

1 VILLAGE OF GREENPORT
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4 VILLAGE OF GREENPORT
5 BOARD OF TRUSTEES
6 REGULAR SESSION MEETING
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8 Third Street Fire Station
9 January 22, 2026
10 6:00 p.m.
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12 B E F O R E:
13 KEVIN STUESSI ~ MAYOR
14 MARY BESS PHILLIPS ~ TRUSTEE
15 PATRICK BRENNAN ~ DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE
16 LILY DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON ~ TRUSTEE
17 JULIA ROBINS ~ TRUSTEE
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19 CANDACE HALL ~ VILLAGE CLERK
20 JARED KASSCHAU, ESQ. ~ VILLAGE ATTORNEY
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23 All other interested parties
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1 (Whereupon, the meeting was called
2 to order at 5:58 p.m.)

3 MAYOR STUESSI: I'd like to make a
4 motion to open the regularly scheduled
5 meeting of the Village Board of
6 Trustees. Today is January 22nd.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

9 (Aye said in unison.)

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

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

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Please stay
15 standing for a moment of silence for
16 the following Villagers: Valerie
17 (Terry) Andrews, Daniel James McCarthy,
18 George F. Capon, Jr., who I spoke a bit
19 about in our last meeting last week,
20 William Grover Foster, III, and Norma
21 M. McGarry.

22 (Whereupon, a moment of silence
23 was observed.)

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Please be seated.

25 All right. We have a couple of

1 announcements this evening. Village
2 Hall will be closed on Monday, February
3 16, 2026 in observance of President's
4 Day.

5 The annual George Washington's
6 birthday celebration parade put on by
7 the Greenport Fire Department will be
8 on Saturday, February 14th, 2026.

9 And then a quick reminder for
10 everybody that if you haven't seen the
11 news or been breathing and out there
12 today, you've probably seen that
13 there's a snowstorm coming. Would
14 appreciate folks getting cars off of
15 the streets and in driveways or the
16 public parking lots. Village is
17 prepared with -- have checked all of
18 our equipment and salt and supplies and
19 have extra staff on duty for the
20 weekend as well, and we would encourage
21 everybody to stay safe and stay warm.

22 Next item up is we have a public
23 hearing to discuss the adoption of a
24 proposed law; this is Chapter 34 of the
25 Code of the Village of Greenport to

1 authorize the use of videoconferencing
2 in accordance with the Public Officer's
3 Law Section 103-A. Is there anybody
4 from the public that would like to
5 speak on this? Mr. Saladino, please.

6 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Mayor, did you
7 make a motion to open the hearing?

8 MAYOR STUESSI: I thought we had
9 it open already? I apologize. I'll
10 make a motion to open the public
11 hearing.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

14 (Aye said in unison.)

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.
16 You can now speak.

17 MR. SALADINO: My name is John
18 Saladino, I live on Sixth Street. I
19 have two questions as it relates to
20 this. I read the -- can I speak to the
21 attorney? Do I have the Board's
22 permission to speak to the attorney?

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Sure.

24 MR. SALADINO: Jared, I read the
25 law on Chapter 103, and at the end of

1 that it said that this is going to
2 sundown in July of 2026, this provision
3 about teleconferencing. I guess it
4 came into effect with --

5 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: It came into
6 effect during COVID, in the midst of
7 COVID, and so many municipalities have
8 now adopted the use of
9 videoconferencing because it allows for
10 enhanced public participation for those
11 folks who aren't able to physically
12 attend. I see little chance of this
13 sunsetting, so I imagine it's going to
14 be extended just because it's now
15 become such an engrained part of public
16 participation in public hearings.

17 MR. SALADINO: So if the Board
18 adopted this next month perhaps --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Mmhmm.

20 MR. SALADINO: If the Board
21 adopted this next month, it's your
22 opinion that --

23 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: It will
24 continue in perpetuity, yeah.

25 MR. SALADINO: The second question

1 I have is what's the motivation of this
2 Board to do that?

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Very simply in the
4 rare occasions where a Board Member
5 might be indisposed due to surgery or
6 something to that effect, they'd
7 potentially be able to participate.
8 And then potentially longer term,
9 looking at taking public comments as
10 well and making that available over
11 Zoom as Counsel just said, but that
12 requires technical adjustments.

13 MR. SALADINO: And Kevin, I
14 certainly understand that. And having
15 been on a statutory board during COVID
16 and stuff, and I'm just curious, how do
17 you guys envision that kind of working?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: The public comment
19 portion of it?

20 MR. SALADINO: No, just the Member
21 that wouldn't be able to attend, would
22 they -- I remember prior to COVID that
23 municipalities had talked about remote
24 access and during COVID remote access,
25 but there wouldn't be the opportunity

1 to vote for that Member during any
2 discussion. They would be present at
3 home or God forbid in the hospital, but
4 they wouldn't be allowed to vote during
5 that session via tele --

6 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: So that's
7 changed now. So long as you have a
8 quorum of the Board present and
9 somebody is remote, their vote would
10 count.

11 MR. SALADINO: So they could vote?

12 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yeah.

13 MR. SALADINO: And the
14 discussion -- and the discussion during
15 those meetings that were
16 teleconferenced from someone's home or,
17 again, God forbid, a hospital room -- I
18 got to be honest with you, I couldn't
19 imagine being in a hospital room
20 wanting to participate in one of these
21 meetings.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Don't say
23 that.

24 MR. SALADINO: I couldn't. I just
25 would have other things on my mind.

1 But there's some people that are like
2 the green beret of statutory boards
3 that would want to participate, I'm not
4 one of them. But how would that work?
5 They would participate from a remote
6 location and via computer and --

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
8 think a good example is Southold Town
9 does it right now with, like, the
10 Fishers Island Council Member often is
11 participating remotely.

12 MR. SALADINO: Lily, I'm
13 embarrassed to admit that I don't watch
14 their stuff. So I really don't know
15 what happens there, my focus is hyper
16 local to the Incorporated Village.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: So to answer your
18 question very simply, the individual
19 could be either on their personal
20 computer at home or on a laptop,
21 wherever they happen to be, and
22 participate that way.

23 MR. SALADINO: And who would
24 communicate that information from that
25 person to the public? Would there be a

1 clerk, would Candace, would there be a
2 clerk or a Board Member that would
3 communicate their comments and
4 questions?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: We would have it
6 on a screen or something here. So by
7 example, let's say for a moment that I
8 just had surgery, and I'm convalescing
9 at home, I could have my laptop and
10 participate in the meeting with the
11 Board remotely.

12 MR. SALADINO: And there would
13 be --

14 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: So yes, you'd
15 have a screen where you'd be able to
16 see Mayor Stuessi home, recovering. He
17 would be able to --

18 MR. SALADINO: In his pajamas?

19 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: In his
20 pajamas. Hopefully it was, you know,
21 chest up. Where he'd have a camera on
22 his computer, we'd have a screen here
23 where you'd see him. You'd also see
24 any number of members of the public who
25 logged in remotely, and there would be

1 an opportunity to hear what he's saying
2 in live time so that he's able to
3 participate in the discussion and
4 ultimate vote. And then also during
5 public hearing portion of the meeting,
6 the Board could allow public comment
7 from those at home who are
8 participating remotely.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: My one question
10 is, and I think this is maybe where
11 he's coming from is anyone that's going
12 to do that, it's not a last minute
13 decision. I mean, they have to notify
14 that they're not going to be at that
15 meeting ahead of time. Isn't there a
16 legal notice that has to go out?

17 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: To the extent
18 possible. If it was some kind of
19 emergency, unforeseen unavailability,
20 you know, that could be, you know, so
21 long as they give as much notice as
22 possible. So say it happens hours
23 before the meeting, that would be as
24 much notice as possible.

25 MR. SALADINO: And I apologize,

1 I'm not trying to be obtuse with this,
2 I just don't understand. I just don't
3 understand. I never experienced this.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: You may
5 want to watch the Southold meetings.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, it's very
7 informative.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: There's one next
9 week, by example, on Tuesday. And I
10 will say, from experience participating
11 in a lot of their meetings in person
12 and then online, it works. They use it
13 for a different reason because of
14 Fishers Island, because of distance,
15 but it works well.

16 MR. SALADINO: I kind of remember
17 -- and if it works well, it works well.
18 I'm okay with that. I also kind of
19 remember that there had to be -- the
20 rules were kind of crazy when I was
21 interested in this, during COVID,
22 again, being a member of the statutory
23 board and it came up that access had to
24 be -- at that time, it was even
25 suggested that access had to be allowed

1 to who was ever doing it remotely. If
2 somebody was doing something remotely
3 from another state or from their home
4 in another place, there had to be
5 public access to that. And obviously
6 the public access to the firehouse and
7 this meeting is easy, but --

8 MAYOR STUESSI: You mean, the
9 location that the Board Member was at
10 remotely. Was that part of the law
11 that got changed?

12 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: It was. I
13 don't know that it's been changed, but
14 it really has no practical implication.
15 Somebody is traveling and if they're,
16 you know, in Florida --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Miss a flight.

18 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: It's not as if
19 somebody is going to -- somebody from
20 Greenport is going to try to appear
21 next to the person who is participating
22 remotely. But yes, you're supposed to
23 in the notice identify where the person
24 who is absent is physically located at
25 the time that they're participating.

1 So if one of the Trustees is at home
2 convalescing, the notice should reflect
3 that that individual is going to be at
4 their location in the notice.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But --

6 MR. SALADINO: Could some dope
7 show up at his house and say I have to
8 be allowed here because --

9 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No, because
10 they'd have the opportunity to
11 participate remotely much in the same
12 way as anyone else. I don't think the
13 Mayor would need to invite somebody
14 from outside into his home when you
15 have the meeting place.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: If you show up at
17 my door, John, and I'm in my Greenport
18 Brewery pajamas, I'll be glad to invite
19 you in.

20 MR. SALADINO: As long as you're
21 serving refreshments.

22 AUDIENCE MEMBER: Duly noted.

23 MR. SALADINO: Again, I apologize,
24 I'm just confused by the whole thing.
25 But I don't foresee the Board that I

1 serve on kind of doing this. None of
2 the stuff we do is that important as
3 related to this Board, so --

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The only thing
5 I could say, John, is whether it's used
6 or not, at least there's the
7 availability of doing it in case it
8 needs to be done. I think that's what
9 you need to look at. Whether it's used
10 continuously or not, I think there
11 needs to be -- especially like the Code
12 --

13 MR. SALADINO: So if you have it
14 in your pocket, you can use it.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: So we don't -- to
17 her point, we don't legally have the
18 ability to do this because the Village
19 Board never adopted this when the State
20 changed the law for it. We would have
21 this in our back pocket --

22 MR. SALADINO: But if you did this
23 next month, you would have the ability.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

25 MR. SALADINO: And the last thing

1 I have, and I don't want to sound like
2 a (inaudible) about this because I am a
3 penny pincher, is there a -- do you
4 guys have, like, a dollar figure that
5 this might cost to do that, except for
6 the television screen that we have
7 there?

8 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Anecdotally,
9 if I may, some boards use what's known
10 as the Owl camera, it looks like a
11 little owl, it's kind of oval and it's
12 got a little ball on top that the
13 camera videotapes 360 degrees, maybe
14 not completely 360 degrees, but
15 certainly everybody in the room, and
16 you'll be able to see everybody here on
17 the dais at home, and then everybody at
18 home will appear on that screen
19 attached to a laptop. So the cost
20 really, to the extent that screen is
21 available to the Village for its use
22 for these hearings is just the purchase
23 of that Owl camera and, you know, a
24 laptop.

25 MR. SALADINO: Sounds good.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: John, I
2 would just add that I think we want to
3 adopt a policy that puts some
4 parameters for when and how this option
5 should be used so that it's not abused.
6 While I agree with the Mayor, it's in
7 the public's interest to have this
8 available, but I also think it's in the
9 public's interest to have as many of
10 these meetings in person in this place.

11 MR. SALADINO: Well, the people
12 that know me, I agree with you on that
13 point a hundred percent. But it kind
14 of raises another question that I
15 wasn't -- that you just raised that I'm
16 going to ask you about now. Can
17 someone here, perhaps Jared can, tell
18 me the difference between code and
19 policy?

20 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: In terms of?

21 MR. SALADINO: Well, I mean,
22 what's the difference between something
23 written in the code and the Village
24 Board adopting a policy addressing
25 that?

1 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Village Code
2 will last until the Village Code is
3 amended. It's legislation. Whereas
4 policy can change between boards and it
5 can change --

6 MR. SALADINO: Is policy, as far
7 as until it's changed, the law of the
8 land?

9 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: No, it's just
10 that, it's policy. It's just the
11 belief of this Board in terms of how
12 they're going to, you know, proceed
13 until a policy is changed.

14 MR. SALADINO: Can that be
15 challenged?

16 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Board policy?
17 No, it would be up to Board's
18 discretion about how they want to, you
19 know --

20 MR. SALADINO: I didn't mean by
21 the Board, I meant by the public. I
22 don't plan on --

23 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You could
24 raise concerns and objections. You can
25 raise concerns and objections and, you

1 know, the Board can consider changing
2 their policy based on those concerns.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I would
4 think that the code would refer to the
5 notion that there would be a policy and
6 that the Board would be able to change
7 the policy from time to time as
8 circumstances require or as we see fit.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Once
10 they choose, you don't have to have a
11 public hearing for it to change policy.
12 But we do have to have a public hearing
13 to change code, and then sometimes if
14 you're changing zoning code, you have
15 to go to Suffolk County Zoning Board or
16 whatever.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Suffolk County
18 Planning.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yeah,
20 Planning. So that's one difference
21 that comes to mind.

22 MR. SALADINO: I understand that
23 process. I understand all that, and I
24 don't want to belabor this, I'm sure
25 there's people that want to speak. But

1 sometimes the Village initiates a
2 policy that people agree with or they
3 don't agree with, and then it comes up
4 in conversation in a different venue,
5 in a different board that well it's not
6 part of the code so it's not the law.
7 You know, and I kind of disagree with
8 that. I think that once you guys
9 determine a policy, I mean, it happens
10 all day. It happens nationally. I
11 mean, it happens all the time. But you
12 know, not everything that happens in
13 the Village is in the code book. So if
14 our attorney is comfortable with all
15 this, I'm certainly comfortable. Jared
16 is comfortable.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Just to reiterate
18 what the Deputy Mayor said, as this
19 Board had discussed prior, the real
20 intent is for this to be available for
21 Board Members in the Village only and
22 call it more extreme circumstances. As
23 to eventually getting to the point
24 where this would be available to the
25 public, that would take some other

1 effort.

2 MR. SALADINO: No, I think --
3 Kevin, I don't want to misinterpret why
4 I'm up here. I think it's a good
5 thing, I think it's a good thing, and I
6 think it's a good thing to have in your
7 pocket if you use it today or you have
8 the ability to use it tomorrow. I
9 think it's a good thing. I just didn't
10 know how it worked.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Anything else we
12 can answer for you?

13 MR. SALADINO: Do you have
14 tomorrow's lotto numbers?

15 MAYOR STUESSI: I do, as a matter
16 of fact. Come by the house when I'm in
17 my pajamas, I'll share them with you.

18 Is there anybody else in the
19 public that wants to speak on this this
20 evening?

21 Is there a motion from the Board
22 on this?

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'll make a
24 motion to close the public hearing.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

2 (Aye said in unison.)

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

4 Is there anybody from the public
5 that would like to speak on any other
6 matters this evening?

7 MS. RIVARA: Karen Rivara, 628
8 Carpenter Street in Greenport. I am
9 just -- I just have some questions
10 about the LWRP grant. I just want to
11 congratulate the Board for getting that
12 done, especially I know Trustee Brennan
13 put a lot of work into getting it over
14 the finish line, so I'm very happy
15 about that. And I just -- so I just
16 have a couple of questions. I'm assume
17 that you had to get some bids for
18 consultants and, you know, three or
19 something of that nature, so I was just
20 curious about where you were with that
21 process of hiring a consultant to do
22 the work for us.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Shall I
24 answer that?

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Before he jumps

1 into that, just to be very clear, while
2 the State publicly announced this in a
3 press release, we still as of yet
4 haven't received all of the paperwork
5 from the State on it. But the Deputy
6 Mayor can speak to that application
7 process and what we went through to get
8 some pricing and where we will be
9 going.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: To answer
11 your question, we were not required to
12 solicit bids yet. So in the
13 preparation of the grant application,
14 we did research, we spoke with
15 potential vendors, consultants who
16 could do the work. I loosely inquired
17 of them about the magnitude of the
18 cost, and what it had cost similar
19 municipalities to do similar work, and
20 that helped us develop a budget for our
21 ask, but there's no bids yet.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Ultimately, it
23 wouldn't even be a bid, it would be
24 what's referred to as professional
25 services, which is a different process.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: It could be
2 a bid, but it's not required. It's not
3 required under the procurement policy.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So we have
6 a list of the vendors that we spoke
7 with, and so that's our starting point
8 to reengage them. We may add to that
9 as well. At the time when I was
10 speaking with various consultants, some
11 were more or less interested, but time
12 has passed, so some of those folks that
13 may not have been available may be
14 available now. So it may change a
15 little.

16 MS. RIVARA: Good. As long as you
17 have people to pick from.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes, we do.
19 We do. We're also required in that
20 process to demonstrate that we made a
21 good faith effort to interview minority
22 and women owned business enterprises,
23 so that's part of the initial.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Can I ask, what's
25 the area of expertise that you're

1 questioning these consultants?

2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: On exactly
3 this. So they prepare LWRPs.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Specific to this
5 work?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes,
7 exactly. So it's comprehensive
8 planning generally, but specifically
9 it's LWRPs. So there's lots of
10 municipalities in Long Island and New
11 York that have done this.

12 MS. RIVARA: So it sounds like
13 it's going to be several months before
14 you can get to a point where you can
15 actually hire a consultant because of
16 the paperwork that has to come from
17 the --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Probably a couple
19 of months. We're anticipating it
20 sounds like we're receiving the
21 paperwork in the next several weeks.
22 And there's been quite a bit that's
23 already done on possible consultants.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I do have a
25 question. I'm questioning, I believe

1 we can go out to bid before we receive
2 any of the paperwork because we're not
3 committing to anything.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I think so.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: To be honest
6 with you, I would like to see the bid
7 process go through, so I was just
8 wondering if perhaps we could maybe
9 next work session probably start on
10 that. I don't see any reason why not.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I'd like to
12 come with some information to the next
13 work session, that's what I'm planning
14 to share that with you, also to kind of
15 kick that off.

16 I do know that with any grant
17 really we can't start the process until
18 the grant is awarded. So once you
19 start, you're no longer eligible.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think the
21 bidding portion is -- but we need to
22 check. I don't think that that's -- if
23 I remember correctly, the last time we
24 did the LWRP, we started out the bid
25 process just so that when the funding

1 became available to us, we could get
2 underway.

3 MS. RIVARA: So then the other
4 timing question I have is, I mean, I
5 have had to -- I have gotten several
6 grants in my life, have had to
7 administer them. Will we have a
8 village administrator by the time we
9 start implementing the process so that
10 you guys have help?

11 MAYOR STUESSI: The answer is we
12 should certainly be in that place. The
13 Village had interviewed a number of
14 folks, narrowed it down to final
15 candidates, and is in discussions right
16 now and finalizing that.

17 MS. RIVARA: I think that's going
18 to be helpful.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: In addition to
20 that, we also started utilizing the
21 planning services of Mark Terry who is
22 a former member too of Southold Town
23 Planning Board who has started doing
24 some work for the Village. He's got a
25 lot of experience in LWRPs as well,

1 might be somebody that we would lean on
2 for assistance too in helping to
3 administer.

4 MS. RIVARA: Okay. But not
5 spending money relative to the LWRP?

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon me?

7 MS. RIVARA: But not spending
8 money before you get the funds and the
9 paperwork?

10 MAYOR STUESSI: No, the LWRP is a
11 separate thing. He's been tasked with
12 some other projects.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I agree
14 with you though. Ideally, the village
15 administrator would be involved from
16 the get go, and that would include
17 interviewing consultants, bidding so
18 that they were fully engaged right from
19 the start. There's accountability and
20 a relationship.

21 MS. RIVARA: Yeah, it would make
22 it go more smoothly for sure.

23 And then I'm assuming the
24 consultant will work with our LWRP
25 Committee, folks that put so much time

1 into the work that's been done so far.
2 But I'm also curious, I believe
3 Southold Town is updating their LWRP as
4 well. Is there any thought about the
5 person or the consultant who is working
6 on ours also at least having dialogue
7 with Southold Town? Just because our
8 waterfront and waters are adjacent and
9 it seems like --

10 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm not aware of
11 them updating their LWRP. Trustee
12 Dougherty-Johnson and I together with
13 Village Counsel had a meeting with them
14 this morning in regards to the CPF
15 plan, which we're going to be getting
16 started on updating, but we can ask the
17 question.

18 MS. RIVARA: Yeah, I think has --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: There's certainly
20 going to be things that we're going to
21 want to leverage off of.

22 The one thing I will share, I
23 mentioned to the Board last week, the
24 United States Geological -- USGS has
25 spent several years working on a big

1 study of Long Island, and one of the
2 places they really focused on was the
3 Village of Greenport. A full report
4 hasn't been released, but they do have
5 a piece of it that's been released that
6 takes a look at tidal flow, ground
7 water, and ties into storms and all
8 that. That's going to be really
9 valuable information for us. And the
10 call I had with USGS is they're
11 prepared to give us anything they can,
12 any assistance as they're able to start
13 releasing things. Together with that,
14 I requested that somebody comes and
15 presents what they have thus far,
16 including there was a lecture done at
17 the University on this particular
18 subject, and the beauty of it all is,
19 again, they did do a very focused
20 survey on Greenport in particular as
21 sort of a test case example for a Long
22 Island coastal community.

23 MS. RIVARA: Okay, great.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: We will, because
25 of that, have more advanced information

1 than really anybody outside of one
2 other community on Long Island.

3 MS. RIVARA: That's a gift.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I'll also
5 respond to your question. So the most
6 recent guidelines that the State put
7 forth for LWRPs emphasizes more
8 coordination with adjacent
9 municipalities and County and State.
10 So there's currently a small working
11 committee on the LWRP, Suzanne Donovan,
12 Jane Ratsey-Williams, and myself, and
13 we resumed meetings over the past two
14 months in anticipation of this grant,
15 and we're working to bring to this
16 Board a new committee structure that
17 more closely reflects what the
18 guidelines are looking for. So within
19 that, we'd be looking to have some
20 folks from the Town of Southold on our
21 committee, at least in an advisory
22 capacity, if not actually working on
23 it. And so I'm not going to suggest
24 now who because I need to bring it to
25 the Board and the Mayor first, and then

1 we would approach the supervisor and
2 get his recommendations. So that will
3 happen.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Did I see you just
5 raise your hand saying you want to
6 participate?

7 MS. RIVARA: I mean, I'm happy to
8 participate.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: You would be
10 invaluable.

11 MS. RIVARA: I mean, it's a near
12 and dear to my heart topic as everybody
13 knows.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: We have a
15 place for you.

16 MS. RIVARA: Okay, yeah, we can --
17 that's fine with me.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Great.

19 MS. RIVARA: We can do it. That's
20 good because my last point was just
21 around the implementation of the plan.
22 I just feel it's really important to
23 have a sound plan. I was working in
24 the office today for an organization
25 that I'm a member of, and they have all

1 the stacks of comprehensive plans that
2 have been worked on for the five towns,
3 and I know those plans get done and
4 then they're put on a shelf. And I
5 don't think we can afford to have this
6 one put on a shelf, especially when
7 there's so much opportunity around our
8 working waterfront and preserving it,
9 working with the County and perhaps the
10 Town, and making sure that our
11 waterfront and our Village are vital.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, absolutely.
13 Thank you for participating in the
14 announcement that we had with the
15 County when the legislation was signed
16 for the working waterfront bill with
17 the County. That, together with the
18 Village really working and pushing on
19 the Town to adopt use of CPF for water
20 quality, which is hugely important for
21 us, we're working on a timeline with
22 them for that, together with other
23 initiatives. And the big one comes
24 because the Governor's announcement a
25 week ago in her state of the state of

1 looking to spend 2.8 billion dollars
2 towards water quality. That's getting
3 developed and our grants team is on top
4 of it with the State. We've already
5 had some conversations. The Village
6 Board is going to de a longer meeting
7 in February to talk about that and some
8 other initiatives. And to the Deputy
9 Mayor's point, we'll be ready to start
10 moving things forward with the LWRP as
11 well. There's some real wind in the
12 sails, so to speak.

13 MS. RIVARA: And also, if we got
14 some willing buyers for the working
15 waterfront, we have -- I think the Town
16 would probably use CPF money or the
17 County money, if they can leverage
18 those two together, and it would be
19 good.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: That's the point,
21 it takes a toolbox of many different
22 sources to get things done. You're
23 signed up, it's recorded.

24 MS. RIVARA: That's what happens
25 when you open your mouth.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody
2 else from the public who would like to
3 speak this evening?

4 MR. VANDENBURGH: Good evening.
5 Rich Vandenburg, president of the BID.
6 I'm encouraged by the response. I'm
7 going to press just a little bit
8 further on the village administrator.
9 Is there a timeframe that we could kind
10 of look at the calendar and say, put a
11 little mark on it and say a decision
12 will be finalized with a village
13 administrator? Because I feel like
14 sometimes we hear that discussions are
15 happening, progress is being made, but
16 we don't have necessarily a hard kind
17 of, like, date to follow-up on and
18 say --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: You employ folks
20 between your two tasting rooms, I think
21 even the brewery is now offsite, if I
22 understand. You can imagine what one
23 -- you know what one goes through when
24 you're interviewing and then you end up
25 in confidential discussions and we have

1 a final list. I'm going to leave it at
2 what I shared earlier this evening as
3 far as where we are with the
4 candidates, and like I said to you, I
5 anticipate having -- the Board
6 anticipates having somebody on board to
7 start the LWRP process with us.

8 MR. VANDENBURGH: June 1st?

9 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm not going to
10 say a date, but the plan is well in
11 advance of that actually.

12 MR. VANDENBURGH: Okay.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Anything else?

14 MR. VANDENBURGH: The only other
15 question I had was actually next month
16 I understand, you know, with regard to
17 some presentations relative to the work
18 session, but next month I'm hoping that
19 I'll be able to carve out a little time
20 to present to the Board kind of the
21 status of our latest initiatives and
22 the things that we doing relative to
23 the vacancy issue as well as the other
24 -- certain other initiatives just so
25 that we could bring the Board up to

1 speed relative to where we are with
2 some ideas. And hopefully, I don't
3 know what the schedule will look like,
4 but I would, at this point, just ask
5 for a little reservation of time, maybe
6 15, 20 minutes to present that update
7 to the Board in February.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: That would be
9 wonderful. I would also encourage you
10 to do what you can to work with the
11 Greenport Business Group 2 and together
12 with that, I don't know if you happened
13 to see the e-mail I sent in response to
14 a very talented local musician.

15 MR. VANDENBURGH: Oh, yeah, we've
16 already chatted before that.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: There's some real
18 opportunity with that. Evidently I'm
19 told Outlook and was out across the
20 country for most of the day, but
21 there's a lot of people that didn't get
22 e-mails or will get them later on.
23 Knock on wood, the Village's servers
24 were working appropriately on receiving
25 and sending.

1 MR. VANDENBURGH: I'm very excited
2 for the rest of the meeting because I
3 understand you have some closure on
4 some of the other issues that are
5 pending, so that's great. But yeah,
6 ultimately, I would love to kind of
7 bring forward because I think everybody
8 on social media and the comments on
9 social media are about the challenges
10 that we're facing, but I just want to
11 reiterate that the Board has some
12 exciting plans to share with some
13 collaboration, so we look forward to
14 that.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: We want to do
16 whatever we can to help the business
17 community. As we've discussed
18 privately and together publicly, our
19 biggest challenge is building owners
20 who are looking for too much money for
21 rent or sale versus what the market
22 will bear.

23 MR. VANDENBURGH: I guess it
24 depends on who you're talking to, but I
25 understand.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: -- temporarily and
2 do some art work and other things.

3 MR. VANDENBURGH: Great. So I
4 just wanted to put that on the radar.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, sir.

6 Anybody else this evening like to
7 speak?

8 MR. BROKAW: My name is Bennett
9 Brokaw, I have property at --

10 MAYOR STUESSI: State your address
11 for the record.

12 MR. BROKAW: 449 Main Street,
13 Greenport.

14 I heard some wonderful news
15 regarding the ice skating rink. Is
16 that true?

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, so the
18 Village has a grant, and there is also
19 one private donation towards it and
20 another one pending. This is going to
21 be a big discussion point in the
22 February meeting. And so the goal is
23 to get this advanced, but it requires
24 engineering drawings and some
25 additional funding in order to get that

1 going, but there's some exciting
2 momentum with it as well as --

3 MR. BROKAW: I thought it was a
4 dead issue.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: No, as well as a
6 committee coming together to put
7 something together.

8 MR. BROKAW: That's going to
9 entail a consultant.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: It would entail an
11 engineer to develop the drawings, and
12 then ultimately a committee much like
13 we have for the carousel, by example,
14 to work on longer term programming.
15 But an engineering drawing will lead to
16 bids, which lead to pricing, which
17 leads to what is the delta on funding
18 and how this is potentially solvable.

19 MR. BROKAW: So many families,
20 especially my own kids, two years old,
21 three years old, blah blah blah, and
22 now they're coming to the carousel with
23 their kids. And I think it's the same
24 way with the ice skating rink, and to
25 hear that it's actually alive.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: There's some
2 positive momentum. I will say as a
3 father of two daughters who grew up
4 competitively ice skating and never had
5 the chance to skate in Greenport
6 because the rink couldn't freeze in our
7 time here, I'm excited about it. I
8 know the businesses are too.

9 MR. BROKAW: I did want to address
10 something, as a landlord, I have a
11 vacant building, and I mentioned this
12 at the BID meeting.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: You're talking
14 about your building where Murray
15 Construction is upstairs.

16 MR. BROKAW: Yes.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Where the designer
18 used to be downstairs on Main Street.

19 And first, congratulations on your
20 new tenants in the former space across
21 from the movie theatre, it's wonderful
22 to see that occupied. Appreciate you
23 working hard when one tenant was
24 leaving to get another one in there
25 right away. It's a big commitment and

1 you pound the pavement.

2 MR. BROKAW: One thing I wanted to
3 point out, I was advertising the space
4 since October with a price, with a
5 rental price. And I had zero interest.
6 I had no contact, no one approached me.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I introduced
8 you to a bike shop guy.

9 MR. BROKAW: Yes, that was the
10 only one.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Can't forget about
12 that.

13 MR. BROKAW: Where is he?

14 MAYOR STUESSI: He hasn't been
15 able to find a rent that works for him.

16 MR. BROKAW: I'll make it work. I
17 want to see the bike shop in the
18 Village.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: I know where he
20 was with you, and if you're willing to
21 do something about it. The saddest
22 part of the story was he was \$500 apart
23 with another building owner for a
24 summer pop-up, couldn't go any higher.
25 He could have been in that space. The

1 building owner would have collected
2 over ten grand in rent over the summer,
3 would have had people in there and
4 might have signed a longer term lease
5 or sold it. Didn't happen over --

6 MR. BROKAW: I'd be happy to talk
7 to him. I'd love to see a bike shop in
8 the Village. There's so much you can
9 do with that. You can have bikes
10 delivered to the Jitney terminal, the
11 train. People coming in, they don't
12 need a car to come to Greenport. What
13 a wonderful concept.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: It is, for sure.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So you did say
16 that you had that store rented now or
17 not, the old studio, yes or no?

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, it's occupied
19 and open.

20 MR. BROKAW: It's rented.

21 (Whereupon, there was simultaneous
22 crosstalk.)

23 MR. BROKAW: On Main Street, yes.

24 So my point, going back to that, I
25 placed another ad with no price, and I

1 had zero response. So are the rents
2 too high? They're too high if no one
3 is, you know, renting them, yes, rents
4 are too high. Supply and demand. But
5 it was interesting that the response
6 was nil not even to call and say how
7 much is this space. So that's an
8 interesting thing to think about.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: One of the things
10 I brought up in our last week's meeting
11 with Rich Vandenburg, BID president
12 who is here as well, and he was talking
13 a bit about bringing in -- because the
14 BID had solicited commercial brokers to
15 come in and assist, and I had mentioned
16 to him, as I had prior along with some
17 other business folks, I spent a large
18 part of my career in commercial real
19 estate, and not to knock realtors, some
20 of them -- not housing, but some
21 commercial ones are very focused on
22 just what's a quick deal to make money
23 and they don't want to do the hard
24 work. And one of the things I
25 suggested was looking at bringing

1 together some of the businesses in the
2 community who are successful
3 entrepreneurs together with a hotel
4 partner and inviting a bunch of
5 successful entrepreneurs from other
6 places, whether it's New York City or
7 Connecticut and saying, hey, come here
8 for a weekend, we'll put you up in a
9 hotel, you'll get to dine in some of
10 the local restaurants, meet some of the
11 shopkeepers, and do sort of a thing
12 like that to basically -- to use an
13 analogy that --

14 MR. VANDENBURGH: Don't steal my
15 thunder. That's what I'm going to do.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Throw out fishing
17 line and get them here and show them
18 what the Village is about and have them
19 also meet building owners.

20 MR. BROKAW: You've been feeding
21 them well. Thank you very much.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Anybody else from
23 the public that would like to speak
24 this evening?

25 All right. With that, we'll turn

1 it over to Julia with Resolution Number
2 1.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Resolution
4 1-2026-1, Resolution adopting the
5 January 2026 agenda as printed. So
6 moved.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

9 (Aye said in unison.)

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Resolution
11 01-2026-2, Resolution accepting the
12 monthly reports of Greenport Fire
13 Department, Village Administration,
14 Village Treasurer, Village Clerk,
15 Village Attorney, Mayor and Board of
16 Trustees. So moved.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

19 (Aye said in unison.)

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Resolution
21 01-2026-3, Resolution, the Board
22 approves the Fire District Ambulance
23 Services Agreement between the Village
24 and Suffolk County for the period of
25 January 1, 2026 through December 31,

1 2030 and authorizes the Mayor to
2 execute the agreement on the behalf of
3 the Village. So moved.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

5 Second.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

7 (Aye said in unison.)

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

9 Resolution 1-2026-4, Resolution
10 approving the participation in the
11 Division of Homeland Security and
12 Emergency Service Volunteer Fire
13 Infrastructure & Response Equipment
14 (V-FIRE) Grant Program on behalf of the
15 Greenport Fire Department and
16 authorizing Mayor Stuessi to sign all
17 required documents. So moved.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

20 (Aye said in unison.)

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Resolution

22 1-2026-5, Resolution authorizing the
23 Village of Greenport to add the
24 outstanding water and sewer balances in
25 arrears to the Village of Greenport

1 2026 tax bill for the respective
2 property per calculations to be
3 completed by on or before April 30,
4 2026. So moved.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second and
6 discussion. Just a question for the
7 attorney, have we been able to devise
8 any solutions for arrears that are
9 outside of the Village where we can't
10 apply on the tax bill?

11 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I was
12 discussing that, in fact, with the
13 Village Treasurer today and we have
14 some ideas, one of which I presented to
15 him a few months ago, so it was
16 potential solution, but I'm glad to
17 discuss it with you later.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.
19 Good, I'm glad to hear that. Thank
20 you.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I am too
22 because we've had past attempts to
23 discuss it with the Town of Southold
24 trying to attach it to something, and I
25 don't know how far that ever got.

1 MAYOR STUESSI: This is one of the
2 things that was going to be on our
3 joint meeting last fall that got
4 cancelled by the Town, but Counsel can
5 update us a bit further and certainly
6 press forward with the Town on it.

7 We did get a big collection -- I
8 don't know that Adam sent out an e-mail
9 -- from a sewer -- an individual who
10 has a very large sewer account that's
11 been in arrears for several years that
12 we have been chasing literally last
13 week.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.
15 Good.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: If he didn't send
17 that out, I'll ask him to send that
18 number probably tomorrow.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We have to
20 vote.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?
22 (Aye said in unison.)

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Resolution
24 01-2026-6, Resolution scheduling a
25 public hearing for 2026/2027 Village

1 tentative budget at 6:00 p.m., April 9,
2 2026 at the Old Schoolhouse, Front and
3 First Streets, Greenport, New York
4 11944 and directing Clerk Hall to
5 notice the budget hearing accordingly.
6 So moved.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

9 (Aye said in unison.)

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Resolution
11 01-2026-7, Resolution authorizing the
12 Treasurer Brautigam to make an
13 additional contribution in the amount
14 of \$31,286 to the Volunteer Firefighter
15 Length of Service Award Program for the
16 Village of Greenport Fire Department.
17 So moved.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

19 Second.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

21 (Aye said in unison.)

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

23 Resolution 1-2026-8, Resolution
24 authorizing Treasurer Brautigam to
25 perform attached budget modification

1 6551 to appropriate sewer funds to fund
2 the final close out invoice from CCLI
3 relating to work completed at the
4 Wastewater Treatment Plant, and
5 directing that budget modification 6551
6 be included as part of the formal
7 meeting minutes of the January 22, 2026
8 meeting of the Board of Trustees. So
9 moved.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

12 (Aye said in unison.)

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Resolution
14 1-2026-9, Resolution authorizing an
15 increase to the Recreation Center
16 summer camp fee for the eight week
17 program to \$2,000 with daily and weekly
18 rates, weekly fees prorated accordingly
19 effective in the upcoming season. So
20 moved.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second and
22 discussion. Does anyone know how the
23 prorating is going to work? I know
24 Adam had suggested that they not be
25 completely prorated, that they be

1 skewed to incentivize people for longer
2 stays.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, he was
4 working on getting that finalized.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So that can
6 still happen?

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So I
9 was going to bring up, I know we
10 discussed this at work session and then
11 we had questions about the resident
12 discount that was discussed, and I
13 understand the simplicity of going to
14 just the higher number, but -- and I
15 hoped Adam was here to check my
16 numbers, but I did talk to him this
17 week, and this is, like, an 80 percent
18 increase. When we increased the after
19 school fees, I think it was, like, a 30
20 percent increase. So I might just
21 suggest going a little bit lower, like,
22 meeting half way, like 1,750, something
23 like that instead of doing the full
24 2,000.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: In speaking with

1 Adam, I mean, I think that he already
2 thinks this is probably less than he
3 would like to see us increase the rate,
4 you know. And you know, as I've spoken
5 with, you know, camp staff and Margot,
6 most of the kids that come to this camp
7 aren't even local residents, they
8 wouldn't even qualify for the residency
9 discount.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: By local, you mean
11 not --

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Not Village
13 residents.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: They might be
15 greater Greenport but outside the
16 Village.

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Greater Greenport
18 or even Southold. You know, there's no
19 restriction if you come to this camp,
20 right, if you pay to come.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Right.
22 I'm not suggesting doing a resident
23 discount, I'm suggesting for this year
24 -- and I understand that Adam wants to
25 raise fees overall, but instead of

1 having an 80 percent jump in one year,
2 just making it slightly less for this
3 year and then continue. Just because I
4 understand that our job is also -- it's
5 a service. We all know it's a service
6 to the community, not just something
7 that's to make money. Which I
8 understand it's not -- we're not
9 getting to make much money, but I also
10 think, you know, there's ways we
11 measure -- I know he gave us a lot of
12 information about, like, staffing, but
13 some of the staff is also, you know,
14 carousel and lifeguard, like, there's a
15 lot in the Recreation Department, so
16 how we cut that up changes how you look
17 at what money is coming from where.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: But I think
19 in the totality of the picture is that
20 it's still very reasonably inexpensive,
21 and the Village is still subsidizing a
22 large portion of the operation no
23 matter how you slice it.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Unless
25 we really raise it, yeah.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Explain
2 about splitting the difference.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: He was
4 saying that the original proposal was,
5 like, 1,500 for residents, 2,000 for
6 nonresidents. I'm saying instead of
7 going to 2,000 for everyone to go to
8 1,750 for everyone. I just think an 80
9 percent increase in one year is pretty
10 high. But I mean, I understand where
11 everyone else is coming from, that's my
12 two cents about it.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We also have
14 higher expenses coming with the camp
15 program that are just as high as the 80
16 percent. I just --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, in
18 actuality, a lot higher than 80 percent
19 because we're running into a
20 significant loss that, you know, the
21 taxpayers fund this. I'm forgetting
22 the numbers offhand.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
24 mean, the taxpayers also fund brush
25 pickup, lifeguards at beaches, like,

1 other things, like, that are services.
2 And I understand that people pay for,
3 but I just think an 80 percent -- like,
4 I just think we also have to think of
5 people's, you know, if your child care
6 goes up 80 percent, that's a big
7 increase.

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I think Adam said
9 that we probably should have done this
10 a number of years ago and unfortunately
11 it didn't happen. You know, now he's
12 trying to catch us up. He even said
13 that this is just the beginning, there
14 will be additional rate increases at
15 least unless we want to subsidize
16 people who come to the camp.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: So the original
18 discussion and proposal was for a
19 resident price and then a nonresident
20 price. And I know it was suggested
21 potentially going to one price. Is
22 there any appetite from anybody else on
23 the Board outside of Lily to consider
24 two different tiers?

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I felt like

1 it was complicated.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, it was
3 too complicated.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And also I think
5 Counsel told us we could get into
6 issues of residency and proof of
7 residency.

8 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You can
9 certainly charge different prices for
10 residents versus nonresidents, but I
11 understand that there's a large
12 population of children who live outside
13 of the Village proper that attend this
14 camp, so there is concern about that.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Counsel
16 cautioned us on something else related
17 to this, but it was done under advice
18 of Counsel.

19 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I'm not going
20 into that.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think also
22 you're comparing what the other camps
23 are charging within the local area, the
24 \$2,000 is still a very reasonable
25 amount for child care. Child care is

1 rising, I understand it, but I don't
2 see it as an unreasonable amount.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. I'll call a
4 vote. All in favor?

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Aye.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: No.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Resolution
10 01-2026-10, Resolution setting the 2026
11 Village of Greenport property tax lien
12 sale for 10:00 a.m. on March 10, 2026
13 at Greenport Village Hall, 236 Third
14 Street, New York 11944, and directing
15 Clerk Hall to notice the property tax
16 lien sale accordingly. So moved.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

19 (Aye said in unison.)

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Resolution
21 01-2026-11, Resolution approving public
22 assembly application received from
23 Brandy Hopkins on behalf of the
24 Greenport High School Class of 2026 for
25 the graduation parade to be held on

1 Friday, June 26, 2026. Parade will
2 line up at 4:30 and kick off at 5:00
3 p.m. So moved. I have a question.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
5 Second.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Where are they
7 going to be lining up?

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: In the same
9 place they do every year, which I
10 believe is the municipal lot near IGA.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Last I
12 knew it was Broad Street.

13 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sorry, yes,
14 the same location.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
16 think it was in the application. I
17 know two years ago it was Broad Street.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm just -- I'm
19 not going to amend this one because
20 it's in the application, but in the
21 future I think if we're going to have
22 line ups of the parade, we kind of
23 should name where the starting point is
24 in the resolution. I think it would be
25 helpful to a lot of people. But not

1 everybody looks at the public assembly
2 applications.

3 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: They don't.
4 It was discussed in work session, I
5 just don't have that paperwork in front
6 of me. You guys asked that same
7 question last week, so I thought I had
8 answered it.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think it
10 should be in the resolution for the
11 public.

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: We can discuss
14 that at work session.

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sure.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

17 (Aye said in unison.)

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
20 Resolution 1-2026-12, Resolution
21 approving the public assembly
22 application received from Greenport
23 Marine Fire Rescue Squad and the
24 Greenport Fire Department to host a
25 spaghetti dinner fundraiser at Station

1 One on Saturday, January 31, 2026 from
2 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. So moved.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

5 (Aye said in unison.)

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Resolution
7 1-2026-13, Resolution authorizing the
8 suspension of the Open Container Law of
9 the Village of Greenport per Section
10 35-3B and 35-3C of the Village of
11 Greenport Code within the parameters
12 outlined in the public assembly
13 application submitted by the Greenport
14 Fire Rescue Squad and the Greenport
15 Fire Department to host a spaghetti
16 dinner fundraiser at Station One, Third
17 Street fire station location on
18 Saturday, January 31, 2026 from 4:00
19 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. So moved.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

22 (Aye said in unison.)

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Resolution
24 01-2026-14, Resolution awarding the
25 2026 annual contract for the

1 performance contractor services to
2 Stanley F. Skrezec, the lowest bidder
3 for the attached bid prices per the bid
4 opening on January 20, 2026, and
5 authorizing Mayor Stuessi to sign the
6 contract between the Village of
7 Greenport and Stanley F. Skrezec. So
8 moved.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

11 (Aye said in unison.)

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Resolution
13 01-2026-15, Resolution accepting the
14 proposal submitted by H2M dated January
15 12, 2026 to prepare the annual water
16 supply statement consumer confidence
17 report, including the results of the
18 New York State Department of Health
19 source water assessment program and the
20 supplemental data package and to submit
21 the annual supply statement of
22 supplemental data package to the
23 Suffolk County Department of Health
24 Services, New York State Health
25 Department, and New York State

1 Department of Environmental
2 Conservation at a total cost of \$4,000.
3 So moved.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
5 Second.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?
7 (Aye said in unison.)

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
9 Resolution 1-2026-16, Resolution
10 authorizing a nonexclusive five year
11 license agreement with an option for a
12 five year extension between the Village
13 of Greenport and Peconic Star 3 Corp.
14 for the berthing and operation of the
15 Peconic Star IV and the Peconic Star V
16 at the Village of Greenport railroad
17 dock, and authorizing Mayor Stuessi to
18 execute the agreement between the
19 Village of Greenport and Peconic Start
20 3 Corp. providing for an annual license
21 fee of \$5,600 per vessel with five
22 percent annual increases subject to
23 review and approval of the agreement as
24 to form by the Village Attorney. So
25 moved.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I have a
3 question for the Village Attorney.
4 Over the past, since 2009, I have
5 always taken a step back from voting on
6 anything with the leases for the
7 railroad dock because we have a
8 business interest down there. Do you
9 want me to do it as -- how do you want
10 me to phrase it, I'm abstaining or I'm
11 recusing myself?

12 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: You should
13 recuse and abstain from participating
14 in discussion and vote on this
15 particular matter.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm going to be
17 abstaining.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

19 (Aye said in unison.)

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Resolution
21 1-2026-17, Resolution approving all
22 checks per the voucher summary report
23 dated January 20, 2026 in the total
24 amount of \$844,912.41 consisting of all
25 regular checks in the amount of

1 \$768,859.61 and all prepaid checks,
2 including wire transfers in the amount
3 of \$76,052.80. So moved.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

6 (Aye said in unison.)

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Do we need a
8 resolution for the starting of the
9 application for the skate park?

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Next page.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm sorry, I
12 didn't see it.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Resolution
14 01-2026-18, Resolution to authorize an
15 application to New York State Parks,
16 Recreation, and Historic Preservation
17 for the municipal parks and recreation
18 MPR grant program for the purpose of
19 rebuilding the Greenport Skate Park.
20 So moved.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

23 (Aye said in unison.)

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Resolution
25 01-2026-19, Resolution authorizing

1 Mayor Stuessi to sign the contract
2 between the Village of Greenport and
3 Power Pro Service Company, Inc. for the
4 prevention maintenance of the sewer
5 plant generators. So moved.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

7 Second.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Discussion.
9 I guess this is a question for Adam but
10 he's not here. So I reviewed this
11 contract, and it looks good, I mean, I
12 think this is something we should
13 definitely be doing. I was just
14 curious to know if these generators
15 were being maintained this way in the
16 past.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: So in the past,
18 we've gone out to bid, and you may
19 recall we did go out to bid on this and
20 didn't get any bids on it. This is a
21 company we've utilized in the past and
22 had success with.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I thought
24 the pricing seemed reasonable and
25 worthwhile.

1 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: We actually
2 went out to bid twice and got no
3 bidders either time for the specific
4 service. Back to back, no responses.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

6 (Aye said in unison.)

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
8 Resolution 1-2026-19, Resolution
9 authorizing Mayor Stuessi to sign the
10 contract between the Village of
11 Greenport -- no.

12 Resolution 1-2026-20, Resolution
13 appointing Kara Hoblin as the mayoral
14 appointment to the Business Improvement
15 District for the remainder of the
16 current term to expire April 6, 2026.
17 So moved.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Second.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

20 (Aye said in unison.)

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Resolution
22 appointing Marc Carlos as the Board of
23 Trustees appointment --

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: You didn't
25 read the number.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I apologize.

2 Resolution 1-2026-20 --

3 ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: 21. There's a
4 typo.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Oh, 21.

6 Resolution appointing Marc Carlos as
7 the Board of Trustees appointment to
8 the Business Improvement District for
9 the remainder of the current term to
10 expire on April 6, 2026. So moved.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

13 (Aye said in unison.)

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Resolution
15 01-2026-22, Resolution authorizing and
16 empowering the Village Clerk to utilize
17 hand counted ballots instead of voting
18 machines during the next scheduled
19 Village election. So moved.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

22 (Aye said in unison.)

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

24 With that, I will make a motion to
25 close the public portion of the meeting

1 and go into Executive Session for the
2 purpose of discussing the potential
3 hiring of an individual, as well as
4 some other human resource issues and
5 advice of Counsel. Can I have a
6 second?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

9 (Aye said in unison.)

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you,
11 everybody, for being here this evening.

12 (Whereupon, the meeting was
13 adjourned at 6:57 p.m.)

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1 C E R T I F I C A T E

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

6 THAT the above and foregoing contains a
7 true and correct transcription of the
8 proceedings held on January 22, 2026, and
9 were reported by me.

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

14 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
15 hand this 26th day of JANUARY, 2026.

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