



7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

9 (Aye said in unison.)

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

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.

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 be 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.

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.

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sure.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

17 (Aye said in unison.)

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOH

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 Stat

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  
0 me to phrase it, I'm abstaining or I'm  
1 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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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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