- did everybody get a chance to
20 take a look at the updated rental
21 items?

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yes, I think
23 it's fine.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: I think we're
25 there unless anybody had any

2 further questions. I just back
3 and forth with counsel.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The only
5 further question I had and Brian,
6 I believe he talked to me that he
7 mentioned to you, my one concern
8 is and he said it may be in the --

9 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
10 Exclusivity?

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- code, is
12 when there's a significant weather
13 event that the marina manager has
14 the authority to have them move
15 away from it because you don't
16 want to be at that dock in the
17 northeast --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, so
19 wouldn't that just be a policy?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's
21 in the policy.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's in the
23 policy?

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So now
25 that we've referenced a policy, I

2 think -- yeah, I was concerned
3 about the same thing or a sinking
4 vessel.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Right, and
7 then we can just update the policy
8 if we have further issues.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, okay.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
11 While we're talking about --
12 weren't we also working on
13 updating that policy?

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Isn't
16 that on our, kind of, long list of --

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yep, so
18 that's still like in a progress
19 kind of thing.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay,
21 I just want to make sure.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I had a call
23 from Dave Abatelli before. We
24 were talking about the carousel
25 meeting, but he wanted to say

2 thank you so much for this
3 agreement that you're, you know,
4 going to have with Peconic Star
5 this year again, you know, because
6 the museum has had limited --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and this
8 new boat, that speed he bought, is
9 going to be amazing for going out
10 there.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No, they're
12 very excited. They'll definitely
13 be able to increase number of
14 cruises significantly, so he was
15 really happy.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, and then
17 we just -- the museum just got the
18 grant from the State as well --

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to replace
21 the dock for them to land over at
22 Bug Light so it'll make it even
23 better.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, no he's
25 very excited.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: It's super
3 exciting. Really quickly on the
4 LWRP grant. I had a follow-up
5 today. We still don't have
6 anything back from the State on
7 it. McBride was reaching back out
8 to the State to figure out what
9 the status -- I mean, not the
10 status. We know it's been
11 awarded, but they haven't sent
12 through the paperwork.

13 Obviously there's going to be a
14 bunch of onboarding with that and
15 then we're going to need to go out
16 to one of the consultants to hire
17 them as part of it.

18 This special February meeting, we
19 will have John from McBride here
20 as well. A large part of this
21 will be focused on water quality
22 and sewer stuff and we will have
23 the sewer study in advance of that
24 because there's a big opportunity
25 with the State now with all of this

2 that's going to be coming out.

3 Together with that, I will send
4 -- I probably won't get to it
5 tonight as late as it is, but
6 tomorrow. I just went through
7 this very interesting Zoom
8 presentation by USGS, which
9 they're just back on -- well,
10 those that still work there are
11 back on the job after the -- what
12 do you call it?

13 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: DOGE?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, the
15 shutdown.

16 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Okay.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: And so they
18 had been working on this project
19 across Long Island and they
20 actually looked at two
21 municipalities, one of them being
22 Greenport, because it had this
23 sort of perfect storm of being
24 right on the water, elevation
25 issues, tidal issues, etcetera.

2 And, you know, looked at it
3 relative to our sewer system. And
4 so they've released a portion of
5 it, including -- so I'll forward
6 that to the Board, which says a
7 lot, but then begs other
8 questions.

9 And then there was also one of
10 the people that worked on it who
11 wasn't employee, but was part of
12 some university here in the
13 states, and she's now at Padula in
14 Italy, did a whole presentation
15 that they're going to get us a
16 copy of too to take a look at so
17 we can share, not just with the
18 Board, but the public.

19 Long story short, as well all
20 know, you know, and as I touched
21 on with Osinski we're having a lot
22 issues with, you know, groundwater
23 coming up, not just in tidal
24 surges, but in our ground not
25 being able to absorb water during

2 these really heavy and intense
3 rains. And, you know, a lot the
4 of their data was ten years ago
5 that they were looking at, and we
6 know what's happened just in the
7 last ten years or --

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, and the
9 dry wells fill up. You were
10 trying to tell him that these
11 wells fill up, you know, we can't
12 use them.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So we
15 had people within the audience who
16 were hoping to hear an
17 announcement about the LWRP grant.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think
20 we missed an opportunity there.
21 It got overshadowed a little bit
22 with the public comment
23 discussions. So it's a positive
24 development with the Village. I
25 think we should make sure that we

2 make some time for it at the next
3 meeting.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Definitely.

5 And I think we can probably share
6 a bit more maybe in the next
7 newsletter. I know we touched on
8 it. And, you know, we'll know
9 more once we get the package of
10 how quickly we can get funding and
11 then mobilize and I know there
12 were some very fruitful
13 conversations with consultants and
14 we'll need to --

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah,
16 we'll pick the whole thing up.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: -- committees,
18 etcetera. And we are going -- the
19 historic grant that we applied
20 for, I'm told good news is coming
21 and we're expecting a letter next
22 week on that, which is, you know,
23 really wonderful news.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: And then there

2 would be a resolution next week
3 for everybody to consider on this
4 parks grant that I had sent over
5 to Rena, and I'll forward to
6 everybody else. So there's two
7 parks grants that have just come out.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: One of them is
10 for recreation and would qualify
11 for something like the Skate Park.
12 The other one is for other work in
13 parks.

14 And so my hope was we could look
15 at that one towards a good portion
16 of the work that needs to be done
17 down at 5th and 6th Street because
18 that's going to need to be a whole
19 combination of road end work,
20 bioswales, and it's going to mean
21 replacing park equipment and the
22 bathrooms and all of that down
23 there.

24 And the challenge is, we can't
25 apply for both of them. And so I

2 just want to poll the Village
3 Board quickly. It strikes me,
4 based upon some of the other stuff
5 that's coming up, that we can
6 potentially get some additional
7 water and water quality grants
8 especially if we can get the Town
9 to move forward on CPF for this to
10 help solve and have kit of parts
11 or a kit of tools, I guess it
12 would be, to solve for what we
13 need to do on 5th and 6th Street,
14 but we all know we're really,
15 really limited on potential
16 funding for the Skate Park.

17 And this new grant that was just
18 announced fits it perfectly and
19 only requires a ten percent match
20 as well. So you look at the
21 \$100,000 they raised, we can
22 conceivably asked for a million
23 dollars.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, the
25 maximum is \$900,000.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: But I mean
3 with the \$100,000, we've got a
4 million dollars to spend, which is
5 one of the original numbers for
6 doing quite a bit of significant
7 work over there.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, then
9 we can put a resolution on for --
10 well, depending on how the Board
11 feels, we would be able to put a
12 resolution on for next week for
13 McBride to start working with the
14 skate people.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, but
16 that's what I was suggesting we
17 do --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: -- but I'm
20 asking the Board --

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I
22 think --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: -- are we
24 inclined to do this for the Skate
25 Park and then work on other

2 funding for 5th and 6th Street?

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes, I
4 think so. I mean, you have to
5 look at -- the Skate Park group is
6 basically a grant already, it's
7 \$125,000 grant.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: They're
10 trying to figure out how to give
11 it to us.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So that's
14 already a bird in the hand, right?

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But also
17 Jared has some -- when we get into
18 Executive Session, he had some
19 suggestions that might supplement
20 all of it together.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay,
22 good. Yes, so I agree with your
23 thinking on that.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Julia?

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm okay with

2 that.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: And, Lily, did
4 you nodding as well?

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay, great.
7 With that, I will make a motion --

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Wait,
9 can I one tiny thing for my report --

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, sorry.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: --
12 which is just about starting some
13 social media. I just want you
14 guys -- I just want the go ahead.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: So what you do
16 you mean by social media,
17 Facebook, Instagram?

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
19 Facebook and Instagram. The
20 Communication Committee is ready
21 to do it. I know I sent everyone
22 something a while ago. I sent
23 another. It's attached to my --

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm vehemently
25 opposed to social media by the

2 way, just so you know on the record.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Okay.

4 Well, maybe then we don't have to
5 have a huge long discussion about
6 it now. Then I will hold off if
7 the Board is not comfortable.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, why don't
9 you share high level what it is --

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well,
11 I mean, it's really just -- it's
12 having Instagram and Facebook that
13 are not comment -- like no
14 comments are allowed. A lot of --
15 I mean, I gave you all in the last --

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That doesn't
17 exist on Facebook.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
19 Like Southold, I mean, Sag Harbor.
20 There are -- you can look at many
21 municipalities that have super
22 informational --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I know
24 East Hampton and Southampton and
25 Shelter Island all do it and they

2 share meeting agenda items --

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.
4 So it would be stuff that's like
5 on our website that we'd be sharing,
6 stuff that's in the newsletter.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: A snowstorm is
8 coming.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah,
10 very like, you know, noncontroversial.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Who are you
12 thinking would manage this?

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
14 think for right now the
15 Communications Committee would
16 manage it and then, depending on
17 budget and -- possibly our website
18 company can manage it. I know
19 Candace had talked about interns
20 could help manage it. Or
21 possibly, you know, it doesn't
22 have to be our website company.
23 There are other people who do this
24 for money, but that's more of a
25 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

2 it's not like we would just be
3 handing it off.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: There's still
5 no way to stop the Facebook from
6 publishing comments, okay.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: There
8 is.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That's freedom
10 of expression.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: There
12 is.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: You're not
14 allowed to do that.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: There
16 is. With the technology, you can
17 just disable comments. On all the
18 municipalities that have that,
19 that's what they do. They're just
20 informational.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm not sure
22 about that.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Well,
24 I mean --

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Like I said,

2 I hate social media.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So
4 it's probably then, a longer
5 discussion than we're going to
6 have tonight, but I just wanted to
7 put it out there because it's
8 something we have been talking
9 about and I've been informing you
10 guys about for a while.

11 I understand people's hesitancy.
12 I was hesitant, which is also why
13 it's taken to long. Not so much
14 on the comments, but just the -- I
15 don't know, for many reasons.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Read the
17 Facebook policies.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But I
19 do think, you know, communication
20 is so important. And the way
21 people communicate now is a lot --
22 it's social media. It's how you
23 get the word out.

24 We can put the photo contest out.
25 It's not like -- people would see

2 it much more and you can disable
3 comments so that it's not -- I
4 mean, people then could re-share
5 it and they could say whatever
6 that went. But that is freedom of
7 the speech. They're free to do
8 that and they do it anyway. Like
9 Village business is already
10 discussed on social media.

11 So many other municipalities do
12 it. But, you know, if the Board
13 is hesitant, that's fine, I just
14 want to know that before I went
15 ahead and did it. But I do think --

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think
17 we always hear from our constituents
18 that they want improved communication.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So if
22 this is something that can help
23 that, I'd say there's a real
24 compelling interest in trying to
25 do this for the public. I apologize,

2 I don't use social media, so I'm
3 not -- I'd be very wary.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: What I see on
5 social media is ugly and horrible
6 stuff, so I just --

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay,
8 but --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: I think it
10 would be helpful maybe if you or
11 the clerk's office pulled like
12 some select posts from some of the
13 other municipalities on Instagram
14 and Facebook of how they utilize
15 it for things like, you know, PSEG
16 is out and they're doing roadwork
17 over here, and there's a
18 snowstorm, here are the five
19 highlights of upcoming meeting.

20 Because that stuff -- I'm not on
21 Facebook, thank God, but what I've
22 seen on Instagram by the other
23 municipalities on the East End,
24 these very thoughtful and helps,
25 to your point, get messaging out,

2 especially when we've got road or
3 storm issues and stuff that we can
4 get stuff out.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
6 can do that. I mean, I had sent
7 you all links, but I can do it in
8 a more -- I can send particular posts.

9 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: And there
10 are -- just our neighbor, the
11 superintendant of highways for
12 Southold Town, I get an immense
13 amount of information about what's
14 going on and like roads are being
15 plowed, people are out there from
16 social media. He leverages social
17 media a lot. I think he's a great
18 example of some someone right
19 there using it.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That's
21 true.

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: And I mean,
23 it's for the benefit of the public.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Like Truth
25 Social?

2 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I'm sorry?

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Like Truth
4 Social?

5 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: No, I was
6 definitely not referencing that.
7 I would never, just so we're clear
8 on that. He uses social media to
9 share really important
10 weather-related information where
11 there's down wires, there's all
12 kinds of stuff. So I'd be happy
13 to share. I think he's a great
14 example of how it could be used in
15 the Village, but I definitely
16 understand your apprehension.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah,
18 I can do that. I can send particular
19 posts and that's a good suggestion.

20 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
22 Alright, that's all I got.

23 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I
24 just want to make on correction on
25 something I said earlier that was

2 a mistake. An application for a
3 short-term rental permit would be
4 appealed to the BZA, not to the
5 Board of Trustees.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: To
7 the ZBA?

8 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.
9 So I just want to make that clear.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Why?

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It's
12 not in Chapter 150 though?

13 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I
14 think it's, as a matter of course,
15 it's just any application denied
16 by the building department goes to
17 the BZA.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The ZBA.

19 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes,
20 ZBA.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And then
22 they would have to file an
23 Article 78 if they didn't agree
24 with ZBA decision.

25 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And then
3 get it back to us.

4 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes,
5 then they'd have the ability to do
6 that.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Quick question.
8 Mark Terry, are we going to get any
9 information from him?

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes. In fact,
11 on the ADU stuff and then also for
12 this upcoming meeting on some
13 planning stuff. And I'm also
14 going to sent the board a summary
15 what we spent on planning expenses
16 last year that Adam had prepared.
17 Got an update on that. I know
18 there was some questions.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: At some
20 point will you update us about
21 your discussion with Town of
22 Southold the other day? Didn't
23 you talk to the Town of Southold
24 at the meeting the other day on
25 housing or something?

2 MAYOR STUESSI: I did not
3 speak.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Or was it
5 their staff that did it?

6 MAYOR STUESSI: But there's
7 something that I will share in
8 Executive Session.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay,
10 all right.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: I was not a
12 participate in their meeting.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay.
14 It was -- okay. Alright, I just
15 thought you were there, okay.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: I went.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: The Village
19 was not requested to be there. It
20 should have been requested.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay.
22 You were the public. Okay, that's
23 fine.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: And I found out
25 last minute and went, but there's

2 a legal issue that we need to discuss.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: All right, so
5 I'm going to make a motion to go
6 into Executive Session. The topics
7 in Executive Session are contracts,
8 potential hiring of somebody, and
9 some potential wage changes. Then
10 we have a few advice of counsel
11 items afterwards. Second?

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Aye.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Aye.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: The public
20 meeting is closed. Everybody is
21 welcome to excuse themself other
22 than Jared. Thank you.

23 (Whereupon, the Village of
24 Greenport Board of Trustees Work
25 Session went into Executive Session.)

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