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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK : STATE OF NEW YORK

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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR SESSION MEETING

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Third Street Fire Station
February 19, 2026
9:00 a.m.

B E F O R E:

- KEVIN STUESSI - MAYOR
- PATRICK BRENNAN - DEPUTY MAYOR/TRUSTEE
- MARY BESS PHILLIPS - TRUSTEE
- LILY DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON - TRUSTEE
- JULIA ROBINS - TRUSTEE
- CANDACE HALL - VILLAGE CLERK
- ADAM BRAUTIGAM - TREASURER

All other interested parties

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2 (Whereupon, the meeting was
3 called to order at 9:00 a.m.)

4 MAYOR STUESSI: I'll make a
5 motion to open the work session of
6 February 19th. This is part 1 of a
7 two-part meeting today.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

11 (Aye said in unison.)

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

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

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

17 Please be seated.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Mayor,
19 can we start with the PowerPoint report?

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes, no problem.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Chief
22 Miller is here and is taking the day
23 off.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Chief, welcome,
25 please. Thank you.

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2 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: So
3 a few things I have. So last night at
4 the board awards meeting, we got the
5 approval to purchase the new chief's
6 car. The one that I was driving, the
7 motor is done and it has to be replaced.
8 There is a Tahoe that is on the state
9 bid. I talked to Adam about it at Eagle
10 Auto. The cost of that car was 75,909.
11 We want a resolution. The board passed
12 a resolution to buy the car using
13 apparatus replacement funds. So I would
14 like a resolution from you for next
15 Thursday's meeting so that we can buy
16 the car. Also, they have it, you know,
17 now so we don't have to wait, you know.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: It's in stock?

19 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
20 Yeah, he has the car.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: The treasurer
22 has all the information for it?

23 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
24 Yeah. I'm going -- I'll forward all
25 that to him.

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

3 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: I
4 just wanted to come to you and get that
5 resolution put on for next Thursday.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there any
7 additional work that needs to get done
8 here?

9 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
10 Yes. So that would -- the person to
11 call will come out of that apparatus
12 replacement fund. I think we're going
13 to take all the equipment out of the old
14 car, the radios, the sirens, the light
15 bar. That's going to be installed.
16 That's going to cost around \$3800. And
17 then the lettering of the car is going
18 to cost like another 2200. I'm going to
19 take that out of our operating budget so
20 that we don't have to use that in the
21 apparatus replacement fund.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

23 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: So
24 if I could get a resolution from you
25 guys put together --

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2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Wait, I have
3 some questions first, okay?

4 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
5 Yeah, okay.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: All right.
7 Dealing with the apparatus fund, what's
8 the balance in it now?

9 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: It
10 is 700 and something thousand dollars.

11 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: 740,000.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

13 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
14 There's more than enough to pay the car.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. And
16 then the ambulance -- this -- that
17 includes the ambulance that has -- which
18 is due soon, correct?

19 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
20 Yes.

21 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:
22 Approximately \$500,000 is reserved for
23 the ambulance. So it's 200 --

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So you
25 five got minus 75 --

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2 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

3 We've got couple of hundred thousand
4 dollars.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. And
6 what is --

7 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

8 Plus the 100,000 that's going to come
9 out of the budget in the next couple of
10 months to go back in there.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All
12 right. So what is the plan for the
13 apparatus? I mean, I'm sure you have a
14 plan for new equipment coming on in the
15 next year, two, or three?

16 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: So
17 we had a meeting the other night
18 with -- Patrick was there. We had a
19 budget committee meeting. We have a
20 capital plan that we're putting
21 together. Him and Chief Knight are
22 going to sit down and go over a couple
23 other numbers that would be presented to
24 at the budget hearing and --

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So you

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2 did create a capital budget?

3 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

4 Yes.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

6 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: And
7 the budget numbers, we have that all
8 plugged in. That would get forwarded to
9 Adam, as well.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All
11 right. I just wanted to check because,
12 you know, the ambulance is -- when was
13 the last time -- I believe I asked you,
14 Adam, to check on it?

15 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah. I
16 spoke to the company maybe even a week
17 ago and I was told it would be here in
18 about a month.

19 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
20 Yeah. They've been saying that all
21 along.

22 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Right.

23 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: You
24 know what I'm saying. So this is -- as
25 far as I'm concerned, we'll never do

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2 business with them again.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Is
4 there something that's important to do
5 to help move it along, perhaps a letter
6 or something? Or, you know, like we
7 have a contract with you.

8 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: I
9 mean, you could send them letter if
10 you'd like, if that makes you feel
11 better. I mean, we've been trying to
12 contact and talk with them and every
13 time we do -- I mean, we had pictures of
14 it. It's all letters and stuff. I
15 don't know what the hold up is.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What do you
17 mean?

18 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: I
19 think with the hold up is A317, the one
20 that -- that's going to be traded in.
21 That has to go up there and some of the
22 equipment out of that has to be
23 installed into the new ambulance.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

25 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: We

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2 haven't been contacted about that being
3 done yet, so it's real frustrating. I
4 mean, it's ridiculous.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, that's
6 why I'm asking.

7 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: You
8 know, for the amount of money we paid
9 for this and how many years has it been
10 now?

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's two
12 years.

13 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
14 It's been at least two years.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's two
16 years.

17 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
18 Okay. So I'm not happy with it, neither
19 is anyone else, but we just keep
20 getting --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: But you've seen
22 photos of it?

23 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
24 Yes. I've seen photos of it.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh.

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2 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: It
3 says Greenport Fire Department.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: But if I heard
5 you correctly, you're saying the
6 equipment from our existing one that
7 needs to be put in, it has not been
8 delivered up there yet?

9 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: It
10 hasn't been done yet, yes. And they
11 haven't requested that from here. So,
12 you know, I wasn't on the committee and
13 I wasn't chief when that happened so I
14 have limited information on that, only
15 what I'm told from the chairman of the
16 committee.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Deputy Mayor, do
18 you know anything more as part of
19 liaison?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: As far as when
22 our stuff's going to go up there?

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No. I
24 don't have any information on that.

25 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

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2 Right. I mean, so Adam spoke to them.
3 They told him, oh, it's going to be
4 another month. That's news to me. I
5 didn't hear that, you know, so, and I
6 don't think Chief Alby or Chief Dave did
7 either. So I'll let them know.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I think
9 it would be helpful if the board -- if
10 the mayor or the board wrote something
11 to them because we do have a contract
12 with them.

13 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
14 Right. Yeah, absolutely. I have no
15 problem with that.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We've had a
17 contract, I believe, that even had a
18 delivery date attached to it, if I
19 remember correctly. I know it got
20 caught up with COVID.

21 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
22 Right.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But I think
24 that, you know, we're purchasing it as
25 the Village, so tell the board about it,

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2 and I think we should write something to
3 them to say we need to really have a
4 true status as to it --

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, it seems
6 like the first thing that should be done
7 is that there should be a follow-up
8 phone call maybe get the exact status
9 and then understanding when we need to
10 deliver the existing one up there.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: And then we can
13 send a letter to memorialize what was
14 said in that.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.
16 I'd be happy to help follow up on that.
17 I haven't really delved into the
18 ambulance thing at all. I've been
19 paying attention, but...

20 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
21 Well, Chief Alby has been talking
22 with --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, as I
25 said, I've been following it because it

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2 started on my watch as a liaison to the
3 fire department.

4 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: So
5 Chief Alby has been talking with the
6 chairman who is Ex-chair Waitman Warren.
7 He's a warden as well.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, right.

9 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: So,
10 you know, there has been conversation
11 back and forth. He hasn't said anything
12 about bringing the other ambulance up
13 there yet but we can certainly look into
14 that.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Well,
16 that'd be great. The deputy mayor's
17 department liaison can make that call to
18 somebody and get it all confirmed and
19 then we can -- the board can send a
20 letter if needed to confirm all that.

21 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
22 Okay. All right. Sounds good. So a
23 few other things. Installation dinner
24 is going to be on the 18th of April at
25 Raphael Vineyards, so you know that.

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2 The service awards was approved by the
3 wardens last night. So Sue is going to
4 be forwarding that to Candace and you
5 guys can all --

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The
7 resolution on -- for next week?

8 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
9 Right.

10 TRUSTEE PHILIPS: Okay.

11 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
12 Also, ex-mayor Hubbard brought up his
13 award now. He brought up -- the service
14 awards are going to be running out in
15 2028 and we could possibly extend it to
16 the 50-year mark. We're going to do
17 some research on that before we pursue
18 that, but I just wanted to make you kind
19 of aware that --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

21 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
22 -- we may be looking into that.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh.

24 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: So
25 it'll be 50 years and the amount of

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2 money will stay the same as far as I
3 know.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And the
5 state law now allows it, right?

6 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
7 Yes. Yes.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And other
9 departments have already opted into
10 that?

11 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: As
12 far as I know, yes. But Tony had sent
13 you the information last night. He
14 looked the law up and he texted it to
15 me. I can send that to you if you like.

16 So now, is there any movement?
17 I know Chief Knight said that you guys
18 were talking about doing cameras for the
19 whole Village, the camera system?

20 MAYOR STUESSI: No. The Village
21 Board has not had any conversation about
22 that. The Business Improvement District
23 is coming in and proposing some cameras
24 within certain parking areas.

25 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: Oh,

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2 okay.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: So there's no
4 discussion about putting cameras
5 throughout the Village.

6 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
7 Okay. So do you -- but you do have a
8 camera system up and running like at the
9 light plant? I've see a camera.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: There are a few
11 places and we're having service issues
12 on some and others are not working. But
13 I think as it relates to the
14 departments, you guys should take a
15 look -- in my understanding from Chief
16 Alby, was you guys were going to look at
17 some potential cameras directly here on
18 doors and entrances relative to post the
19 burglary that occurred here a week ago.

20 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
21 Okay. So Chief Knight had said that
22 Adam was working on the camera system or
23 something he did. That's why I brought
24 it up because he was under the
25 assumption that he had something in the

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2 works.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: We're looking at
4 some very specific areas --

5 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
6 Okay.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: -- as part of
8 our new budget.

9 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: All
10 right, no worries.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So maybe
12 the department -- the fire department
13 needs to pivot and go back to looking at
14 the department project.

15 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: All
16 right. Okay. Yeah. We looked into it.
17 It was like -- I want to say
18 between -- facilities between 50 and
19 70,000 in both facilities.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, there
22 had been -- a couple of years ago, there
23 had been a discussion about getting an
24 overall plan for the sewers, for the
25 lights, for the marina, including the

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2 fire departments on each
3 individual -- you know, each getting a
4 quote for the different areas for the
5 cameras so it was cheaper to doing more
6 than just one system at a time.

7 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

8 Right.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I don't know,
10 but that was in previous administration.
11 I don't know. I think that fell to the
12 wayside.

13 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

14 Okay.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. The
16 previous administration didn't do
17 anything on that, but as I mentioned,
18 we're looking at it budgetarily for
19 certain areas in the Village. And
20 ultimately, we could potentially look at
21 bundling if we move forward as a board.
22 But I don't think that should slow you
23 down from what you need to do
24 immediately for the building.

25 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

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2 Right. Okay.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there any
4 news on that from the police department
5 yet or they're still investigating?

6 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: No,
7 they're still investigating.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. That's
9 what I was last told, too.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: There was a
11 burglary in this building?

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It wasn't a
13 burglary.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I didn't know.

15 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
16 Well...

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It was
18 mischief.

19 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
20 Yeah.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

22 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: But
23 from what I'm told because the
24 paramedics inhabit that room now, that
25 it could be a felony issue because

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2 there's someone here, so it would be
3 considered like a felony burglary
4 according to the police. So I mean,
5 yeah, things are getting interesting
6 around here, you know, so...

7 But I think it's not -- Okay.

8 So you brought up the doors. So Chief
9 Alby got a quote from Bob Bond for
10 \$1,800 to repair the door. Mary Bess
11 had asked me about the handle. I texted
12 Alby. He said that that wasn't part of
13 the quote, but he reached out and he
14 said he could fix it, but there would be
15 an up charge. So maybe we'll modify the
16 PO to include the fixing of the handle.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Sure.

18 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: I
19 told him to just add that so we could
20 get just done with that.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. The
22 deputy mayor and I have had a separate
23 conversation with Alby about it. And I
24 believe, and correct me if I'm wrong, we
25 would strongly encourage you guys to

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2 look at replacing the handles because
3 they've been repaired multiple times,
4 and it's aging hardware, and I think
5 you'll find that it's not going to --

6 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

7 Well, in our venture on Friday repairing
8 the door, Patrick and I were looking,
9 and it looks like there's some
10 deterioration with the cement work and
11 stuff.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

13 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: So
14 maybe there's a possibility that we just
15 replace the whole door.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Very good. Very
17 likely, yeah. And I'll say that Bob has
18 done a number of different things for us
19 in the Village, from remodeling Mitchell
20 Park bathrooms, did work on 5th Street
21 bathrooms, roofs and things. And he's
22 done good work and been very timely.

23 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: So
24 for the time being, we'll get this
25 repaired.

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2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

3 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: And
4 then we'll look at possibly having him
5 give us a quote for a whole new door
6 system. Maybe we can do something
7 similar to these doors where you just
8 swipe your card and you can enter the
9 building. You know, I don't know if
10 that's feasible for you guys or with the
11 board meeting for the public and stuff,
12 but...

13 MAYOR STUESSI: It certainly
14 could be. Yeah, we can --

15 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: We
16 can open -- we can make that door --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

18 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
19 -- open at a certain time and close at a
20 certain time. So...

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

22 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
23 Okay. We'll look into that. So Water
24 Rescue put their spaghetti dinner off
25 because of weather. So now their new

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2 date is going to be the 25th of April.
3 So anyone that had purchased tickets,
4 they're still good. Don't worry about
5 that. And so now I'm going to get to
6 the snow removal issues.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Real quickly on
8 the spaghetti dinner, Trustee Lilly
9 manages Village communication. If
10 there's something we can do to help
11 share it in the newsletter --

12 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
13 Okay.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: -- I'm glad to do
15 so --

16 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
17 Okay.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: -- as part of
19 that balancing of tickets.

20 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: All
21 right. So as you know, there was an
22 issue with snow removal in the last
23 couple of storms. Station 2 had
24 probably six inches of snow, probably a
25 couple feet wide. If we had to get a

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2 fire truck out the door, it probably
3 wouldn't happen. You know, I don't know
4 how hard it is for those guys to drive
5 up to the door, drop their plow and just
6 back blade it.

7 And if you've got to get out
8 with a shovel and clean it out, then so
9 be it. That's your job. But they need
10 to do a better job around this -- around
11 the firehouse. They piled snow up over
12 here. We ran out of fuel. They
13 wouldn't deliver fuel because they
14 couldn't get to the tank, so we had to
15 have our guys go out there, chop the ice
16 out so that we could a fuel delivery.

17 You know, there's just little
18 things that they need to maybe think a
19 little bit more and do their job.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. And I
21 know --

22 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: Do
23 a better job.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: I know we
25 connected with Chief Alby and the deputy

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2 mayor on setting a meeting with you and
3 the chief and leadership from Road
4 Group --

5 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
6 Right.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to have a
8 conversation about some of these things.
9 So we're ready --

10 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
11 Patrick mentioned that last night about
12 talking directly to Mike.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

14 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
15 But, you know...

16 MAYOR STUESSI: I mean, we'll
17 bring in also the president of the
18 union, who's the number two in the
19 department. And, you know, have a
20 meeting with him. This is obviously a
21 big storm, the largest we've had in
22 ten years.

23 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
24 Right.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: I know there

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2 were a couple items that chief called on
3 that they went back and deployed on
4 immediately.

5 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: So
6 if you don't clean the snow on the road
7 curb-to-curb, it makes it tough for any
8 of us to respond to alarms. You know
9 what I'm saying? So you can barely get
10 a -- God forbid there's a fire. And I
11 sent that in that e-mail purposely.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Mm-hmm.

13 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: And
14 so, you know, we have to respond. I
15 have to look out for the safety of my
16 members, you know. So if you get the
17 cars off the road, there's no reason
18 those guys can't take a little bit more
19 care and plow a little closer to the
20 curb.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

22 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
23 They're still three feet out. And then
24 the next day you come back, it freezes.
25 Now you get another snowstorm on top of

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2 that. You get the cars off the road.

3 What's going to happen when they hit

4 that with their plows?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. Well,
6 there's definitely --

7 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

8 It's not going to be good.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Definitely some
10 room for improvement, and we'll talk to
11 you guys in the group. One of the
12 things that we may want to take a look
13 at is, you know, the Village at some
14 point, I'm not sure what year it was
15 before I was here, had larger trucks
16 with larger plows --

17 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

18 Right.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: -- that
20 were -- ended up being mothballed and
21 the replacements were smaller, ones with
22 smaller plows, which, you know, creates
23 even more work. Our team is also a bit
24 smaller now than what it historically
25 used to be. But we brought in extra

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2 resources as well an outside contractor.

3 But we'll sit down and review
4 all that together with you and the chief
5 speak and --

6 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
7 Well, maybe the Village ought to think
8 about going back to a little bit bigger
9 trucks.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: It's definitely
11 a consideration, but it's an opportunity
12 to review.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, Mayor,
14 even when we had bigger trucks, they
15 used to go up twice each side of the
16 road, you know, so they did a much
17 better a job of clearing just -- and
18 then also we have complaints.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm sorry, I
20 have to bring this point up because
21 traditionally, the fire department has
22 always been cleared right smack up to
23 the doors.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I've been

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2 here since 2009 through a couple of many
3 snowstorms and a former family member
4 that worked for the road department.
5 What I saw this time was disheartening.
6 The fire department -- I took a look
7 over on Flint Street and just went to
8 myself, well, if there's a fire over on
9 4th Street where I have a granddaughter
10 and they can't get those trucks out. I
11 was pretty upset.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Did you call
13 anybody?

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Because the
16 moment the chief called, they went back
17 over there and got the work done. So I
18 would encourage you --

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I spoke to
20 Alby after they had gotten there, but in
21 the meantime, I had been out in the snow
22 still. Nathan took me out for a ride,
23 so -- during the snowstorm. So I was
24 upset at what I saw happening. We had a
25 road crew that won an award for taking

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2 care of the Village streets. So I just
3 need to put that on the record that
4 there needs to be some mass improvement.

5 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: And
6 just another point as well. There's
7 been some damage done as well. If you
8 take a look at the back building over
9 there, they hit the building and the
10 brickwork, the right wall of the columns
11 is crushed. It's all cracked and
12 broken. And the house next to Standard
13 Hose on Flint Street, this house was
14 damaged.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. Insurance
16 has already been over for that and was
17 working with them on that.

18 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
19 Okay. So -- but I mean, you know,
20 it's -- look, I do snow removal for the
21 county. I take care of County Road 48.
22 If I left these streets -- that street
23 in this condition, they'd be held to
24 pay, you know. I mean, it's a major
25 thoroughfare. I get it. But, you know,

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2 those guys need to do a better job,
3 especially when it comes to first
4 responders having to respond to calls,
5 okay? That's a big deal in this
6 community.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Absolutely.

8 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: We
9 run 1200 calls, you know. We need to be
10 able to get to the people that need
11 help.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

13 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
14 That's all I have.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Chief, I
16 just want to congratulate you on the
17 parade. Another great celebration. I
18 know a lot of people in the department
19 turned out to help with that,
20 participate, from making the clam
21 chowder, running the games. I think we
22 had 25 --

23 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
24 Departments?

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN:

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2 -- departments attending?

3 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

4 Yeah. Something like that, yeah.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: It was a nice
7 turn out downtown as well.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: It was good to
10 see people.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.
12 The weather cooperated for the first
13 time in many weeks.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: In a while,
15 yeah.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Uh-huh.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: But, yeah, it
18 went pretty smoothly. We're going to
19 have a little meeting with the
20 committees and maybe tweak it a little
21 bit here and there and try to make some
22 improvements. So yeah.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Chief, I
24 also remember from last night's meeting
25 that there was a discussion about law

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2 enforcement activities and kind of
3 reviewed -- the board has reviewed the
4 memo that the Village Board had
5 prepared, right? So the department is
6 now going to be --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, sharing.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN:

9 -- sharing that guidance with the
10 membership?

11 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:

12 Right. Yes. The meeting that you guys
13 had concerning the facilities and the
14 federal government, yes. We're going to
15 post that in each firehouse and along
16 with a sign that if you see something,
17 dial 911. You know, we don't need
18 anybody getting involved with that and
19 getting hurt. That's one my concerns
20 about that. So...

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. If there
23 are any recommendations on additional
24 signage you guys want to add in the
25 parking lot to make it clear that it's

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2 parking for the fire department only.

3 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: It
4 might not be a bad idea either.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: We can certainly
6 do that. I don't know if you brought it
7 up last night with them, but the signs
8 for the no parking are at the road crew
9 to install on 4th. They're just waiting
10 for the ground to thaw. We may be there
11 today or tomorrow to be able to dig them
12 and be able to place those.

13 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: I
14 was going to bring that up, but I
15 figured, you know, it's a little cold
16 outside.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And I
18 just have one more comment on the snow
19 removal. I think it would be really
20 important going forward that the fire
21 department can have direct communication
22 with the highway department. I know
23 that you reach out to the electric
24 department or the water department when
25 you have an emergency. And so I think

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2 opening up that line of communication
3 would save a lot of time and
4 aggregation.

5 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: And
6 in the past we did. I mean, when I was
7 chief last time, we talked to Pete
8 directly.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's right.

10 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: And
11 whenever there was a concern, he had the
12 guys come over and take care of it. I
13 don't know where the disconnect came
14 after --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. We'll get
16 that resolved. We'll get that resolved
17 with the deputy mayor and I because --

18 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: We
19 can get a -- maybe e-mail us their
20 contact information so that we have it,
21 put it in our phones, if there's a
22 problem --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

24 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
25 -- we can call.

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2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: One more
3 thing that came up yesterday was the
4 wardens passed a resolution
5 asking -- really asking this board to
6 open up communication between the
7 secretary --

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR
10 BRENNAN: -- administrator and the grant
11 writing consultant.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And as I
14 had mentioned, I had tried to establish
15 that communication earlier, but it
16 sounds like our administrator, Sue
17 Kostel (phonetic), is not getting it.

18 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
19 She's been running into problems trying
20 to get in touch.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: To my knowledge,
23 she's not reached out again. The last
24 communication back to her, there was an
25 e-mail, which I believe you were on,

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2 said, put a list together of items you
3 were looking to potentially find funding
4 for, and we would set up a conference
5 call on it.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

7 Well --

8 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: I
9 never saw that, and -- but I'll ask her
10 about that.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

12 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER: --
13 when I go back.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: You can follow
15 up later today and get something set.

16 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
17 Okay.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Thanks
19 for coming in today on our daytime
20 meeting. Appreciate it.

21 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
22 Yeah, you got it.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you, sir.

24 1ST ASSISTANT CHIEF MILLER:
25 Thank you.

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: All right.

3 Before Candace starts speaking, the
4 first item on her work session is
5 recognition of somebody who has been a
6 big part of the Village for just north
7 of 15 years, correct?

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah,
9 that's correct.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Jeanmarie, who
11 has been Deputy Village Clerk has
12 announced her retirement from the
13 Village. I cannot express what a
14 tremendous help you've been in our
15 administration. As many know, when we
16 came into office just about two and a
17 half years ago, the prior clerk was on
18 leave for a period of time and
19 ultimately did not come back to the
20 Village. You were there with one
21 part-timer from rec department and
22 occasionally some other folks from the
23 office manning things until Candace got
24 in later that year.

25 And I know how closely you've

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2 worked with her and the team on
3 rebuilding systems in Village Hall,
4 working through all of the files
5 management issues that you had long been
6 ringing the bell on needing to get
7 corrected and did significant work with
8 the state archives department together
9 with Candace.

10 And I just wanted to say
11 publicly, and I know the board will as
12 well, that your duties and time for this
13 village have been absolutely incredible.
14 I so appreciate everything you've done
15 for me personally when we first got into
16 office and were working on getting
17 things reorganized, and just trying to
18 keep the trains running on time with
19 very limited staff in Village Hall. And
20 we've built a team, many kudos to
21 Candace on that, your partnership with
22 her, with JC and Andrea.

23 We will be announcing a new
24 deputy clerk at some point here in the
25 due course. But the important thing

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2 today is to recognize your incredible
3 contributions to the Village, and I just
4 want to stand and give you a round of
5 applause. Thank you so much.

6 DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK ODDON:

7 Thank you. I've enjoyed working for the
8 Village all these years, all the
9 customers and the different transitions
10 of the board. I do want to
11 extend -- you brought up when you first
12 came into office and the prior clerk did
13 not come back. I do want to say it was
14 just not one part-timer, it was the
15 entire Village staff; from the road
16 crew, from the recreation, from waste
17 water treatment.

18 If someone was walking by, saw
19 me struggling with something, they
20 immediately helped. The building
21 department at the time, they used to
22 answer all the phones, upstairs people
23 would come down and help with payments.
24 So it just wasn't -- it was a collective
25 of the entire --

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: Absolutely.

3 DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK ODDON:

4 -- staff members. And I am very
5 grateful for them for all that help. So
6 it's everyone. All right. So thank you
7 very much.

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: While
9 you're standing there, can I just say
10 something. I don't -- I want to speak
11 for myself and just my gratitude.
12 Jeanmarie started -- or Jeanmarie and I
13 started together as a team. Jeanmarie
14 has taught me how to do my job, which I
15 think is incredible. It -- I think it
16 speaks to who she is as a person, being
17 that she's a deputy clerk and she was
18 tasked with teaching me how to be the
19 clerk. I am forever grateful to you,
20 Jeanmarie. I -- we built a really
21 strong team together. And I'm supper
22 proud of the work that we've done
23 together.

24 Thank you for being our map, our
25 human map in the office. Jeanmarie

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2 knows where everything is all the time
3 and her help has made the office
4 successful. It has helped me to get to
5 where I am, the ladies in the office,
6 and just cohesion across Village Hall.
7 As everyone knows, we are a support for
8 the Village staff and Jeanmarie is a
9 part of building what we have today.
10 And I'm truly grateful to you,
11 Jeanmarie, and I speak for others in the
12 office who I know feel the same way.

13 Mike, as well, is another person
14 who I know was in the trenches with you
15 during that time.

16 DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK ODDON:
17 During that time it was --

18 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It was
19 everyone.

20 DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK ODDON: It
21 was everyone, but it was really -- I
22 would honestly say it was -- Andrea
23 was -- became my pseudo deputy.

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

25 DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK ODDON: She

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2 walked in and I gave her dances in the
3 park and said, I have no clue what to do
4 with it. Within 45 minutes, she had
5 everything done. She had everything
6 with bands arranged. I don't even know
7 how she did it in 45 minutes, but I was
8 eternally grateful. I was constantly
9 doing 12 to 14-hour days at the Village.
10 And everybody, Mike, Alex, Billy, Tina,
11 Adam, Asha, I mean, everyone was coming
12 in and out and always making sure that I
13 was taken care of, that I was eating and
14 that I was actually going home a little
15 earlier than 9:00 o'clock at night.

16 Even the next door neighbors
17 would kick me out. So yeah. So I'm
18 glad I was able to assist and do my
19 civil duty and I'm off on my new
20 adventure.

21 DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes,
22 thank you.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: A well-deserved
24 adventure.

25 DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK HALL:

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2 Thank you. Thank you.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: And one other
4 thing I'll mention, which I'd completely
5 forgotten about this, somebody reminded
6 me of the other day. You know, right
7 when we came into -- you had said
8 something about can we get rid of this
9 plastic? And I was like, oh, my God,
10 yes, let's do it.

11 DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK ODDON:
12 Yes.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: I remember
14 between Mike, Flora, and Rick Alvarez,
15 we got all the old COVID stuff taken
16 down immediately.

17 DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK ODDON:
18 Yes. And --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Opened it up to
20 the public.

21 DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK ODDON: And
22 speaking to that, the office downstairs
23 is very, very nice. It's great to have
24 paint after -- that was the first thing
25 we were supposed to do when I got here

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2 15 years ago. And I'm leading up to
3 that we might spend a little bit extra
4 money, Adam. I think everybody, the
5 entire inside of Village Hall needs to
6 be uplifted. Just not our little area.

7 Asha, she had a little
8 made -- little minor. I think being
9 that I worked with the way the building
10 was, all the boxes and the awful paint
11 and the awful carpet. I think just with
12 the paint, it really boosted our and my
13 own personality coming into work, that
14 you're coming into a decent place. So I
15 think upstairs, all of it needs -- it
16 doesn't need to be perfect, but some
17 fresh paint and some --

18 Yeah. We're going to have to
19 spend just a little money. Just a
20 little money. I think it'd be --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Adam just had a
22 minor, so...

23 DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK ODDON: I
24 know. Well, you know, we can use
25 cheaper paint.

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2 (Simultaneous conversation.)

3 DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK ODDON:

4 Yeah, that's true. But so -- yeah.

5 Well, so anyhow, I really appreciate
6 everything. And I'm going to go back
7 down and do some more work. And my
8 official day is February 26th. All
9 right. Thank you.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

11 Great. All right, Ms. Hall.

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: All right.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: And before you
14 get into your report, I just want to
15 thank you and Trustee Dougherty-Johnson
16 publicly for the incredible work you
17 guys have done together with our outside
18 agency on rebuilding -- not rebuilding,
19 building a new building website. It's
20 not rebuilding. It's an entirely new
21 website.

22 Obviously it's been up for, I
23 think it's what? Four days now.

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Not a week?

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Folks are

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2 getting to use it and play around with
3 it. I know I've been hearing lots of
4 really positive things from people.
5 There are probably be some things we'll
6 discover collectively that we may want
7 to modify as with anything. But it's
8 very clear. The news is there and
9 things that are on it. And people have
10 to look in a little bit different
11 places, but I think intuitively, it
12 works really well. So --

13 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: -- the two of
15 you deserve big kudos for that, together
16 with Hannah, in particular from the
17 outside company.

18 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you
19 so much. That is number two on my
20 report. Thank you. Did you have a
21 question?

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, I -- Mary
23 Bess was mentioning we missed the public
24 hearing. Why don't you go ahead and go.

25 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I can pause

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2 if you want to do the public hearing.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. We can do
4 that. Mary Bess, would you like to read
5 it?

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Motion to
7 open the public hearing to discuss
8 adoption of a proposed local law to
9 amend the terms of office of alternate
10 board of appeals and planning board
11 members (the proposed law). So moved.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
13 Second.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

15 TRUSTEE PHILIPS: Aye.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

17 (Aye said in unison.)

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Is there anybody
19 from the public that would like to speak
20 on this matter? I know we had some
21 folks in prior meetings regarding this.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Did this
23 public hearing just open or was it a
24 continuation?

25 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: This is

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2 new.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah.

4 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: This is the
5 first time.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
7 think we've got unofficial sort of
8 feedback. Well, some official and
9 unofficial feedback.

10 FEMALE VOICE: What did you say?
11 I couldn't find the --

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Can you go to
13 the -- you have to go to the podium.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It's
15 a public hearing to change
16 the -- there -- right now there's
17 alternates for the Board of Appeals and
18 Planning Board and they're five-year
19 terms. It's to change that to a
20 one-year term.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: We don't
22 currently have alternates on the CBA or
23 the planning board. We had prior
24 discussions about bringing that to
25 fruition so that we have somebody who's

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2 always in the wings who can step in if
3 needed and also becomes a good training
4 place if somebody moves away or we
5 reappoint -- appoint somebody new to
6 Lily's point. The term didn't make
7 sense relative to what the need is. So
8 we're going to change that.

9 As Lily mentioned, we've had
10 some folks who have written in about the
11 past and spoke in regards to it. Is
12 there a motion from the board? We don't
13 have anybody that wishes to be on it
14 this evening or this afternoon?

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Do we have
16 any correspondence on it? Because I
17 didn't see any.

18 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Not to me.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Not to you?

20 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Not
21 directly to me.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Not to me --

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
24 thought -- didn't we get correspondence
25 from the planning board?

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2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: From the
3 planning board. Okay, I'm sorry. From
4 the planning board. Yeah.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
6 Okay.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Now I move to
8 close to the public hearing. Or do we
9 want to continue until next week?

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
11 kind of think we should maybe continue
12 it until next week, especially because
13 our work session is earlier in the day,
14 and you know.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Yeah.
16 Make a motion to continue the public
17 hearing to our next regular board
18 meeting, which is February 26th.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Second.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries.

24 All right. Now you're up, Candace.

25 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sorry?

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: On the subject
3 of the website. Do you want to start
4 with that? If there's anything
5 additional you want to share about it?

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: That is my
7 first item on --

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

9 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: -- my work
10 session report. Thank you. So as the
11 mayor mentioned, the website -- the new
12 website has gone live. February 13th
13 was the first day. Again, as the mayor
14 said, the goal is -- was for the website
15 to be intuitive for you to be able to
16 find things easy. We really tried to
17 balance the needs of the community, our
18 volunteers and Village staff because it
19 is a resource for all of us.

20 I do believe that we
21 accomplished that. As time goes on, I'm
22 sure we will find things that we need to
23 add, but I really feel strongly that
24 this is a solid website that will
25 benefit our community. So with the

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2 website change, our e-mails, the Village
3 e-mails, so anyone who has a Village
4 e-mail, the beginning of most e-mails
5 will remain the same.

6 So, for example, mine is CHall,
7 it will be @villageofgreenport.gov. So
8 the ending of everyone's e-mails will
9 change.

10 For the foreseeable future, the
11 .org e-mails will reroute to the new
12 e-mails just while we allow everyone to
13 get used to this change. That also
14 applies to the website. So if you type
15 in the old website with .org, it will
16 redirect you automatically to the .gov
17 domain. Is that how -- is that what
18 that is?

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

20 Mm-hmm.

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I'm not a
22 tech person. That excuses me.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Now
24 she is a tech person a little bit.

25 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Well, a

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2 little bit. Our village-wide
3 photography contest is still running for
4 this first -- we're going to pick
5 winners four times this year. So the
6 first round will wrap up at the end of
7 March. I'd say March 31st. We will
8 pick winners for the website. These
9 photos will be used for our Village
10 website. So as our very own Stock
11 images. There will likely be some
12 honorary mentions. We're going to keep
13 these imagines on the website to show
14 off the photography of our beautiful
15 community or show off our beautiful
16 community.

17 Next step is an announcement
18 regarding the annual tax sale. So the
19 Village of Greenport annual tax sale
20 will be on Tuesday, March 10th at
21 10:00 a.m. and that is at Village Hall.
22 And other exciting news next up is just
23 an update on the records organization
24 and records retention project. So I've
25 been speaking about this for quite some

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2 time.

3 We have officially received
4 insurance in the treasurer's report. We
5 have received the first installment of
6 the grant that we were awarded. So the
7 Village was awarded \$150,000 for our
8 records retention project. So the first
9 installment of that -- the -- that money
10 has been received by the treasurer. Our
11 team that is going to actually be in
12 our -- in Village Hall doing the work,
13 they will be arriving mid-April.

14 So they're going to be staying
15 at McCann's Campground while they're
16 here for a few months to reorganize,
17 pull out inactive records to be
18 destroyed, and at the end of that
19 project, we will have a digital kind of
20 a roadmap of where everything is in
21 Village Hall. So this is -- this has
22 been an ongoing project since within 30
23 days of my start as Village Clerk. So
24 I'm really excited to see this all come
25 to fruition and have this team here.

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2 We will have a pod on site at
3 Village Hall so that something that the
4 community and the board should be aware
5 of. So as part of the processing,
6 they're going to be pulling out records
7 so that we can have a shredding company
8 come either weekly or biweekly. They
9 average, I believe 30 to 50 boxes a
10 week, maybe more depending on how
11 quickly they work.

12 So they're going to process,
13 organize within Village Hall so there'll
14 be a workspace within Village Hall.
15 They're going to start in the basement
16 and work their way up. So as those
17 boxes are being processed, they'll be
18 stored in the pod outside of Village
19 Hall and then ultimately taken out by a
20 shredding company.

21 I want to push that out as far
22 as I can, just so that we, you know,
23 don't have this pod in front of Village
24 Hall or wherever it will be stationed at
25 Village Hall for too long. So that'll

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2 probably be there in April.

3 Are there any questions about
4 this so far?

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: This
6 is just to clarify because I feel like
7 it's been a while.

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sure.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We
10 sort of had -- we did the first part of
11 this a while ago and then you reapplied
12 for a different grant, right?

13 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: No. So --

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Or
15 this is the same?

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Everything
17 we have done so far hasn't cost the
18 Village any money. So the state
19 archives has been coming out -- well,
20 they haven't in the last six or eight
21 months or so, but we've removed 300
22 cubic feet of boxes so far. And that's
23 all.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: That was a great
25 purge.

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2 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes. It
3 was --

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
5 Well, that -- there was a pod, right? I
6 mean.

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: That
8 wasn't -- I don't think that was ours.
9 Oh, no. So they --

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Was
11 there a pod outside?

12 MAYOR STUESSI: No.

13 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Not a pod.
14 They would come -- that wasn't -- that
15 didn't belong to the Village.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
17 Okay.

18 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So they
19 would come -- there's a woman, Maria
20 McCashin that works at the -- this is
21 the Department of Education or a state
22 grant through the Department of
23 Education and the state archives is the
24 second layer of it. So we -- the first
25 year we started working directly with

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2 them.

3 So they would come out to
4 Village Hall, pick up the boxes, haul
5 them upstate. So the paper that left
6 Village Hall so far has been turned into
7 toilet paper for our state parks. So
8 they're recycling. And so that's been
9 the first part. So no cost so far,
10 aside from obviously the people that
11 already work at Village Hall.

12 And then we applied for the
13 grant last year. So the grant is
14 delayed a bit. So it was delayed,
15 announcing the funds have been delayed.
16 So they're -- the state is running about
17 six months behind. So I anticipate that
18 we will have -- it'll take a little
19 longer for everything to fall into
20 place. It if maybe funding
21 unfortunately, Adam. But it's coming,
22 it's coming. So we were awarded the
23 grant. I think we found out officially
24 maybe over the summer.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

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2 Okay.

3 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Late in the
4 summer, which is -- was really late to
5 find out that information. Did I answer
6 your question?

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
8 Yeah. I was just -- because I kind of
9 remember. I just thought -- I was like,
10 didn't this happen before? But I
11 was --

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's
13 two --

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
15 was trying to remember what --

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's been a
17 two-and-a-half-year project. That's
18 what you're remembering.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
20 Right.

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So we've
22 been at this for quite some time.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
24 Nice.

25 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: And it will

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2 continue. So another thing I should
3 point out, in my mind, this is all a
4 part of phase 1. I want to continue to
5 apply for this funding as often as we
6 are allowed to do so. Next will be this
7 building that we're in right now. I
8 would like to work with Sue and the fire
9 department to reapply for the grant
10 funding maybe next year if we are able
11 to do so.

12 The company that we're working
13 with, they actually really like fire
14 department, so they're very interested.
15 This company was highly recommended by
16 the state. So I received a listing of
17 companies that are highly recommended.
18 They were the top of the list and we're
19 very fortunate to have this company come
20 out and do this work for us.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: What do
22 you expect the -- what's the duration of
23 this project? This a piece of the
24 project?

25 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I would say

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2 three months.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Three
4 months?

5 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And the
7 team will be here that entire time?

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. So
9 they'll live -- they're going to stay in
10 their camper and stay at McCann's
11 Campground.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Is that
13 something they do in other
14 municipalities?

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Well, we
16 are a very unique municipality that has
17 the ability to offer this to them. But
18 yeah. They do travel around the state
19 in their camper and go from
20 municipalities. I think they're based
21 upstate, so when they get projects up
22 there, they don't really have to do
23 this, but to come here, they are
24 bringing their campers.

25 So they've done police

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2 departments, fire departments,
3 libraries, they have a very extensive
4 track record all over the state. So
5 there are -- I guess, something else to
6 mention on that is there are companies
7 that do that -- this type of work on the
8 island, but they more want -- they were
9 approaching this as a consulting, so we
10 would need the people in the office to
11 do the work, whereas this company is
12 coming and they're going to do the work
13 start to finish.

14 So that didn't feel like it
15 would work for us. And also it's kind
16 of what we're already doing. You know,
17 we have this free avenue to speak
18 directly with the state and they've
19 helped me set up best practices in
20 Village Hall and how we file our boxes
21 and so on and so forth. We already have
22 that free consulting that, you know,
23 we've been -- I've been doing directly
24 with the state. So it just didn't make
25 sense to go that route with the company

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2 and use the grant funding for someone to
3 just tell us what they -- what boxes we
4 should move.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: This is a
6 great project. It's really valuable.
7 It's not only catching up, but it's
8 going to put the Village in a good
9 position a couple years forward.

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes. Thank
11 you.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. And
13 ultimately it will be a huge labor
14 savings, the amount of time and energy
15 your office has to put in to finding
16 things now.

17 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: And eventually
19 get to the point where things are
20 actually available online.

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Right. So
22 we ultimately --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: I know your goal
24 is to start with the building department
25 because that's the single most requested

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2 item by people.

3 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Exactly.
4 Yeah. So they'll start, like I said, in
5 the basement and work their way up. All
6 of the build -- the primary building
7 department records are on the ground
8 level floor. But I would -- I do think
9 it makes the most sense to start there
10 when we go about digitizing. I don't
11 know what grants are available for that
12 specific. It is quite expensive to
13 digitize that amount of records, but it
14 is something that I'm researching so
15 that we could just keep moving forward
16 and, you know, the time saving, these
17 are public records. They should just be
18 accessible to the public. It'll make
19 things so much easier for everyone.

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Candace, I'm
21 just curious. Is this service available
22 to all villages in the state?

23 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It is? Okay.

25 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

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2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Any idea how
3 many are actually using it? Just -- did
4 you get any feedback from the people
5 that come?

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So getting
7 feed -- I'm sorry.

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: You know, just
9 in general, do they share, you know,
10 what other towns they're working with?

11 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah, they
12 do. So right now I believe they're
13 working in Schenectady. They have -- I
14 can send you a list. I know that they
15 also write the grants for the
16 municipalities that they're working
17 with.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Oh, really.
19 That's great.

20 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Which is
21 another really huge bonus with this
22 company is that they took care of that
23 piece of this for us.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right.

25 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: But

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2 they -- I can send you their resume.
3 You could also -- on the state archives
4 site, you can see everyone who was
5 awarded. And I do believe it has the
6 company's name with that information of
7 where they were awarded for this year.

8 But this company has about an 85
9 percent success rate with getting
10 municipalities awarded the funding. And
11 we received every dollar we asked for.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Oh, that's
13 great.

14 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. It's
15 awesome.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Great project.
17 Thank you.

18 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: You're
19 welcome.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: And correct me
21 if I'm wrong, it was one of the largest
22 records awards in the state during that
23 time period of time.

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. It's
25 the -- so we're like \$500 shy of the

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2 maximum, \$150,000. And we were able to
3 do that in part because we have a
4 housing department. So we were able to
5 apply for double. So just the Village
6 is able to apply for \$75,000, but
7 that -- the state used the housing
8 department as a separate entity, so we
9 were able to apply for 75,000 additional
10 monies for that.

11 So the fire department likely
12 would just be the 75,000, at least
13 that's what I want to go for, the
14 maximum. I anticipate it will take at
15 least that. Yeah. So onward with that
16 work.

17 Another big project that's been
18 ongoing for quite some time, so our
19 meeting management software. So as the
20 board and the public has heard me speak
21 about multiple times, we are
22 transitioning out of our current
23 software, which IQM2, into a new
24 platform called Peak. This programming
25 is used to create our agendas. It's

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2 also linked with our video streaming
3 service here. The company that we ended
4 up going with that -- is Granicus. It
5 is the current company.

6 So they -- this is just their
7 new product basically for our meeting
8 management software. So lets see. I
9 think that's really it. The update.
10 This -- we're going to begin training
11 within the next month is something that
12 the public should be aware of and the
13 board should be aware of. So you'll see
14 slight changes to how our agendas look.
15 The content will obviously remain the
16 same, but the agendas will appear a
17 little bit different.

18 I think the biggest aesthetic
19 change is that our current agendas have
20 our letterhead information down the left
21 side of the page. This software won't
22 allow for that. So our letterhead will
23 change to that information being at the
24 top of the page. So that's really the
25 biggest change that you'll see. Aside

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2 from that, the content will remain the
3 same, it will give more people access.

4 So IQM2 is a systems that very
5 limited people have access to right now.
6 It is in the -- it is heading towards
7 the end of life, is what the company
8 calls it. So end of service was
9 September of last year. The end of life
10 for this programming is next September
11 in 2027. So we are on track to not have
12 to use IQM2 very soon. I will keep the
13 board and the public up to date with how
14 the information will be stored on the
15 website.

16 There will be just some changes
17 with the front facing information that
18 is currently available with the -- with
19 our -- on our website and through this
20 system, but that work is ongoing. So I
21 will have more updates.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Candance,
23 just could you --

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You mentioned

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2 here that the video streaming, is that
3 going to be improving or do we need a
4 new piece of equipment or?

5 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: So we
6 are -- I -- Jeanmarie, actually, this is
7 a project that she's been working on to
8 work with our IT company to work on.
9 They've actually proposed a quote to get
10 new software within this room
11 permanently installed software to stream
12 the videos. This has been an ongoing
13 problem.

14 I think it's a combination of
15 things is my thought and just from
16 having these meetings, I understand that
17 our current encoder may be an older
18 model that was purchased. So
19 unfortunately, that is something that I
20 believe was purchased in 2022, maybe
21 2023. So unfortunately, you know, the
22 Village is not really a long time ago
23 for this software, but I do believe that
24 it was an older model. So...

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It was an

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2 older model.

3 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That I do
5 know -- yeah.

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's
7 something that we are going to have to
8 address. It's a pretty substantial
9 quote. I haven't shared it just yet
10 because I'm trying to figure out if
11 there is some wiggle room. Jay is
12 actually going to look at it as well
13 since he is the person doing the video
14 steaming for us now.

15 So it's in progress -- process
16 this quote, and I plan to share it with
17 the board within the next week or so. I
18 just want to know if there's anything
19 that we can shave away from this pretty
20 substantial quote.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I think
22 we as -- weren't we discussing live
23 streaming at some point?

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The board

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2 here. So is that included in what
3 you're discussing just as a possibility
4 or?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: What do you
6 mean? We --

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Oh, so the
8 cameras, security cameras?

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. No. I'm
10 talking about the meetings. There was
11 discussion of people being able
12 to -- with Zoom.

13 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Oh, I have
14 some comments on that, but I haven't
15 shared with you all. Some concerns
16 actually. I'm not really -- I don't
17 know that I'm equipment to interact with
18 community members in a live stream while
19 I'm also doing the work of being in this
20 meeting. That's something that I'm
21 happy to share my notes about with you
22 all. This project was separate so
23 that -- the board proposed the live
24 streaming.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, it's not

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2 live streaming, if I can clarify.

3 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Please.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: We already live
5 stream right now.

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sorry.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: The video feed
8 is live as it goes out. The board
9 resolution that this board approved was
10 specifically done so that the board or
11 other statutory boards in the event that
12 there's some sort of, call it emergency
13 situation where somebody is traveling
14 for Thanksgiving and doesn't get back in
15 time can participate remotely.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: The law as
18 governed by the state also allows for
19 the ability if this board chose to allow
20 for public participation remotely, where
21 people could raise their hand and ask
22 questions.

23 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: If at such time
25 as this board made a decision with your

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2 counsel as well that we wanted to go to
3 that extent.

4 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. I
5 think we're talking about -- these
6 things are all in the same wheelhouse,
7 but they're not exactly the same thing.
8 So the quote that I received from our IT
9 company is structural. So for, you
10 know, maybe a new camera system, new
11 microphones, my understanding is our
12 micro -- or the camera is picking up the
13 sound from in the room as opposed to a
14 direct feed from the microphones into
15 the camera.

16 So that's a problem right now in
17 our current infrastructure of how these
18 meetings are live streamed. And then
19 what the mayor was explaining is I think
20 a separate piece of the same, you know,
21 wheelhouse, but --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. That's
23 procedurally and then potentially
24 different --

25 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: -- software.

3 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: You're talking
5 about an equipment issue with the
6 encoder and cameras and microphones.

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

8 Yeah. So that's the quote that I
9 received. I guess they do interact, you
10 know. So we'll have to have that
11 conversation and, you know, I'd be happy
12 to share the quote as it is with you all
13 if you want to see it. I am by no means
14 an IT expert or AV expert. So I welcome
15 any and all feedback from anyone who
16 would consider themselves more
17 well-versed in that area than I am. But
18 yes, I -- they do interact certainly,
19 that is correct, Trustee Phillips.

20 Next steps is just an
21 announcement. The annual organizational
22 meeting will be held right here in the
23 firehouse on April 26th -- Thursday,
24 April 26th. The Village annual budget
25 hearing will be --

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: Before you go
3 further on that, I think one of the
4 important things to mention, and I know
5 this is a task for the board's benefit
6 and the public's benefit that Jeanmarie
7 has managed and it's going to be sending
8 out everybody after Candace and I review
9 it, is a list of all of the boards and
10 committees and the terms of them.

11 And so as everybody knows, while
12 the statutory boards have longer terms,
13 all of the committees are on annual
14 terms. And one of the things we're
15 going to do this year is send letters to
16 everybody or in simple e-mail who's on a
17 committee, pick a committee, by example,
18 the carousel or minitrain committee,
19 asking if people are in fact interested
20 in servicing on the committee again.

21 And then also communicating with
22 the Village newsletter of additional
23 interest from people participating in
24 committees because all of these
25 appointments are done at this

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2 organizational meeting. And we have
3 some -- a few folks on a few different
4 committees who've been on but aren't
5 participating regularly. And I think
6 it's important that we put people on who
7 are committed to participating. So we
8 use this as a method to gauge interest
9 and then also, you know, solicit any
10 feedback from the Village Board on
11 anybody they know of who know who might
12 be a good participant on some of the
13 committees.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
15 Sorry, you said we're doing that this
16 year?

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes. As part of
18 the organizational meeting.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Just
20 as a aside, there's also now on the
21 website a form where people can express
22 interest in committees.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So
25 just as FYI. The 26th, I don't think

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2 it's a Thursday.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: It's a Sunday,

4 yeah.

5 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Oh, my

6 goodness.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

8 Yeah.

9 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I'm

10 sorry --

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I

12 was going to put it on my calender. Do

13 we mean the 23rd maybe?

14 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Holy moly.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Hold

16 on.

17 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I don't

18 know what I meant.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Hold

20 on. Hold on.

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sorry, it

22 is the 23rd, everybody. I apologize. I

23 will correct that. So yes, Thursday

24 April 23rd, which is the day of the

25 regular session meeting, the annual

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2 organization meeting happens in that
3 same meeting.

4 Lets see. Annual budget hearing
5 will be Thursday, April 9th. Let's make
6 sure I have that right. Yes. That is
7 correct. That is at the old school
8 house at 6:00 p.m.

9 Next up the Kalmar Nyckel has
10 expressed interest to come back to make
11 another visit to the Village of
12 Greenport. They would like to -- this
13 has been cleared already with Rick. So
14 he let me know that these dates
15 are -- will work for them to be at the
16 railroad dock, which is where they
17 usually are from July 18th through July
18 27th.

19 Then I have public assembly
20 applications. So the first public
21 assembly application was received from
22 Brian Toussaint on behalf of the
23 Greenport Athletic Booster Club to host
24 a 5K fundraiser on Saturday, May 30th,
25 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. The proposed

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2 route is attached, because it is -- it's
3 a little extensive. So I didn't put it
4 in this resolution, but it is attached
5 to the meeting.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Can I just
7 ask a question?

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The length of
10 it, and did the police chief respond to
11 that he's okay with this?

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I believe
13 he did.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because I
15 couldn't find -- usually I see his
16 response. I couldn't find it, so --

17 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. I'll
18 double check. That's --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I'm
20 pretty sure I saw that he worked out a
21 new route with --

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: No, that
23 was a different --

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's a
25 different one, yeah.

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2 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: -- one. So
3 this -- for this -- this is a repeat.
4 This is their second time doing it.
5 Last year they did, and they worked with
6 the police chief last year to confirm
7 this route. So I will reach out to just
8 make sure. I'm sorry, I didn't see your
9 e-mail. I'm sorry, I didn't get back to
10 you. So I will confirm that, but I do
11 believe that this is a copy of what they
12 did last year.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's just I
14 don't remember seeing the confirmation
15 from him.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: And it also
17 may have been during when they didn't
18 have their e-mails.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's true,
20 too.

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: That's also
22 a possibility. This came in a while
23 ago, this application. So I will
24 confirm.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I just

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2 want to give a shout out to the police
3 chief, because I can see he's so
4 responsive.

5 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: He is.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. He's
7 really wonderful to work with --

8 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: He is.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.
10 And he offers -- he's just cooperative
11 in offering alternatives and things,
12 really --

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Very much a
14 problem solver.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: He's so
17 great to work with. We are in
18 communication with him about these
19 public assembly applications. There
20 is -- I feel terrible, I'm forgetting
21 his name, but there was a new officer
22 assigned to Greenport, he stopped by
23 Village Hall just to say hi.

24 So I -- you know, I'm of the
25 belief that it starts from the top, and

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2 we have a great police chief that -- he
3 is also appreciative that you all would
4 like his opinion. So I think it's
5 mutual. And he did -- him and I spoke
6 last week about another event that's on
7 the agenda. So he expressed his
8 gratitude as well.

9 The next public assembly
10 application is from the Greenport
11 All-Class Reunion Corporation to host
12 the biannual Greenport All-Class Reunion
13 at 5th and 6th Street Beach on Saturday,
14 July 19th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
15 This time includes set-up a clean-up.

16 The next public assembly
17 application was received from Mary Santa
18 Cruz to host a celebration of life
19 softball game in honor of John Santa
20 Cruz -- John R. Santa Cruz, at the
21 Moore's Lane Softball fields on
22 Saturday, May 16th from 12:00 to
23 3:00 p.m.

24 The next public assembly --

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Candace,

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2 excuse me.

3 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: July 19th
5 is a Sunday, I believe. Class
6 reunion --

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: All-Class
8 Reunion? Okay.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah. So
10 it would be July 18th, probably.

11 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I am really
12 sorry, everybody. I will double-check
13 that and make sure that it's corrected
14 in the resolution.

15 The next public assembly
16 application was received from the
17 Southhold Democratic Committee to host a
18 rally and a match at -- in the Village
19 of Greenport on Saturday, March 28th
20 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The
21 rally and match will begin at Mitchell
22 Park.

23 The requested route is as
24 follows. So they're going to leave from
25 Mitchell Park down 1st Street to Center

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2 Street, Main Street, Front Street, back
3 onto 1st Street, and then into Mitchell
4 Park. This route is what Trustee
5 Philips was -- and the Mayor were --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: -- speaking
8 about. So this is the route that the
9 police chief suggested. As the -- after
10 going back and forth a little bit with
11 the organizer and with the feedback from
12 Trustee Philips and also the chief.
13 Chief Alby expressed concern about the
14 original proposed route.

15 So the organizer reached out to
16 the chief and then we got this
17 confirmation back that this was the
18 route that he thought would be best
19 suited for this event.

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Candace, is
21 this a no-kings march?

22 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It is.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It is. Okay.
24 You didn't refer to that in the
25 resolution.

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2 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Would you
3 like that added?

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah, I think
5 so.

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

7 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That would be
8 good.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: And then the
10 next one up before Candace reads, it's
11 Sarah Phillips, owner of First and South
12 and the Greenport Business Association
13 league. She will be joining us shortly
14 after our lunch break to speak on this
15 publicly to the board, and so the board
16 can ask her questions about it directly.

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I have
18 questions about this resolution, so yes,
19 that would be great if she's coming.

20 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sure.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Because I don't
22 know who this organization is, to be
23 honest with you.

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I'm sorry,
25 I couldn't hear you.

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2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm not sure
3 who the Greenport Business Association
4 is, they're not the BID, correct?

5 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It's not
6 the BID.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: It's an
8 alternative business association of
9 about 30 -- I think there are 35 members
10 now of local businesses.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah. I want
12 to have the names of everybody, and how
13 they were put together and everything
14 like that, okay?

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: All right.
17 Thanks.

18 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. So
19 she did confirm she's expected to be
20 here this afternoon so she can answer
21 those questions. So Sarah Phillips, on
22 behalf of the Greenport Business
23 Association is working with the Seaport
24 Museum as well to bring back the
25 Maritime Festival.

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I know
3 Joan Ripley, who is the incoming new
4 board chair of the Seaport Museum will
5 be there together as part of it. And
6 this is I think a wonderful thing
7 because the Seaport Museum had said they
8 wanted to take a step back from this
9 year, and Sarah and a bunch of other
10 local businesses have jumped in to bring
11 the festival to life this year.

12 Sarah was deeply involved in it
13 for many years past, but we'll let her
14 talk about it later this afternoon.
15 Great to see local folks step up.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. So
17 she did -- I shared with her prior
18 applications from the Seaport Museum.
19 She's -- so she really is pulling a lot
20 of what they have done in the past. So
21 you know, like the typical schedule, it
22 will be Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

23 Friday will be used as how she
24 described it is a really a setup day
25 within Mitchell Park. The Greenport

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2 band who we -- I don't believe we've
3 gotten an application for them just yet.
4 But they have been playing in Greenport
5 on Friday nights for many, many years.

6 So Sarah, I believe has already
7 been in contact with them to continue
8 that tradition of the Greenport band
9 playing on that Friday night, while some
10 of the old boats are set up and other
11 items are set up in Mitchell Park.
12 There will be a parade taking place on
13 Saturday morning, as would be the
14 traditional event.

15 And then the festival, the
16 applicant did reach out to me with an
17 updated cover letter that I don't know,
18 went out to you all. It was just a
19 minor update in there. She didn't
20 specifically request the waiver of the
21 alcohol for the duration of the
22 festival.

23 I did include it because I knew
24 that was the intention. I will share
25 her updated cover letter with you all,

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2 if you don't already have it in your
3 inbox, I believe Andrew will send it out
4 today.

5 The next public assembly
6 application is from Trustee
7 Dougherty-Johnson, on behalf of the
8 Village, to host the annual Moores Woods
9 cleanup event on Saturday, March 21st
10 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

11 And the final public assembly
12 application is from Denise Gillis, on
13 behalf of Friends of Mitchell Park in
14 East End Tai Chi, to host Tai Chi in
15 Mitchell Park from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00
16 a.m. on Saturday mornings, beginning on
17 May 2nd and ending October 31st.

18 Next up are resolutions.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Before you got
20 to resolutions, we don't have anything
21 from the Business Improvement District
22 yet on either the Easter events or the
23 Cherry Blossom Festival?

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: No.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. We should

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2 double check that with Rich when he's
3 here speaking on behalf of BID later
4 because those are both coming up pretty
5 quickly.

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
8 Easter's early this year? I mean, I
9 know they were discussed at the BID
10 meeting yesterday, but I don't know --

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, but we
12 need an --

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Oh,
14 no, I know --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm just worried
16 the timing to approve an application at
17 this point.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
19 Yeah.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I wasn't
21 able to attend the meeting yesterday.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah. I
23 just have a comment going before you
24 answer resolutions. Going back to the
25 Kalmar Nyckel, do you have any

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2 information on the Coast Guard Cutter?
3 Because the marina manager, Rick
4 Albanese, he shared comments with his
5 board a couple times. Are you familiar
6 with that?

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

8 We -- he's gotten that additional
9 information from them in regards to it.
10 You know, I guess the question is, we
11 should probably put a resolution
12 together. It's a little bit different
13 being a, you know, federally owned ship,
14 but he's got the space blocked for it.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

16 I -- my impression from reading his
17 e-mails is that he's looking for
18 direction from this board. Like yay or
19 nay, you know, we're doing this or not.
20 Because he had expressed concern about
21 potential for some damage maybe, you
22 know. He was just kind of pointing out
23 there were some of the risks associated
24 with that.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh, sure.

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2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I'm in
3 favor of --

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: -- having
6 Coast Guard, but I think he was --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: All right.
8 Well, we'll put a resolution on for next
9 week. Yeah.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.
11 Thank you.

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. Next
13 up are resolutions. This is just to
14 approve a date change as mentioned
15 earlier by Chief Wayne Miller. The
16 spaghetti dinner will be now on
17 Saturday, April 25th. The next
18 resolution is to schedule a public
19 hearing at the March 26th -- I think
20 that date is wrong again here. It
21 carries over. No.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
23 Yeah, that might be correct.

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: It is
25 correct. March 26th, sorry. So this is

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2 to schedule a public hearing at the
3 March 26th regular session meeting
4 regarding a local law to amend Chapter
5 13, the code of ethics of the Village of
6 Greenport code.

7 The next resolution is for the
8 same, to schedule a public hearing at
9 the March 26th regular session meeting
10 regarding a local law to amend Chapter
11 29, which is the procurement policy of
12 the code of the Village of Greenport.

13 So I just want to note these two
14 items here. I brought up to the board
15 in the fall that we are reviewing,
16 myself and both our labor counsel, and
17 Jared and Brian from Harris Beach, have
18 been reviewing all of our Village
19 policies. So this includes our HR
20 policies, code of ethics, procurement
21 policy. So it's nearly 30 policies, so
22 it's quite a big undertaking that I'm
23 still working through.

24 I had hoped to have these
25 policies to you all sooner so that we

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2 can approve it before -- or approve or
3 deny, whatever the board chooses of
4 course, these policies in advance of the
5 annual organizational meeting.

6 But depending on the board's
7 time and desire to workshop these
8 proposed changes, it may ultimately be
9 that this review takes maybe the month
10 of March, and then ultimately the board
11 could vote to approve them at the annual
12 organizational meeting. This came
13 to -- this project is something that
14 came to light. Many of our policies
15 have not been looked at for many years.

16 So this is in an effort to make
17 sure that we are responsive to changes
18 in the law, and just updates for best
19 practices, so on and so forth. So if
20 there are no changes, then
21 there'll -- you know, no necessary
22 changes, then that's obviously how we'll
23 move forward.

24 For the sake of the community's
25 knowledge, the board each year at the

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2 annual organizational meeting approves a
3 host of policies each year. But the
4 review piece of it has not been the way
5 that we're going about it right now. So
6 this is to ensure that what is being
7 approved at the annual organizational
8 meeting or before has been reviewed
9 thoroughly and is responsive to any
10 changes.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I think
12 these two are both obviously very
13 important ones. Procurement is an
14 update with some additional guidance
15 from counsel, from some newer state
16 laws, et cetera, and making sure that it
17 all conforms. And then ethics is
18 obviously a really important one. I
19 don't know if everybody's had a chance
20 to read it yet.

21 Jared will be in shortly, when
22 he's here. I know I've got some
23 questions on it I'd like to ask it, and
24 I think it's going to be very important
25 for everybody to read through it because

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2 there's significant commitments by the
3 board to the community in regards to
4 this. And then we also need to form an
5 ethics committee, too, which I think is
6 important.

7 So I would encourage everybody
8 to talk to Jared today, and afterwards
9 with additional questions so that we're
10 ready, because these are obviously
11 drafted by counsel.

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: And then
13 one more thing to note is the reason
14 these are being handled differently,
15 obviously, the board is aware. These
16 policies are a part of our code, so they
17 have to go through the public hearing
18 process. The other policies can be
19 discussed and approved by just board
20 resolution.

21 So I'll be sharing about 15
22 policies with you all by the end of the
23 week. So there's quite a bit of
24 reading. One of the new policies that
25 just went -- the law went into effect

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2 this year is regarding cybersecurity,
3 which is a hot topic right now.

4 And all of government, the
5 law -- the state law requires us all
6 to -- in addition to our regular annual
7 training, we all have to take
8 cybersecurity training every year now.
9 So that is something that will roll out
10 this year with the annual training that
11 I do for our Village staff, the board,
12 and so on and so forth, that this law
13 also requires notification.

14 So if something were to happen,
15 we have to notify the state and then,
16 you know, whatever unfolds from there.
17 I'm hoping -- this is not wood, but I'm
18 hoping we don't experience this, but the
19 better we're trained, the better off
20 we'll hopefully be.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Very important
22 subject. As many in the audience here
23 and possibly watching know Southold Town
24 experienced a very significant hacking
25 incidents that the FBI came in and

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2 participated in an investigation. The
3 county provided significant support.

4 This also recently just occurred
5 over at the North Ferry, too. The one
6 at the town was actually a ransom that
7 wasn't paid. But they -- you know, it
8 took them a significant amount of time
9 and money in order to deal with it.

10 So hugely important additional
11 training the Village is going to be
12 doing and everybody making certain that
13 they're changing their e-mails, and
14 being very wary of phishing e-mails,
15 because the folks, the bad actors out
16 there have gotten very sophisticated in
17 what they send. It looks completely
18 legitimate.

19 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. So
20 the first training, I am going to run a
21 training separate for Village management
22 staff, which is really -- we're going to
23 start with the management staff, and
24 then work our way through the regular
25 training schedule that we've been doing

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2 over the last two years, which is, I
3 offer multiple days for people to make
4 themselves available for the required
5 trainings. So that information is
6 forthcoming and those policies are also
7 coming your way soon.

8 The next and final two
9 resolutions. The first is a resolution
10 to approve an hourly wage increase for
11 Daniel King. This is a -- I'm sorry,
12 this is a part of the -- I just wanted
13 to make sure I use the correct
14 terminology. So this is a -- basically
15 a merit raise for training or job
16 related training that was completed.

17 The final resolution is for a
18 salary increase for the Deputy Treasurer
19 Jake Campo. And that concludes my
20 report. Does anyone have any questions
21 for me? Thank you.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Wonderful.
23 Thank you so much, Candace, and
24 congratulations, again --

25 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Thank you.

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to you and
3 Lily on the website.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
5 Thank you.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Mr. Brautigam?

7 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Thank you,
8 Mr. Mayor. Good morning. Starting off
9 today with my resolutions. My first
10 resolution is to appropriate length fund
11 reserves to fund phase 2 of the LED
12 streetlight projects. Funding for this
13 project is being subsidized in part from
14 our energy savings fund, in which a
15 percentage of the kilowatts sold is
16 reserved for projects such as these.
17 This payment for the LED streetlight
18 project does not come from the normal
19 operating budget for the light
20 department.

21 My next resolution also pertains
22 to the light department, and requires
23 increasing the expense line for our
24 power purchased. This is due to
25 receiving a large invoice related to the

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2 January village-wide usage. This high
3 usage is associated with peak usage,
4 stemming from the snowstorm we had at
5 the end of January, as well as icing
6 conditions in Niagara Falls, which
7 resulted in the Village needing to
8 purchase supplemental power on the open
9 market. This supplemental power comes
10 at a much higher cost than our
11 hydropower.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Adam,
13 does that mechanism affect
14 this -- the -- I forget what it's
15 called, but we have a hedge against the
16 utilities --

17 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: The TCC is
18 unrelated.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN:
20 Unrelated.

21 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: So those
22 are transmission costs. That's when the
23 electric is coming in from Niagara
24 Falls. There was no problem with the
25 congestion aspect, it was just the

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2 generation of the actual electric. So
3 when the fall -- when Niagara Falls are
4 icing over, we have to obviously
5 subsidize that electric elsewhere and
6 purchase it on the open market, which is
7 much highest cost.

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Adam, on the
9 repairs bills, then this will come
10 through as a PPA payment next month?

11 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: That's
12 correct, yes. The customers will see it
13 reflected on the next bill.

14 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. And that
15 will be amortized to 137,644.35,
16 correct?

17 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I'm sorry?

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That would be
19 to cover that one amount of budget
20 month, correct?

21 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: The 137 is
22 related to the LED streetlight project.
23 I believe this budget --

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Oh, okay.

25 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM:

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2 -- modification is for 108. It should
3 also be attached in there.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: 108.

5 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I'm looking at
7 the wrong page.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Adam, if
9 we're going -- oops, I'm sorry.

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: But that's how
11 that cost will be passed through.
12 That's the pass-through rate?

13 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: That's the
14 amount that we need to balance the
15 budget for the expense line.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

17 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: So it's
18 not directly dollar for dollar amount.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: If we go into
21 the reports, which isn't your report,
22 but it's under the work session for the
23 utilities, there's the total usage of
24 kilowatts hours?

25 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Mm-hmm.

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2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I believe
3 that will show us the days that we used
4 a lot of power, which is what we had to
5 purchase the extra power, correct?

6 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

8 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: We
9 definitely saw a higher usage
10 village-wide last month, by a key factor
11 in this higher-than-usual bill, it's
12 just a peak demand. So it's when
13 everyone's using the electric at the
14 same time.

15 But to answer your question,
16 yes. We did see slightly higher usage
17 last month than previous months.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because this
19 went from December 1st to December 31st.
20 So January we get those next --

21 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Next
22 report. Next month's report you should
23 see it, yes.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- months.
25 It should probably show the dates that

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2 caused the reason for the peak?

3 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes,

4 correct.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So we

6 do get that information?

7 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes, we

8 do.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So this

10 extra cost for the purchase of the power

11 passes through the customer?

12 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Unlike

14 our water purchasing agreement?

15 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct.

16 Moving along to the utility billing.

17 This month's utility bills are running

18 later than usual due to the significant

19 snowfall we received. As everyone

20 knows, we do read these meters manually.

21 And some of them are not accessible due

22 to the snowfall.

23 As a result, the number of the

24 accounts had to be estimated. These

25 estimates are based on historical usage.

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2 And any differences will be corrected
3 automatically once we obtain the actual
4 readings. No one will be overcharged in
5 the long run. It's -- adjusts on the
6 following bill.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: And I just want
8 to give a shout out to our team who does
9 the meter reading. Those two are pretty
10 incredible and, you know, you can
11 imagine what they're going through to
12 try and get to people's meters when they
13 can at residences.

14 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Well, that
15 leads right into my next part. I would
16 like to gently remind residents that it
17 is the property owner's responsibility
18 to ensure that the meters are accessible
19 for meter reading. When the meters are
20 blocked or buried, you know, it slows
21 down the entire billing process and
22 increases the number of estimated bills.

23 So we're working to get caught
24 up as quickly as possible. And once we
25 have access to the remaining meters, the

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2 accounts will be reconciled accordingly.

3 Significant collections, we did
4 collect \$93,411.85 in rent in January.
5 And taxes to date is \$1,382,981.31. As
6 mentioned, our tax sale is March 10th,
7 at which time the Village will become
8 whole for this fiscal year's property
9 taxes.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: What is the
11 status on that? How many properties are
12 you currently outstanding?

13 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Under 30,
14 40 maybe.

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: 30, yeah.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. So we got
17 a couple more that paid?

18 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct,
19 yes, we did. We did receive some
20 payments.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Uh-huh. And the
22 notices start going out in next week's
23 paper -- is it today's papers?

24 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I think on
25 this week's paper.

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2 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: This is the
3 second -- well, I'm sorry, the second
4 submission. So the first publication
5 was today or --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Today.

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes, it's
8 today. And then the next is next week.
9 And then the final one is the week
10 after.

11 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It'll be
12 every week up -- leading up until the
13 tax sale.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. And just
15 for the benefit of the public, can you
16 please remind folks when they need to
17 come and pay if they don't want to be in
18 the paper?

19 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Sure. It's
20 the end of business on Wednesday
21 for -- so that was yesterday.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: For the
23 following -- a week from Thursday?

24 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Correct.

25 So we have to submit today --

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: Eight days

3 later?

4 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. We
5 submit the publication a week before.
6 So, for example, the end of business
7 yesterday, we are now going to be
8 submitting for next Thursday, today. So
9 next Wednesday, the end of business will
10 be the last opportunity to avoid
11 publication in the following week, which
12 is the final before the tax sale.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm sorry, is it
14 three or four publications?

15 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: There's
16 three publications --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Three
18 publications --

19 VILLAGE CLERK HALL:
20 -- required.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: -- and then the
22 sale occurs?

23 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yes,
24 correct.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Adam, on

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2 the discussion on the utility billing
3 and the reminder for people, you're
4 talking about water and electric?

5 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: So the
6 water meters are located usually in the
7 basements of houses due to freezing. A
8 lot of the properties around here, we
9 have remote reads, so we can actually
10 access the reading on the meter without
11 entering the property.

12 However, those touch pads as
13 well as the electric meter are outside
14 of the home.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

16 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: So that's
17 what I'm referring to.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah. So
19 I would imagine everyone knows what
20 their electric meter looks like. The
21 touch pad for the water -- remote water
22 meter is very discrete.

23 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It is.
24 It's usually located near the electric
25 meter, but not always. So I can

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2 understand how people may miss that.

3 It's a tiny little black box that's, you
4 know, somewhere outside of the property.

5 In some instances, you -- we
6 don't have to actually go that close to
7 it to receive the reading. We can
8 receive it digitally from couple feet
9 away. However, with the amount of
10 snowfall we received, it's still made it
11 pretty difficult for us to get accurate
12 readings on all the properties.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. This
14 might be something good to put in the
15 newsletter with a photo, because I know
16 when I moved from my original house to
17 my new one, I didn't even think about
18 it.

19 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yeah.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: And the people
21 who had lived there were quite elderly
22 and had bushes growing over everything.
23 And I didn't know the meter readers.
24 But I talked to them, and they were
25 like, hey, can you? I was like, oh, my

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2 God. I had no idea. Yeah, of course.

3 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: It's
4 common. It's common for people to put
5 hedges.

6 (Simultaneous conversation.)

7 MAYOR STUESSI: It's much more
8 of an issue of overgrowth of bushes and
9 things around it --

10 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: -- than it is
12 the occasional snow, which, you know, we
13 don't get much of.

14 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Correct.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: This has been a
16 very different year.

17 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: The meter
18 readers are not happy when there pricker
19 bush --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

21 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: -- in
22 front of the electric meter. To
23 continue, we -- just to go off of what
24 the clerk said, we did receive
25 50 percent of our funding for the state

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2 archives, approximately \$74,765. So we
3 are ready to expense that as soon as the
4 clerk is ready.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Did we get
6 the east-west fire money?

7 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I'm sorry?

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Did we get
9 the east-west?

10 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: We have
11 not received the east-west fire money
12 for the first installment. I believe
13 that the first installment is actually
14 due on March 15th. I did supply the
15 town with the invoice, and was assured
16 that it would be -- I believe we'll be
17 receiving it before March 15th.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

19 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: But we
20 have not received it yet, no.

21 Significant payments. We did
22 make a payment for \$128,000 for our 2025
23 bond interest, as well as a payment for
24 \$69,700 for our 2024 bonding that was
25 related to roads, or sidewalks, and

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2 paving. Questions on my report?

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Have we
4 seen -- received anything from
5 reimbursements for the North Ferry
6 project?

7 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I have
8 been in touch with the DOT regarding
9 that.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

11 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: The next
12 payment or the next reimbursement in
13 question is one of the larger ones. I
14 have received confirmation that it has
15 been approved at the state level, and
16 I'm just waiting for the wire at this
17 point for that first installment.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So is that
19 the first installment for the money
20 coming back?

21 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Not the
22 first -- I'm sorry, not the first
23 installment. The first installment in
24 quite some time, however.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

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2 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: This would
3 be our third reimbursement.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Third?

5 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So how
7 many more -- do we have one more after
8 this?

9 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I believe
10 there's currently three others pending
11 right now on the state level that we're
12 waiting for.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Three
14 pending. Do you know what the total
15 amount of that is?

16 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: The total
17 amount that we will be receiving back
18 from them for all of the outstanding is
19 approximately \$1.5 million, which is an
20 80 percent reimbursement on what we
21 spent.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And we've
23 received how much so far would you say,
24 Adam? Approximately is fine.

25 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: 670,000 we

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2 received back.

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: 670, okay.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Are
5 there still change orders that we need
6 to do as part of that?

7 MAYOR STUESSI: No. Everything
8 is in there with the state.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
10 then I know this is not a part of the
11 reimbursement, but the bus shelter, is
12 there an update on that?

13 MAYOR STUESSI: That is shipped
14 and is being delivered to Corazzini as
15 part of the bulkhead work behind the
16 Museum. And we've got that invoice, but
17 there's -- we haven't gotten it from
18 Corazzini yet. Along with some others
19 that they're preparing for us.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
21 do we have an idea of when it would
22 actually be installed?

23 MAYOR STUESSI: It sounds like
24 about a week and a half. It was -- this
25 was -- so just for benefit of the

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2 public. The surprising thing with bus
3 shelters is there's only a few companies
4 that really make them. The county uses
5 one of the largest ones. We were not
6 able to source one directly from the
7 county company. We had hoped we could
8 find one from the county. The county
9 thought they may have an extra one that
10 they could deliver to us and we could
11 purchase used. They did not have one.
12 That company was running a 30 to 36-week
13 lead time on them.

14 The other company, whose name
15 escapes me, you may remember it, who we
16 purchased from or Corazzini's executed
17 the purchase order for or has, is one of
18 the other major companies. They are
19 also on an approximate 24 to 30-week
20 lead time for any bus shelter. And we
21 got really fortunate that just, you
22 know, from talking to both of them about
23 going out and talking to your existing
24 clients and folks, you may have
25 something with, if somebody can delay

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2 their order, and let us pull off of
3 that.

4 So we were able to pull one off
5 of somebody else's order. That's the
6 one that's being shipped. It is
7 slightly larger than the other one. It
8 also offers additional wind protection
9 in winter, and includes a door on it as
10 well. So it would be a big benefit to
11 people for colder days, whether it's a
12 deep dark winter day or even just a cold
13 windy day, as well. So it fits well
14 directly on top of the new pad that is
15 over there. The bike lockers are going
16 to shift slightly as part of that.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Who's
18 paying for it?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Pardon me?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Who's
21 paying for the bus shelter?

22 MAYOR STUESSI: That's a Village
23 expense through the whole bulkhead
24 project over there with utilities and
25 all that.

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2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

3 Isn't somebody responsible for not
4 having bolted down the other shelter?

5 MAYOR STUESSI: It's a little
6 bit of two directional. I don't want to
7 get into the legal present, but it's
8 unfortunate. The bigger issue is the
9 fact that the Village signed on many
10 years back, and we owned the expense of
11 maintaining everything over there on all
12 of these county facilities that we have
13 a master lease for.

14 So you know, the entire ferry
15 queue, we had to bear all of the expense
16 on outside of whatever state grants we
17 got. You know, paving work over there,
18 general maintenance, et cetera, is all
19 on the Village on this county land,
20 including anything that deals with the
21 jitney over there, the bus shelter, by
22 example. The only thing we don't touch
23 is between the rail lines and the rail
24 platform up there.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Well, we

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2 could talk about it with counsel. I
3 think somebody should be accountable for
4 that.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. I'm
6 going to agree with you. I have some
7 questions that also have to do with the
8 changes orders that I think legal needs
9 to explain to me. So Jared is
10 coming -- I mean, is the Village
11 attorney coming later today?

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. As I
13 mentioned earlier when --

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: -- we were
16 talking about ethics that he would be
17 here shortly.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All
19 right.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: And we're going
21 to go into executive session before
22 lunch on a number of different items.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

24 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: That
25 concludes my report. Thank you.

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2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

3 Thanks.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you.

5 Great. I'm going to suggest a
6 five-minute break. And we'll go into
7 the rest. Thank you.

8 (Whereupon, a brief recess was
9 held.)

10 MAYOR STUESSI: All right.

11 Thank you, everybody. We will get back
12 into the meeting. As the board is aware
13 and we will be discussing further in
14 executive session. But for the benefit
15 of the public, we have an offer out to
16 one of our final candidates for the
17 Village administrative position, which
18 we'll be discussing in exec later on.
19 And hope to have an announcement shortly
20 thereafter, after an extensive interview
21 process.

22 Our next item up on here is a
23 CPF discussion. I want to thank Trustee
24 Lily for helping to organize these
25 meetings that we've been having together

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2 with the Southold Town Board.

3 Jared Kasschau, Village counsel,
4 one of the Village counsel, will be here
5 shortly, and has been participating in
6 these smaller committee meetings as
7 well.

8 For the benefit of the public,
9 again, the state law was changed a year
10 and three months ago, December 21st of
11 2024. Which had some pretty significant
12 changes to the benefit of the Village of
13 Greenport, which includes ten percent of
14 all funds collected into the town of
15 Southold go to Greenport now annually
16 for the disadvantaged community
17 designation.

18 Obviously, for the Village, our
19 primary way of being able to utilize
20 those funds for the benefit of the
21 public is through two areas. And that's
22 towards water quality, which you can
23 legally use up to 20 percent of the
24 total fund. That was also changed by
25 state law to allow for that percentage

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2 to roll over annually.

3 And then also for additional
4 work on historic preservation. There's
5 been some amazing things done on the
6 south side with historic preservation
7 from, you know, saving the Sag Harbor
8 Movie Theater, to John Steinbeck's
9 house, to some of the windmills over
10 there and numerous other things.

11 And so our Village Board has
12 been working with the town to get them
13 to develop a water quality plan and one
14 for historic so that the Village would
15 be able to apply and in certain cases
16 work on behalf of applicants.

17 We've got two potential
18 applicants who we're going to be talking
19 about here briefly, from the Sandy Beach
20 Homeowners Association and then Safe
21 Harbor as well, who are very logical
22 sewer extension folks.

23 But with that, I will turn it
24 over to Lily, because there are some
25 priorities that we need to establish as

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2 a board, and get back to the town on.

3 One of the other items which you will

4 hear Lily go over very high level, is if

5 there is any land preservation in the

6 Village that might be applicable to put

7 into the town plan.

8 With that, she'll speak about a

9 very high level. We're obviously not

10 going to identify any particular parcels

11 publicly, because that could potentially

12 affect the value of them. So that would

13 be discussed in executive session, just

14 is as done with Southold Town board when

15 they're reviewing potential

16 applications. Until such times as it

17 might be added into a plan. So with

18 that, Trustee Lilly.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

20 Thanks. I'm going to do a really quick

21 CPF 101, mostly for the benefit of the

22 public. So Community Preservation Fund

23 is the 2 percent transfer tax on real

24 estate transactions that then the town

25 gets that money.

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2 It's usually -- well, it's
3 always in Southold, been used for open
4 space preservation, farmland
5 acquisition, develop -- purchasing
6 development rights. It can't -- so in
7 2016 there was a referendum in all of
8 Southold Town and voters approved up to
9 20 percent could be used for water
10 quality projects, which can include
11 pollution prevention, including sewer
12 expansion or upgrades, addressing storm
13 water drainage, even shellfish and
14 habitat restoration or wetlands
15 restoration.

16 And then also it can be used
17 for -- separately can be used for
18 historic preservation. So basically
19 we've been working with Southold Town to
20 identify projects that we could use that
21 ten percent that's supposed to be spent
22 in the Village. As well all know,
23 there's not a lot of open space,
24 although we can consider that.

25 And then basically what they're

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2 asking us is to sort of prioritize our
3 projects so that they can update their
4 plan or hopefully they are in the
5 process of updating their plan, but they
6 would like our input priorities, and
7 then also specific projects.

8 So in my report, what I laid out
9 is in order of priority, but obviously
10 the board, you know, needs to agree or
11 change things. And what I'd started
12 with is water quality. So they're like
13 three main categories, right? Water
14 quality, historic preservation, and open
15 space. So how I prioritized it was
16 water quality first, historic
17 preservation, and then open space.

18 And then within those, water
19 quality obviously has like the most
20 different kinds of projects, which the
21 main categories are like sewer, storm
22 water, shellfish, and habitat
23 restoration. I went with wetland
24 restoration. I -- actually, after I did
25 this, kind of thought it could be all

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2 one category. It doesn't really matter
3 that much.

4 The other thing about this is
5 like they can change. This is not to
6 like lock us into anything, it's just to
7 give Southold Town an idea of what our
8 priorities are right now and, you know,
9 they're subject to change.

10 And then historic preservation
11 goes second partly because I think we
12 think that's a harder sell to Southold
13 Town. And also, I mean, you know, there
14 are various reasons. And then open
15 space is third just because again, we
16 don't really have a lot of open space,
17 although we can discuss what -- you
18 know, what little options there are in
19 the Village itself.

20 I don't know if people have
21 questions or want to just dive in or
22 have changes. I know it -- I know it's
23 a big slightly confusing issue, but I
24 know we've also been talking about it
25 for a long time. I guess the other

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2 thing to say is just that also what they
3 wanted -- and I've listed that on here,
4 is like specific projects.

5 So if we say our highest
6 priority is sewer expansion and Sandy
7 Beach and Safe Harbor as a project,
8 that's sort of -- that's for that
9 category. And then if we say for like
10 storm water, 5th and 6th Street is sort
11 of the project that we would prioritize
12 the most. Not that there aren't other
13 ones, but that would be a starting point
14 just to give them an idea of how they
15 could update their plans. So could
16 include these projects.

17 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Lily, they're
18 not looking for specific -- when
19 the -- when they're talking projects,
20 they're not looking for project
21 read -- I mean, project-ready
22 suggestions, correct? They're just
23 looking for areas that we think?

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
25 mean, in an ideal world and I think I

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2 shared that updated chart with you.
3 They would like as much information as
4 possible. I think the idea of that
5 chart was because we did discuss this on
6 our last meeting. I mean, before they
7 actually can spend the money, we have to
8 have really specific details in a
9 project. Right now they're just looking
10 for our priorities and as much
11 information as we can give them, which
12 is not the full details. I mean,
13 again --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: The full details
15 would come in an actual application.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: This is meant to
18 be for the Village to set priorities to
19 include in a plan that is yet to be
20 developed. They have not yet started
21 work on a water quality plan or historic
22 plan. They have a longstanding land use
23 plan, which is out of date by how many
24 years now?

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think --

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2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

3 Five.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- six,

5 maybe.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So it's
7 in our interest to -- I was going to say
8 it's in our interest to kind of front
9 load as many feasible projects as
10 possible, so that it's --

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: In all of
13 these categories, I think so that we
14 demonstrate that there's really a
15 compelling need here that's not --

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Correct.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: -- to be
18 overlooked. So I think as much as we
19 could fill out as many of these
20 categories that Trustee Lily has laid
21 out here would be helpful. I think
22 you're looking for us to agree on the
23 priorities, right?

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

25 Yeah. I mean, we'd like to include -- I

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2 know we were working on a letter to them
3 about this, about -- to Southold Town
4 about this. And what we're planning is
5 to include our priorities in that
6 letter. And we did at our last meeting
7 talk about getting these to them soon.
8 So yeah, I think ideally we'd confirm
9 them today.

10 And again, they are kind of just
11 big categories and -- but to your point,
12 there are many projects within these
13 like when we talk about drains and road
14 runoff, you know, we've sort of
15 prioritized 5th and 6th Streets, but
16 when I was doing this on a bigger level,
17 really all are road ends, pretty much
18 except for maybe the ones on 4th Street
19 that already have like catchment basins
20 or permeable pavement could be
21 candidates for projects like these.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. And
23 there's -- interestingly, I was in Sag
24 Harbor with the mayor recently. And
25 there's a not-for-profit organization

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2 that I was going to share with the board
3 that put in some additional signage,
4 making it very clear at road ends where
5 public access is to the water.

6 And I know this is something
7 that Deputy Mayor Brennan has spoken
8 about as chair of the water committee in
9 really looking at where there should be
10 public access that's been overgrown
11 over-zoned or utilized by people for
12 parking, et cetera.

13 As part of that, you know,
14 virtually every single one of those is
15 an opportunity for, you know, road ends,
16 proper road-end drainage. So there's
17 not, you know, drainage into the water.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Right.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: I want to say
20 it's, I think, seven different spots as
21 I recall.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

23 And an ideal project in those instances
24 would be to enhance the storm water
25 management end, and public access at the

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2 same time.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yep, yep.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So both
5 could be accomplished in the same
6 project, maybe with the same funds. I
7 will say that public access is a
8 priority of the state when we're working
9 on our LWRP. But as we all know, it's
10 also like a contentious issue because
11 people who are neighbors of public
12 access points may get used to the idea
13 that no one uses them. They're
14 overgrown.

15 And so it's important that we
16 kind of sell this, and pitch this
17 correctly so that we don't get pushback
18 from people saying, I don't --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. It's
20 interesting you say that because there's
21 this fellow who I was introduced to was
22 speaking on it, and he said, you know,
23 for the two neighbors who might be next
24 door, you'll likely face a lot of
25 resistance.

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2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Sure.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: But from the 30
4 neighbors across the street, they're
5 like, well, yeah, of course we want to
6 be able to utilize it if we can. Or
7 we're feeling like we have to sneak over
8 there as it is right now.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: But each one of
11 these prevents opportunities for solving
12 for some drainage issues.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: And keeping the
15 flow out of the water. I mean, Trustee
16 Phillips, you've got one over by you
17 guys at the fish market, right, at the
18 end there? Isn't -- there's no drainage
19 there between you and the triangle yard.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, because
21 it drains into my parking lot, so
22 that's --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. But I'm
24 saying that's a place where obviously
25 funding would make a lot of sense.

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2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

3 And that's --

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And that
6 has appeal to the direct neighbors --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Mm-hmm, right.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: -- often,
9 because they're seeing the trash that
10 floats right out of the waterway and the
11 silt and all.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
13 Well, and that's an opportunity, if
14 something is done there, it's an
15 opportunity to maybe clean, whatever up.
16 And also sort of just remind people that
17 this is public access, and it is -- you
18 know, so it's two for one sort of.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well,
20 actually, one of the biggest one, and I
21 think it needs to be number one is down
22 at the end of 5th and 6th Street.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, she's got
24 that on.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think that

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2 as a board we need to really -- there
3 was years ago a project trying to solve
4 that. Unfortunately, the neighborhood
5 reacted very negatively towards it.
6 They don't know if it was the project.
7 I don't know if it was just a time of
8 something being out of character for the
9 availability of taking away a small part
10 of the park.

11 But in the meantime, the end of
12 6th Street has gotten much worse. When
13 the PSEG project was done, we put a dry
14 well down at the end of 5th Street,
15 which I don't think is really working
16 very well --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: There's several
18 and as I've mentioned before, like we
19 literally see water coming out before
20 the water's even cresting on the beach
21 there.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think we
23 also need to perhaps put into even
24 though the drainage is really the
25 responsibility of New York State, I

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2 think we have a problem with the outfall
3 pipes that got into Mitchell Park.
4 Periodically we have -- you know, that
5 causes the flooding back onto Front and
6 Main Street --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- where we
9 should probably be working or put
10 it -- at least put it in there to work
11 with the state to improve that
12 situation.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: You're
14 talking about storm drains on Front
15 Street?

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.
18 And the alleys.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. And
20 the alleys. I think that due to the
21 change in tide levels, the one on Main
22 Street -- I mean, the one on Front
23 Street that goes in -- is going to be a
24 problem very much in the future. Okay.
25 I think that needs to get put into the

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2 plan.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Kind
4 of like down Bootleg Alley?

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. Yeah.
6 That option and down towards Claudio's.
7 I mean, S.T. Preston gets flooded out
8 too. But it -- on Front Street, a lot
9 of it has to do with the storm drains
10 and the outfall pipe that goes out
11 into -- you know, through the bulkhead,
12 which is another thing we need to get
13 moving on.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: So if we're
15 talking storm water versus sewer, does
16 the board believe that one should take
17 priority over the other or they should
18 be looked at equally?

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Equal. I
20 think they should be looked at equally,
21 to be honest with you.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I agree with
23 you, Mary Bess. I also think they
24 should be looked at equally. And my
25 list of priorities would probably be,

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2 you know, storm water first, you know.
3 And then actually land preservation, we
4 don't think of land preservation here in
5 the Village, but what about Moore's
6 Woods? We have 192 acres that we own
7 over there. And there are certainly
8 things that need to be done over there,
9 you know, that we could use those funds
10 for as well. So when we say --

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We
12 own it, that's it. So let me
13 just -- because the Village owns it,
14 it's not available for CPF funding to
15 acquire it. If we wanted to do some
16 kind of like wetlands restoration or
17 some kind of project --

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So we can't use
19 it for improvements? In other words,
20 only for acquisition?

21 MAYOR STUESSI: No. You can
22 only utilize CPF funding for
23 improvements if it's CPF acquired land.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Oh, okay.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: So the only

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2 example in the entire Village right now
3 where that would apply to would be
4 Widows Hole, where when that transaction
5 occurred between Mobile and the town and
6 the Village, there was a dollar paid by
7 CPF towards it.

8 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: So there could
10 be funding from CPF towards ongoing
11 maintenance there. To date, they've not
12 allocated any funding towards it. And
13 the Common Land Trust has been bearing
14 all of the expense without requesting
15 CPF funding on it.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So
17 Moore's Woods would be a water quality
18 project, not an open space acquisition?

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes,
20 it could be.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Moore's
22 drain.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes,
24 Moore's drain --

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: The Moore's

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2 drain.

3 TRUSTEE PHILIPS: Moore's drain
4 according to that because --

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: But I do not
6 think that we should emphasize historic
7 preservation right now. I think that
8 that is probably only antagonizing the
9 current board in Southold, especially
10 the supervisor is not really interested
11 in those projects.

12 I think we need to be looking
13 for unity and communication with them,
14 you know, things that they are agreeable
15 with us on. And certainly, we have
16 enough projects in terms of water
17 quality and our sewers and stuff like
18 that that we can focus on that in the
19 near term at least, you know, and moving
20 forward.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I will
22 say, I think and I've heard this from a
23 number of folks in the public who live
24 here that they believe historic is also
25 important. And there might be certain

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2 things that would make sense to look at
3 funding for. A big example that a lot
4 of people talk about is saving the
5 auditorium at some point.

6 And, you know, there might be
7 something that makes sense at some point
8 in the future on that or other
9 buildings. You know, this is utilized
10 successfully throughout many other
11 communities. It's likely a much smaller
12 percentage relative to what would be
13 spent on water quality or sewer. But my
14 personal perspective is we should not
15 negate it.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
17 mean, I think it's still useful as -- I
18 mean, they're asking us for priorities
19 and I think we should look at this as
20 long term. If it's ten percent every
21 year for, you know, going on as long as
22 the CPF program goes on, there may be a
23 point where we come to historic
24 preservation. It might not be the first
25 thing, but I think it -- it's useful to

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2 not like get rid of anything. I think
3 we can prioritize, but I think we should
4 keep everything on the table personally.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. So should
6 we start with the top, where you have
7 sewer extension on there?

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
9 Yeah. I mean, it sort of sounded
10 like -- and I mean, in a way this is not
11 prioritizing.

12 If we say sewer and storm water
13 are equally important. But I mean, I
14 understand the impetus, and if that's
15 the board. If we want to put those as
16 co-equal top priorities, that's fine.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Mary Bess, you
18 suggested you thought they should be
19 equal priorities, correct?

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think they
21 pretty much fall together --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- to be
24 honest with you. Especially since part
25 of it -- and I wish -- I don't have it

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2 in front of me.

3 But the CPF money, the water
4 quality money, is tied to the Peconic
5 Bay Estuary component. If I remember
6 reading it. Because, you know, for not
7 only the storm water, but also for sewer
8 or similar with Sandy Beach.

9 But on Sterling Creek or on
10 Stone Harbor, it's not just Sandy Beach
11 and Safe Harbor that have issues. There
12 is also all of those that are along
13 Robinson Road that go all around the
14 creek, okay?

15 So my understanding with CPF
16 money also, and this is one thing I
17 needed to ask, because when we're
18 thinking about this, is this something
19 also that can be combined with, you
20 know, a joint effort between Suffolk
21 County, you know, the state, Suffolk
22 County, Suffolk Town or CPF money, too?

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Without a doubt.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. So --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: So that's such a

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2 good point, because we need the tool box
3 of funding sources.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: And when we look
6 at our ten percent, if you were to take
7 the example of extending the sewer over
8 to Sandy Beach and those 26 homes, State
9 Harbor Marina and what they have over
10 there, it may make sense to do some
11 additional expansion.

12 But even those two projects
13 benefit the town in addition to the
14 Village, because most of the waters over
15 there that getting polluted by all the
16 foul septic from Joe's house and the
17 marina is going into the, you know,
18 Sterling Creek over there. I mean, on
19 the beach it's --

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And it's
21 intense.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: And then we
23 could -- the cost is of course going to
24 be extraordinary. CPF is the easiest
25 way to get some immediate funding,

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2 because we can get funding towards
3 developing a plan for it, engineering
4 drawings.

5 And then once you have those
6 engineering drawings, you can go out to
7 state and county who are both interested
8 in funding.

9 And we could possibly sell
10 between CPF, state and county, but keep
11 in mind most of the county and state
12 funding requires some level of matching.

13 So lets use the example, say
14 it's a \$5 million project to bring sewer
15 over there. If we get a million dollars
16 from CPF, then we've got a million
17 dollars towards matching, and we could
18 then utilize state and county funding
19 for the remainder of that.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I mean,
21 to -- in all honesty and thinking
22 through the whole -- the district that's
23 there and the pump station, okay?

24 Manor Place Pump Station takes
25 the brunt of anything that comes from

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2 that direction, okay?

3 The piping that goes along
4 Atlantic Avenue is not a big -- it's a
5 smaller -- although we don't have the
6 sewer report yet, which hopefully will
7 show it that that piping that goes along
8 Atlantic Avenue is smaller than the
9 sewer piping in other places in the
10 Village.

11 So you have Peconic Landing who
12 is now feeding down through that. To
13 me, and I've been saying this for a long
14 time, we did do a study years ago, the
15 East District and the West District.

16 I would love to see that
17 improvement that we have, perhaps
18 probably have to put another pump
19 station to at least alleviate some of
20 the stress on Manor Place's pump
21 station.

22 And to me, that would be -- we'd
23 be covering the criteria of Peconic Bay
24 Estuary Program because it would get
25 probably Sterling Harbor out of the MS-4

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2 Program, okay? Which the town south of
3 like Collins has been trying to do that.
4 Not intentionally, but trying to do that
5 for the Village anyway.

6 It is out of the MS-4. It would
7 get us where the actual sewer expansion
8 would bring more customers, but it also
9 would bring more income into the sewer
10 district to do infrastructure repairs.

11 I just think we need to kind of
12 think big picture on that one. And if
13 we're going to do it, we need to kind of
14 include it in the CPF request to the
15 town that, you know, we want to see
16 them --

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah, I
18 agree. I think that's totally right.
19 So you can't think of Sandy Beach-Safe
20 Harbor extension as an isolated project,
21 because there's component within our own
22 pump stations that has to be done
23 simultaneously.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. It's
25 likely they require the entire

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2 replacement of the pump station --

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: -- with new

5 mechanics in there.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And then --

8 MAYOR STUESSI: But we won't

9 know this until it's engineered.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. But,

11 you know, right now the

12 environmental -- New York State

13 Environmental Fund, which is what we did

14 the upgrade with the sewer plant

15 has -- you know, we have interest-free

16 money that we're paying back monthly.

17 You know, that we're paying back a

18 monthly fixed fee over the next couple

19 of years.

20 But we have the

21 availability -- there's availability of

22 all of this stuff to tie together. But

23 we just have to -- oops, they're going

24 to -- they can't come in. They

25 can't --

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2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: They can't come
3 in. Yap, got to go in.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Just the side
5 door.

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: She just
7 read the sign.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: The
9 sign does say Sandy Beach.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Getting back
11 to it is that -- we need to --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Wait. If you
13 just hold on a second.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: When they come
16 in, I'm going to suggest we take a break
17 on this.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: And then listen
20 to them about their project and then
21 let --

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, that's
23 a good idea.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I did have a
25 question for Lily. Do we have any idea

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2 in accounting of what funds are
3 available so far? CPF funds for us are
4 ten percent.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I'm
6 forgetting what the number is.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: That's one of
8 the things that's going to be in the
9 letter, but they have -- they wouldn't
10 have the final year end numbers yet.
11 They should be able to tell us.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: But it's
14 probably about 1.3 million.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: And --

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. And that
18 was for two years now, from '24 to '25?

19 MAYOR STUESSI: No. It'd be the
20 full year of '25.

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: And then two
23 weeks or a week of '24.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I'm going

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2 to -- did you say we were going to jump
3 off this?

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I'm going
5 to just suggest we take a break on it
6 just so we can -- they must have
7 responded after we started our meeting.
8 Mike and Isabel?

9 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for
11 being here.

12 MIKE OSINSKI: Okay.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: We will pause on
14 what we're talking about so we can
15 accommodate you.

16 MIKE OSINSKI: Got a picture for
17 everybody.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: If you could
19 go --

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
21 Thanks.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to the podium
23 and then I will set this up for the
24 community.

25 So New York State just sent a

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2 letter to the Village yesterday. They
3 also included the town, which is
4 somewhat confusing, because I don't
5 believe the town has any jurisdiction
6 over there.

7 But Widow's Hole Oyster Farm,
8 which is an incredible property in the
9 Village, brought to life by Mike Isabel
10 and the kids, is looking to expand their
11 oyster farming operation, and the state
12 has asked the Village Board to offer any
13 comments if we choose to do.

14 So I quickly reached out to you
15 when I got it. You are here.

16 MIKE OSINSKI: I think that's a
17 whole --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: And we'd love to
19 hear you tell us about it.

20 MIKE OSINSKI: 307
21 Flint -- Michael Osinski, 307 Flint
22 Street, my wife and I, Isabel Osinski,
23 own the Widow's Hole Oyster Farm in
24 Greenport.

25 We recently got a grant to

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2 increase production by 50 percent. I
3 don't know if you know the State of New
4 York is actually giving grants to oyster
5 farmers and this is the first stage.

6 There's another stage which is
7 even more -- you know, more funding
8 coming. But -- so we received the
9 grant, \$45,000 in gear, and there's two
10 pictures.

11 One is how we look today, and
12 then the second page is the drawing part
13 of the permit application, the extra set
14 of pilings that we're going to put
15 eastward of our existing pilings.
16 There's still -- all pilings will still
17 be inland of our existing work dock.

18 We use -- for your information,
19 we use a different method of cultivating
20 oysters. It's called the Australian
21 Longline System, where there's a series
22 of pilings connected by cross ties, and
23 then ropes run along the cross ties and
24 it's very important that the ropes are
25 set at -- in the intertidal zone. Or at

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2 least the cables are set at high tide so
3 that the persons hang in the intertidal
4 zone which cause them to come out for an
5 hour every low tide.

6 Coming out into the air and the
7 sun, self-cleans the oyster. There's a
8 lot of pathogens and sycophants in the
9 water column that would damage and/or
10 destroy oysters. Air drying removes
11 those pathogens for us. So the tide
12 cleans the oysters for us. And then
13 every purse has a float on the bottom.
14 It rotates as tides rises and falls.
15 That tumbling causes the oysters to grow
16 a thicker shell and a deeper cup. Both
17 are very desired attributes in the
18 restaurant trade.

19 So that's the system that we
20 use. The goal of the system is to let
21 the tides do the labor for us. All this
22 other -- this labor of cleaning, and
23 tumbling, and sorting would -- we would
24 have to do it by hand and now the tides
25 do that for us. So we're looking to

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2 expand our existing operation by
3 50 percent, and you can see that if you
4 look at the drawings -- unfortunately,
5 my printer is not colored, but it didn't
6 color, Isabel drew the drawings.

7 The old and the new are
8 different colors and then new is just
9 simply an extension toward the east into
10 the bay, still within -- still west of
11 our -- the end of our work dock.

12 So we don't think there'll be
13 any hindrance to voters and the state.
14 You know, you have to file a consistency
15 review with state. I guess that
16 engendered the letter that you guys got.

17 And at the same
18 time -- about -- same time about -- it
19 was about a week ago, we submitted the
20 drawings to the state and to the DC. If
21 those approvals come -- and to the Army
22 Corp. If those approvals come, you'll
23 get a copy of the full set of prices.

24 It's basically the same permit
25 from ten or -- 2017, I think it was.

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2 Ten years ago. It's -- it has expired.
3 We can't amend that permit, so we have
4 to reapply. And this was the method
5 that the DC advised us to do. Take the
6 old application, there's two pages that
7 are different where we read through them
8 and we resubmitted them.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: And this is all
10 above the underwater grounds that you
11 got?

12 MIKE OSINSKI: Oh, yeah. We
13 own --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Own.

15 MIKE OSINSKI: We --

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Which I think
17 it's important for you to --

18 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: -- explain to
20 the public.

21 MIKE OSINSKI: We have a
22 very --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Very few people
24 have these.

25 MIKE OSINSKI: We have an

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2 underwater patent -- I thought it was a
3 deed, but I was corrected the other day
4 by a lawyer. That is a patent that we
5 own.

6 You know, the king used to give
7 patents. And early on in our history,
8 the state gave patents. Well, we have
9 an underwater patent, runs from Flint
10 Street to Brown Street out 500 feet from
11 Maine high tide. And I -- if you
12 remember the brouhaha with our dock,
13 that dock is 165 feet from Maine high
14 tide. So we're all with -- we're much
15 with -- in this whole method, we used to
16 have cages out 500 feet, the ferry get
17 them, you know, we had to have corner
18 markers.

19 Well, now with this new system,
20 we don't need to be out that far. We're
21 much closer to the shore. We
22 don't -- you know, there's much less
23 interference with the fishing boats used
24 to go in and out of there and get -- you
25 know, and complain about our gear.

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2 Well, all our gear is now within 165
3 feet of shore. And it grows a
4 better -- much better oyster with much
5 less labor.

6 So we're pretty happy with the
7 system, and now it's up to us to just
8 grow more oysters and then to sell them.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I have a
10 question.

11 MIKE OSINSKI: Yes.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So what about
13 variations in tides, because you have
14 fluctuations in tides?

15 MIKE OSINSKI: Yes.

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Does that
17 affect the cleansing of your oysters in
18 your process?

19 MIKE OSINSKI: Well, in general.
20 That's a good question. We have a
21 two-and-half-foot tidal variations. So
22 if we set the cables at two -- at a high
23 tide, stack the purse on there at low
24 tide, the oysters and the gear are out
25 for an hour twice a day.

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2 However, when we have, you know,
3 faces of the moon, the big wind from the
4 east, they may not come out that day.
5 Conversely, when the big west wind, big
6 northwest wind like in winter, they come
7 out through, you know, multiple hours.

8 But in average, it doesn't
9 affect us at all. In the winter when
10 you have this big northwest wind and the
11 tides are extremely low in middle
12 of -- we start in November. We start
13 lowering those lines. We do not want
14 our oysters nor our gear up on the
15 surface there. If you may have noticed,
16 there's gear all over the bay now. And
17 those are guys that kept their gear on
18 the surface.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They didn't
20 sink them, yeah.

21 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah, they didn't
22 sink them. You know, most of the guys
23 have been in the business maybe five
24 years. We've been doing this 23 years
25 now. We've had cold winters, we've seen

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2 ice, we sink our stuff. You know,
3 leaving gear on the surface of the bay.
4 When ice grabbed it like this year, it's
5 all over the place. And it comes and
6 goes. It is moving everyday.

7 I saw 30 persons, some of these
8 persons from Gardiner's Bay on Saturday
9 when we had the east wave. Sunday the
10 wind changed the weather. They're gone.
11 God knows where they are.

12 But the ferry's been having a
13 hell of a problem.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Mike, I
15 am -- I'm familiar with your underwater
16 patent a little bit and I read the
17 application on rails.

18 MIKE OSINSKI: Right.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: But is
20 this project actually contingent on that
21 patent or is it not reliable?

22 MIKE OSINSKI: The project on
23 the patent?

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Well, I
25 would -- does this installation actually

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2 even require that you own the underwater
3 lands?

4 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah. I mean,
5 otherwise somebody else would have to
6 own it and I'd have to give permission
7 to put a piling on somebody else's land.
8 But I don't need that, because we own
9 the bottom.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mike, it
11 probably would've been part of Suffolk
12 County, the leasing program, because if
13 you remember New York State gave Suffolk
14 County --

15 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah. But the
16 problem is all that stuff is 500 to
17 1,000 feet from shore.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.
19 Now --

20 MIKE OSINSKI: Because of
21 the -- believe it or not. I don't know
22 if you guys know it, but Greenport
23 Village -- Greenport Harbor is the
24 cleanest water in the state -- in
25 Suffolk County.

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2 The cleanest water is right here
3 on our -- but -- and that's all due to
4 the forebearers that came before us 100
5 years ago and put in a sewer system.
6 Nobody has a septic tank in Greenport.
7 We have no --

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Except for Joe
9 and his 26 neighbors over at Sandy
10 Beach.

11 MIKE OSINSKI: Okay. Oh, those
12 guys? Yeah, they -- yeah, those
13 guys --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: They're the
15 polluters.

16 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: We're trying to
18 solve that today.

19 MIKE OSINSKI: I know that.
20 Okay. Correct me, I stand corrected.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Nobody except
22 for you three.

23 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah. But, you
24 know, the -- and we're in a nice
25 situation where, you know, the

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2 tide -- the current runs through the
3 channel, but there is an eddy that runs
4 along the western shore of Greenport,
5 and then cuts around by the marina and
6 out by the -- so that's where our flow
7 is almost 99 percent of the time.

8 So that's how we are. We're
9 looking forward. You know, the
10 permitting process is taking months. We
11 had to buy the gear. We've paid for the
12 gear, we haven't been reimbursed by the
13 state, but, you know, we want to get the
14 permits because we won't need this gear
15 until, you know, we'll buy seed in the
16 midsummer.

17 So by the end of summer, we'd
18 hope to have the pilings, the cross ties
19 and the lines in. So now as an
20 additional seed, we bought -- you know,
21 we've doubled our seed purchase this
22 year, so that next year we'll be able to
23 increase our general -- our total
24 production by at least 50 percent.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mike, is this

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2 part of an overall project? I mean,
3 is -- this is just a thing that you're
4 asking for?

5 MIKE OSINSKI: Yes, this is --

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, okay.

7 MIKE OSINSKI: That's not the
8 only. We --

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

10 MIKE OSINSKI: There is another
11 phase 2 to this process of
12 infrastructure. We don't know if we
13 will get that grant, but if we do, we
14 will come to you just like a barn-like
15 facility. Because if anybody's been
16 there, you've seen I've got gear all
17 over the --

18 I want to consolidate this, put
19 this stuff indoors, and be able to, you
20 know, leave FedEx a lot in packing
21 boxes. I had an order yes -- was it
22 yesterday or day before?

23 Somebody wanted 1,000 oysters in
24 the city, and we wanted -- and evidently
25 everybody else is out because, you know,

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2 I told them I'm shutting down for the
3 winter. But I guess because of the
4 weather, everybody's out.

5 So I had to go get 1,000
6 oysters. Everything was under the ice,
7 and I had to pack them up outdoors.
8 That's just onerous. You know, we
9 need -- and if we want to hire -- you
10 just can't ask, you know, the owners.
11 My wife and I will probably do that. We
12 can only do it a limited amount.

13 We can't ask employees to do
14 that. That's why we need a barn-like
15 structure, you know, where our -- that
16 little garage that we have, we want to,
17 you know, consolidate everything there,
18 because that thing is bursting out with
19 gear already.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I just
21 want to follow up on Trustee Mary Bess's
22 question.

23 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Can your
25 existing operation process this

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2 additional expansion?

3 MIKE OSINSKI: Oh, yeah. We

4 could.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So --

6 MIKE OSINSKI: We'd have to work

7 outdoors.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So in the

9 event that you can't or you're delayed
10 in trying to do the other phase of your
11 product, this can still work?

12 MIKE OSINSKI: Oh, yeah. This
13 will still work. It's definitely -- you
14 know, we expect to have a pretty
15 big -- judging by the amount of gear
16 that people have lost all over, we
17 expect to have --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

19 MIKE OSINSKI: -- a pretty big
20 demand and a lower supply come spring
21 here in the Village.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. Mike and
23 Isabel can make it work on the lot even
24 if increasing the production --

25 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah.

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2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- of the
3 product. That's not a problem. I -- my
4 question is down the road, because I do
5 know about the grant process.

6 MIKE OSINSKI: Right. Down the
7 road, we are applying for a grant, and
8 if we get that grant, we will come to
9 you. I don't know if we'll come to
10 you --

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Do you --

12 MIKE OSINSKI: -- the planning
13 board or whatever.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Do you have
15 anything before the planning board now
16 or --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: No. They --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. Okay.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: They do not have
20 any. And if I can just be --

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: -- clear on
23 this, because I don't want any
24 confusion.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: There's nothing
3 in front of the planning board. There's
4 an idea that has been forwarded to the
5 building department. Building
6 Department and Village Council is
7 reviewing it.

8 MIKE OSINSKI: Right.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: They're going to
10 be setting up a call with you to review
11 it.

12 MIKE OSINSKI: And that would be
13 good.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: And --

15 MIKE OSINSKI: I'd like to talk
16 to the board.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: -- walk through
18 it.

19 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: You guys
21 are -- you have an agricultural overlay
22 over there.

23 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: That sort of
25 supersedes a lot of stuff. They will

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2 advice on that and --

3 MIKE OSINSKI: Mm-hmm.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: -- apprise the
5 board.

6 MIKE OSINSKI: That would be
7 nice. We look forward to that.

8 ISABEL OSINSKI: We're asking
9 for determination so we can proceed.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I don't
11 want to get into that today.

12 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah. We don't
13 want to go down the wrong track. That's
14 why we've been writing --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: The only thing
16 in front of us today --

17 MIKE OSINSKI: Yes.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: -- is this
19 letter the board receive from the
20 state --

21 MIKE OSINSKI: Mm-hmm.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: -- in regards to
23 whether the board has any comments in
24 regards to you looking to expand your
25 oyster farm.

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2 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah. There's a
3 specific question on that form that
4 says, do you live in an area that has an
5 LWRP? And my response was, yes, I do.
6 And when you have a yes, you have to
7 explain. And I said, yeah, the Village
8 has, but it's very supportive of
9 agriculture.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

11 MIKE OSINSKI: So that -- I'm
12 sure that's what it engendered.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I don't
14 know what the problems were in the past,
15 and the --

16 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: -- lawsuit
18 that --

19 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: -- happened with
21 the Village, but you guys do good
22 business there. The oysters are
23 important, it's great for the water.
24 Unless anybody else has any further
25 questions, I -- it would be my

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2 recommendation that we wholeheartedly
3 support this.

4 This is on your property, in
5 your water center --

6 MIKE OSINSKI: Mm-hmm.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: -- that you have
8 the patent for it. I would -- are there
9 any concerns from anybody?

10 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No, I think
11 it's great.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I just
13 have a question, Mike.

14 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah, sure.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Do you
16 anticipate that the jetting and
17 hammering of the piles would produce any
18 significant silt --

19 MIKE OSINSKI: No. I -- you
20 know, I've done this before, and it's
21 pretty minimal. It's pretty minimal.

22 ISABEL OSINSKI: Its pipe is not
23 that big.

24 MIKE OSINSKI: You know,
25 hopefully we'll get it -- you know, I

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2 was surprised.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Better question
4 is, how are you surviving the ice over
5 there? Have you lost any pilings yet?

6 MIKE OSINSKI: You know --

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Are you okay?

8 MIKE OSINSKI: -- knock on the
9 wood, we've lost things, we've been
10 doing this 23 years. We have lost
11 things in the past. We -- everything is
12 on the bottom. We've never lost any
13 gear. We have lost oysters, but not
14 this year.

15 Everything is down below the
16 ice. I even have an Instagram post
17 where I was raising stuff out of the ice
18 to ship into the city. Like breaking
19 it. But no, being below the ice is
20 good, and those oysters were fine, they
21 were beautiful.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Wonderful.

23 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

25 The reason I -- I don't know if that's a

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2 better question. The reason I ask the
3 question is --

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Different
5 question. Sorry.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: -- yeah,
7 because I remember in prior
8 conversations you were concerned about
9 silt from other projects.

10 MIKE OSINSKI: Well, this -- you
11 know --

12 ISABEL OSINSKI: The massive --

13 MIKE OSINSKI: -- a dozen holes
14 compared to -- I'm concerned, and you
15 guys may know about this. Yes, there's
16 a pending permit. The DC's -- but
17 before the DC for about three or four
18 years, they want to dredge the entire
19 length of a village block, 400 feet.
20 The entire width of a village block by
21 40 feet, by 4 feet deep. That is what
22 I'm concerned about. That's a massive
23 amount of siltation.

24 ISABEL OSINSKI: It's a 100
25 truckloads.

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2 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: But we -- the
4 board, we don't have --

5 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah. We don't
6 know about it yet.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: We don't have
8 anything in front of us --

9 MIKE OSINSKI: That's right.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: -- on that.

11 MIKE OSINSKI: That's right.

12 That's what I'm concerned about. A
13 dozen holes or two dozen, 30 holes. I
14 don't think that's a problem. And they
15 fill them right up. You know, you put
16 them in, knock it down. It's pretty
17 minimal.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Thank
19 you.

20 MIKE OSINSKI: Okay. Thank you
21 guys.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: No. Hold. I
23 just want to go through the board,
24 because I'd like to be able to send a
25 letter of support --

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2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: All
3 right.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to the whole
5 board if that's the case.

6 Patrick, no other questions --

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: -- in support of
9 it --

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: -- as well?

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Mary Bess?

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. No.
15 Yeah, very well.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I've
17 just --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Lily?

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I am
20 supportive. But I mean, maybe this is
21 not a question for this, but would
22 you -- would a wetlands permit still be
23 from us?

24 MIKE OSINSKI: Yes.

25 That's -- it's going to come to you.

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2 Yes.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

4 That's going to come next? I mean,

5 because I --

6 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

8 -- understand you're on the --

9 MIKE OSINSKI: But I'm --

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

11 -- underwater.

12 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But

14 the above would still be --

15 MIKE OSINSKI: Yes.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

17 -- subject to Village wetlands. Okay.

18 MIKE OSINSKI: But I don't send

19 that to you until --

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

21 Sure. Right.

22 MIKE OSINSKI: -- I get approval

23 from the DC or the army.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we're the

25 last.

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2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Got
3 you. Okay.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. We're
6 the last --

7 MIKE OSINSKI: Yeah, you're the
8 last.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
10 Yeah.

11 MIKE OSINSKI: Okay. But it's
12 going to be like that.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

14 MIKE OSINSKI: Okay. Thanks
15 very much for your time.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Great. Thank
17 you --

18 MIKE OSINSKI: Thank you for
19 letting us to interrupt.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: This is pretty
21 remarkable. We were able to do it
22 within eight hours of receiving the
23 letter, so...

24 ISABEL OSINSKI: I commend you.
25 Thank you.

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2 MIKE OSINSKI: Is it --

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

4 MIKE OSINSKI: Is the building
5 department here?

6 MAYOR STUESSI: They're over at
7 Village Hall.

8 MIKE OSINSKI: Oh, okay.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

10 MIKE OSINSKI: If they call us,
11 we're ready.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Yeah. I
13 don't think -- I know -- we have the
14 other Village attorney here today.

15 MIKE OSINSKI: Right.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: I think they
17 were looking to send something, set a
18 call up for Laura.

19 MIKE OSINSKI: Thanks.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: But they'll
21 reach out. Okay. Thank you very much.

22 MIKE OSINSKI: Happy Chinese new
23 year. We're both voices, so this is a
24 big one.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, there you

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2 go.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

4 That's right, doing so much.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: No wonder you're
6 selling so many oysters.

7 MIKE OSINSKI: No, we're working
8 too hard.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: All right.
10 Let's pivot back to CPF because we do
11 need to try and do an executive session
12 before we break for lunch to celebrate
13 Jeanmarie.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: And --

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay. I
17 have a couple questions.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

19 Sure.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: On the
21 sewer item here, you have pump-out
22 stations. I believe the Village just
23 paid to replace our pump-out; is that
24 correct, Adam?

25 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: To replace

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2 the pump-out?

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The
4 pump-out mechanism. Wasn't that just
5 funded recently?

6 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: I believe
7 we did some work on the screw pumps as
8 well as generators for the sewer.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: No. He's
10 talking about the pump-out station.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: The
12 marina. In marina.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: The
14 pump-out.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: In
16 the marina.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I'm
18 sorry, in the marina.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

20 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Oh, yes.
21 That wasn't for the main sewer lines,
22 that was for disposal from the vessels.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah. So
24 that's what item 3 here --

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

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2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: -- the
3 burn tube pump-out. So we just
4 undertook that replacement. Is that
5 something that could still be eligible
6 for this? Since we --

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
8 Wasn't that covered under our --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: This is the pump
10 stations.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
13 Well --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Not the pump-out
15 of the marina.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: No
17 he's talking about number 3 which is
18 pump-out stations --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, I'm sorry.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
21 -- and boats.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: So the pump-out
23 station that is in the marina, that's
24 definitely something we would want to
25 take a look at.

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2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
4 I don't know if retroactively --

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's
6 something we just paid for.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I am
8 not sure we could.

9 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: That's
10 already reimbursable through a different
11 program.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Different
13 program?

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
15 Right, different program.

16 TREASURER BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
18 Yeah.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.
20 All right. And then I see you have IA
21 systems. Where do we have IA systems in
22 the --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: There should be
24 no relevance.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: We

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2 don't. That's just another thing that
3 CPF can fund.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.
5 Yeah.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
7 That's why it's the last thing.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.
9 And I don't think they're feasible for
10 the Sandy Beach area --

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
12 Right.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN:
14 -- because of the elevation.

15 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
16 Again, that's why they're sort of left
17 as the last.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Last
20 priority. Not necessarily --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: They would be
22 feasible for Safe Harbor, but I think
23 our collective goal is to get sewer
24 extended over the boats --

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Mm-hmm.

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to get that
3 moving.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.
5 And then on the store preservation line,
6 are we considering the Seaport Museum as
7 one of the --

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN:
10 -- potential projects?

11 MAYOR STUESSI: So why don't we
12 go -- do you want to talk historic for a
13 moment or name some projects that might
14 make sense?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Well, the
16 seaports are not in my mind because I
17 know we have a big project there to
18 refurbish the envelope of that building.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Once we get
21 through the historic, I would like to go
22 back to -- because we really didn't
23 finish the discussion with the sewer
24 expansion coming like from Peconic
25 Landing and whatever, because I would

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2 really like to --

3 Those are one of those things
4 that we -- if we have the opportunity to
5 apply for, getting, you know, planning
6 started somewhere along the line. Even
7 if it's not CPF money. If it's from the
8 county maybe through theirs. But that's
9 the topic --

10 MAYOR STUESSI: So let's --

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- that I'd
12 like to --

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Do you want the
14 sewer before we do historic?

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I'd
16 like to finish it. I think --

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. So let's
18 go ahead.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You know, I
20 think that we have an opportunity. I
21 think the county -- I know that --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: But this is
23 purely CPF right now?

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

25 Purely CPF. Is that, you know, we

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2 should get it into a form of, you know,
3 explanation of what we want to see,
4 where it's com -- you know, where it's
5 combined with other funding sources into
6 the CPF document.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: So what are you
8 suggesting at Peconic Landing that would
9 be relevant to CPF funding?

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, we --

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Because we
12 already have sewer there extended.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. But
14 you -- but if you -- it would -- if
15 we're going to extend it -- if we're
16 going to extend anything over to the
17 other side, you're going to have to put
18 a pump-out and I wish Adam was here to
19 explain it. Adam Hubbard. But Peconic
20 Landing needs to have some systems in
21 pushing their -- because they go to
22 Manor Place right now.

23 But I would think that we'd be
24 looking to take their original starting
25 with them and taking a look at that

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2 whole area that way. But that's just a
3 thought.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. At
5 least --

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That
7 is relevant, but -- so just two things
8 just about CPF. I mean, if we're
9 talking about the ten percent, it has to
10 be for the benefit exclusively of the
11 Village.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
14 So -- and then also when you're talking
15 about -- I did put expansion in here,
16 and it is extending sewer out, but it
17 cannot be for the benefit of like more.
18 We can't have more --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: It's to replace.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
21 -- like housing or buildings or --

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's not
23 replacing --

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: It's
25 not --

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2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- an
3 existing situation.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.
5 Exactly.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. All
7 right.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
9 mean, it's not for expansion. It's not
10 so like Peconic Landing can build more
11 housing and then that's attached to
12 sewer. That couldn't be used for CPF
13 because it's additional use.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, I'm
15 really talking about the infrastructure.

16 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
17 understand.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. So in
19 this spirit of sewer expansion,
20 let -- to answer the question, is there
21 any other place that anybody believes
22 the Village should consider sewer
23 expansion as part of CPF that would
24 replace the existing -- the only other
25 place I can think of would be of course

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2 over on Front Street for all businesses
3 that are over there. And just outside
4 the Village, which might be a
5 Southold-Town joint project --

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

7 Mm-hmm.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: -- for all of
9 the existing septic that's over there.
10 Everything from the bus storage yard to
11 the deli, all of that stuff over there,
12 which we've talked about as part of the
13 larger sewer district plant where there
14 would be some mutual benefits of that,
15 because obviously this affects Moore's
16 Woods and any of the groundwater there,
17 too.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay. So
19 both that project and the Sandy
20 Beach-State Harbor are joint projects,
21 because they both go outside --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: -- of the
24 municipality.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

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2 Mm-hmm.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So could
4 we use CPF funding to do engineering to
5 analyze our current system and its
6 ability to --

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
8 Handle it.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: -- handle
10 these two areas?

11 MAYOR STUESSI: We -- and
12 develop some engineering drones
13 literally as part of it.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: So you could
16 utilize it to hire an engineer --

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: -- to start
19 developing plans --

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: -- that would go
22 through all that, correct?

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think we
25 need --

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2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So would
3 that qualify?

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. I
6 think that we need to start thinking
7 about pro -- you know, project-ready not
8 because grant opportunities come up with
9 a bang. And if we have it already in
10 our pocket through some of the funding
11 to create it, we'll be five steps ahead.

12 And that, to me, would
13 simply -- not simplify, but it would be
14 taking what our forefathers did when
15 they created the sewer system, taking a
16 look at it and keeping it moving into
17 future generations of Village residents.

18 And, you know, so -- and as I
19 said, it's all -- if I remember
20 correctly reading the law from the state
21 law, it's all -- this -- the water
22 quality, is all tied to the Peconic Bay
23 Estuary Program. And we're
24 definitely --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

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2 Anything --

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- in the
4 Peconic Bay Estuary Program.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Anything we're
6 talking about here is Peconic Bay.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay. So
8 setting aside the eastward expansion or
9 westward expansion, has our sewer plant
10 or Mr. Hubbard, do they have request for
11 improving the sewer system?

12 MAYOR STUESSI: The -- well,
13 that's all in the sewer report which
14 we're going to talk --

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Which we
16 haven't seen yet.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: -- about with
18 counsel in 30 minutes. But this is
19 purely on CPF expanding of replacement
20 of existing septic, is the question here
21 that Lily has as far as priorities.

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
23 Yeah. I mean, I also just want to say
24 this like number 2 and 3, the -- well,
25 not three as much. They could all be

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2 part of a project, you know what I mean?

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. Some --

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Like
5 although I'm putting the --

6 (Simultaneous conversation.)

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

8 Right. Exactly. Like you may have
9 to --

10 MAYOR STUESSI: You can't go to
11 Sandy Beach and Safe Harbor without
12 replacing a pump station.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

14 Right.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: That would be
16 tied again into the plan for it.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And the money
19 has to be spent on specific projects. I
20 mean, it's not like a pool of money and
21 you can just draw off from it, right?

22 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

23 Right.

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So you have
25 to --

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: No. We have to
3 fill -- the town has to develop a water
4 quality plan.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Once they
7 develop a water quality plan, we then
8 have to make application. You can go on
9 East Hampton's or Southampton's
10 website --

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Mm-hmm.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: -- you'll see an
13 application. We would fill it out for
14 what the project is.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Mm-hmm.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: What we need
17 funding for.

18 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Which could be
20 for engineering to Patrick's points.
21 Once we have engineering, you can then
22 go and apply for funds towards actual
23 construction.

24 And then at that point as we
25 were talking about Mary Bess, again,

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2 using the \$5 million number, we might
3 say, okay, we've got engineering funds
4 from CPF to do the Sandy Beach and Safe
5 Harbor expansion.

6 We now need \$5 million. We're
7 going to have CPF for 1 million, which
8 would provide matching funds, and then
9 we'll go to the state and the county for
10 the additional \$4 million.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
12 Mm-hmm. So for the purposes of this
13 discussion, before we move on to
14 historic, are we okay with saying that
15 sewer and storm water are equally
16 important and that for sewer, Sandy
17 Beach and then secondarily Front Street
18 by Moore's Woods are kind of our
19 priority projects?

20 And for storm water, we're sort
21 of prioritizing 5th and 6th Streets with
22 all the other road ends as other
23 possible projects? Does that --

24 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I mean, like
25 the Front Street is not -- you're

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2 talking about Front Street outside of
3 the Village.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Now, I don't
6 know if you want to push that as a
7 priority at this point.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
9 Right. But we're -- as we were just
10 talking --

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: In the future,
12 speculative, isn't it?

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, but
14 I -- we're trying to include anything
15 that benefits the Village. And so it
16 will make their plan more robust, which
17 is what they're asking us. They're
18 asking us to provide as much information
19 as possible.

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Mm-hmm.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: So it would seem
22 like that's an important one to provide
23 because of the proximity to Moore's
24 Woods and the pollution over there.

25 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, it would

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2 be similar, Julia, to the LWRP where we
3 name projects, because you put the
4 projects in the LWRP so that
5 grant -- you can pursue grant writings.

6 JULIA ROBINS TRUSTEE: Right.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: That's a very
8 good plan.

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: That's exactly
10 what the CPF -- that's exactly what
11 their plan is. Is that it's a document
12 that creates the thought pattern that
13 these are the most important things at
14 the moment. That's why they're supposed
15 to be reviewed every X number of years.

16 JULIA ROBINS TRUSTEE: Mm-hmm.

17 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And they're a
18 priority that's been established by the
19 policy makers of the municipality. I
20 think that's a good way to put it, okay?

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
22 Yeah. I mean also just to -- their
23 current plan, it doesn't mean that other
24 things can't be funded, just like right
25 now they do fund open space projects

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2 that aren't on their plan. So --

3 MAYOR STUESSI: The
4 only -- again, the only current plan,
5 though, is a land use plan.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Yes.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Is no water
8 quality plan.

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
10 Right. But I'm just saying it's a way
11 of us prioritizing and communicating to
12 them what's most important to us.

13 But yeah, I mean, I agree we can
14 definitely put it secondarily to like
15 Safe Harbor/Sandy Beach, and then again
16 last sort of the shellfish habitat
17 restoration/wetlands restoration as
18 still possibility but like sort of
19 lower --

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Where were you
21 thinking that would be? I mean, I can't
22 even think of a place where it was.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
24 don't know. Maybe off 4th street where
25 their current --

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2 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, the
3 original reason that the Village of
4 Greenport was -- Village of Greenport
5 was offered the mobile property way back
6 when. And what happened is at that
7 point Peconic Land Trust came in with
8 the hope that we would be able to use
9 some CPF money or Peconic Land Trust
10 would apply for some of the CPF money
11 that was for open space or educational
12 or whatever.

13 I don't think there was ever a
14 set agreement that we need to
15 actually -- probably should revisit with
16 Peconic Landing with the town, because
17 the town has an easement on it.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS:
20 Conservation --

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
22 Peconic Land Trust.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.
24 Peconic Land Trust. Did I say Peconic
25 Landing?

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2 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

3 Yeah, that's right.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Excuse me.

5 So I think that that was the original
6 plan. But there could be some -- there
7 is some restoration that needs to be
8 down there that could be for wetland
9 restoration because they're trying to
10 save -- you know, there's deterioration,
11 there's -- I'm not quite sure how far
12 the beach got deteriorated this winter.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, it's
14 significant. That's what I was saying
15 earlier. That's not new. That's
16 already in CPF. They should be -- yes,
17 there's a dollar pay towards CPF --

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. Okay.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: -- as part of
20 this transaction.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. Okay.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: That should be
23 an ongoing maintenance.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: This -- that

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2 needs to be in their land use plan --

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right and

4 it's --

5 MAYOR STUESSI: -- currently.

6 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But

7 this could also, I mean, possibly like

8 yield grass plantings where the monument

9 is so that maybe that gets less -- like

10 dredging is not so necessary all the

11 time if that was getting --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: Oh, you're

13 talking about Sandy Beach?

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

15 Well, yeah. Sterling Creek, that edge

16 of Sterling Creek.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I

19 mean, I think there's possibilities we

20 haven't really explored or thought of,

21 but I don't think we should eliminate

22 that. I just don't think it's a

23 huge -- I mean, I also think wetlands

24 restoration like perhaps of more strain.

25 Like maybe there's a way

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2 for -- instead of that to be like a
3 blocked culvert drain that was created a
4 long time ago, that then we can't really
5 dredge --

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Moore's Folly
7 for a reason.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
9 Right. That maybe there's a way of
10 restoring those wetlands so that they
11 are more of a sponge when necessary.
12 And, you know, I don't know. Those are
13 like bigger engineering and ecological
14 things I think we have to think about,
15 but I don't --

16 I think those are possibilities
17 down the line. Even maybe at most of
18 our rodents or areas in the Village
19 that, you know, maybe there's shellfish
20 restoration or eelgrass.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The end of
22 Bridge Street. At the end of Bridge
23 Street.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
25 Right. Exactly. That could be a --

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You know
4 that?

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
6 -- part of -- again, sort of -- again,
7 part of also storm water. So they're
8 all connected or they could be.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That one has
10 no bulkhead, and so whatever runs down
11 Bridge Street runs right smack down --

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- into --

14 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah. So
15 in the past, you know, I've spoken about
16 the way that the Village has managed
17 sewer outside the Village, and I kind of
18 described it as an ad hoc or a case by
19 case basis with -- you know, whether
20 it's vineyard views or Peconic Landing.

21 Now we're talking about
22 potential areas of West Front Street and
23 Safe Harbor. I think we don't want to
24 make the same mistake of thinking of
25 those as distinct projects.

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So what I
4 would like to -- the way I would like to
5 think about it, is if you were to draw a
6 line around our municipality that
7 captured an entire like -- that I would
8 say like a halo or overlay of South
9 Point.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Mm-hmm.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Because
12 if you think about Front Street and then
13 you go up to Moore's Woods, and then up
14 to the North Road, you're going to
15 be -- you're circling back on the Safe
16 Harbor Robinson Road area. So it's
17 really all in one area --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Right.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: -- in my
20 mind. And so I think any planning that
21 we're doing should be encompassing all
22 of that area within a reasonable range
23 where things can feasibly be attached to
24 our sewer system.

25 So -- because we don't know

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2 what's going to come down the road for
3 like that private campground, right?

4 That's --

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, we have
6 to -- yeah, we'd have -- yeah.

7 That's --

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Executive
9 session.

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- executive,
11 session discussion.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.
13 Anyway, other areas around this.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So I'd
16 like to continue to think about it as
17 the entirety of the area.

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, that's one
19 of the things Lily and I brought up in
20 the committee meeting, is that we need
21 to have a joint meeting with the town to
22 discuss if you're suggesting this
23 larger --

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: -- sewer plan

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2 outside the Village.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.
4 And the other thing on my mind is, we
5 were just talking about habitat near
6 Sterling Basin. So you all remember
7 that we had planned on two-year cycle
8 for dredging the opening of that basin
9 this year.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Mm-hmm.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So Adam
12 just raised his eyebrows. So that's a
13 budget thing. We have to be able to
14 accommodate that if we want to try to
15 stick with it.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Ryan just waved
17 his --

18 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: -- checkbook
20 over there.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. No.
22 Not even one of them is raising it.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So that's
24 coming --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Sitting on your

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2 hands.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Neither am I.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's
5 coming down the road for us. And
6 there's really no reason we need to wait
7 until the very end of the year to do
8 this.

9 Could the dr -- so I think we
10 thought a lot of that dredging as a way
11 of protecting our local economy and
12 businesses on Sterling Harbor, right?
13 Because we have a lot of boats going in
14 there, commercial, recreational. But
15 it's also a water quality issue. If
16 that is allowed -- conceivably, if
17 that's silted up entirely, we'd have no
18 flow going in and out of that basis. So
19 could that project be considered?

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
21 That's a good question. I haven't
22 thought about that like that.

23 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I thought
24 somebody told me once judging wasn't --

25 MAYOR STUESSI: What do you

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2 think, Jared? You attended CBO --

3 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I

4 did.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: -- 101 and the

6 master's class.

7 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I

8 don't know the answer to that specific

9 question off of the cuff.

10 I do want to point out just

11 generally speaking in regards to your

12 conversation, that I think what the town

13 is looking for at this point is a

14 hierarchy of project type rather than

15 identifying specific projects.

16 So when talking about 5th and

17 6th Streets, I think that what should be

18 considered is, you know, rather than

19 identifying those specific areas that

20 you'd like to make sure that catch

21 basins is within the perimeter of the

22 Village, those closest to the water

23 bodies will be prioritized rather than

24 identifying specific projects.

25 Those projects will later then,

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2 once this plan is implemented, be of
3 course subject to the application
4 identifying specifically what needs to
5 be done.

6 The other concern I had is this
7 concept of sewer expansion as trustee.
8 Sergeant Johnson pointed out, there's a
9 limitation on use of CPF funds for
10 growth. So just keep that --

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, it's a
12 replacement that exists.

13 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
14 Right. So that --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Sure.

16 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I
17 want that to be clear so there's no
18 confusion.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

20 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
21 We're looking --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: A very good
23 point you mention again.

24 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
25 -- to improve existing infrastructure

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2 rather than to --

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

4 Expansion.

5 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

6 -- actually expand.

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

8 Well, and we -- but we can expand to

9 existing like Sandy Beach, Safe Harbor.

10 We can expand to --

11 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: To

12 the extent of growth. Yeah.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

14 Exactly. And I heard it differently at

15 that meeting that they did want specific

16 projects --

17 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: They

18 do.

19 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

20 -- prioritized. Okay.

21 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: They

22 do, but I think for their purposes

23 of -- so the way I understand the town's

24 going to use this, is they're going to

25 take in consideration the Village's

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2 interests and their hierarchy of what's
3 most important to them, and then use
4 that as part of their analysis when
5 they're looking at specific project
6 applications to say, all right, this is
7 the Village's top priority. You know,
8 it should receive, you know, additional
9 scoring points based on that and work
10 through the process. So it'll be part
11 of that scheme that they're using to
12 create these, if you will.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, and one of
14 the things that we impressed upon this
15 committee was that when Lily, who is the
16 land use coordinator, puts all this in
17 some sort of format to bring to the town
18 board to discuss work session that we
19 felt it was extremely important the
20 Village participates in the discussion.

21 Because the last thing we want
22 is some things to be said that may not
23 be entirely accurate without the ability
24 for the Village to speak on those
25 issues.

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2 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Sure.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: Which we just
4 saw happen on a housing grant
5 application, which we'll be talking
6 about later with -- didn't know that
7 she's here.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: All
9 right. Do we want to move on to
10 historic preservation?

11 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

12 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So
13 the projects that I had sort of named
14 was the auditorium, the art center,
15 North Fork Art Center, AME Zion Church,
16 the Shipyard and East -- and Seaport
17 Museum.

18 So in just terms of prioritizing
19 those. And again, this is like
20 just -- things can change, this is just
21 our -- priority is now to communicate to
22 South Hill Town.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So my
24 feeling on this is that we are
25 responsible for that Seaport Museum.

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2 Those other projects are on private.

3 Those are privately owned.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

5 Mm-hmm.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I'd like

7 to advocate for spending the money on

8 our project. That's --

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: That
10 make sense to me.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: We don't own
12 that museum.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: But we're
14 responsible for maintenance.

15 TRUSTEE ROBINS: MTA does.
16 Yeah, we got an ownership.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: We have
18 ownership --

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Again, that's
20 the problem with the bad deal made years
21 ago by the Village. We own the
22 responsibility of maintaining it.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah. No. It
24 was not a good deal, but it's there.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. But I

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2 think to your point, reason to
3 prioritize it because if we don't get
4 funding, we have to fund it somehow.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yes.

6 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: So I would agree
8 to make --

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I would make
10 that number 1.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: -- that a
12 priority. And then if you're looking at
13 the others, I would rank something
14 that's a not-for-profit as the next
15 priority, which should be the North Fork
16 Arts Center.

17 As for the shipyard and
18 auditorium, I'm absolutely in support of
19 looking in what might be helping those
20 over the long term, but both privately
21 owned. But both likely to go through
22 some changes in the next few years for
23 sure.

24 Are there any other historic
25 property in the church?

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2 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Well, the other
3 church.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: The church is a
5 not-for-profit as well.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: I think that
8 should be up there next to the theater.
9 Are there any others anybody can think
10 that ought to be considered? Mary Bess?

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Our
12 village home.

13 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, we do
14 have the jail that keeps coming up all
15 the time. So that's okay.

16 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: The
17 handicapped accessibility.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm sorry,
19 what?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah. So
21 I think a lot about our Village Hall. I
22 don't know if it's -- is that not
23 historic? Isn't that old?

24 MAYOR STUESSI: It's historic.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. I mean,

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2 it used to belong to the telephone
3 company.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I know.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The light
6 plant.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: And our grant
8 application, the new district, it's
9 going to end up in it with historic. I
10 mean, it's already logged as a historic
11 building.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: So we
13 have accessibility, not only getting in
14 and out of the building, but access to
15 bathrooms, office spaces.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: And they need to
17 replace the old FEMA trailer behind
18 there.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah. So
20 we have a fair amount of land back
21 there. I often imagine that there is an
22 opportunity to develop something there
23 that addresses accessibility.

24 Maybe somehow dovetails with our
25 archived projects. Maybe we could

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2 reconfigure the office spaces to have a
3 meeting room there rather than here. So
4 that's a big -- potentially big project.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: I agree.

6 It's --

7 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Do
8 you think that, Jared, because we own it
9 already, do you think there's any issues
10 there? Or am I thinking -- I'm really
11 thinking like Moore's Woods or is that
12 not -- maybe not an issue because
13 there --

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Maybe it's not
15 land use. There's -- no. There should
16 never be an issue on historic.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
18 Well, I might say that maybe Village
19 Hall/the jail should maybe be -- come
20 above the other nonprofit's. I don't
21 know. Just because they're -- we are
22 prioritizing, you know, like, so the
23 East End Seaport Museum is at the top,
24 Village Hall and maybe the jail are
25 second.

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I think
3 the bigger issue with the jail is even
4 if it gets fixed up, what's going to
5 happen with it?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Mm-hmm.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Who's going to
8 man it? I mean, we have a historical
9 society that's having a lot of
10 challenges maintaining their building.

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And I do know
12 that the Eastport, Seaport at one point
13 had mentioned that they would be
14 interested in dealing with the jail, but
15 I don't know if with the new board --

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: We fought for a
17 grant for that.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And again, I
19 don't know --

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- if they'd
22 be interested with the new board, and
23 then, so...

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
25 mean, with any of these projects, again,

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2 it has to get into details of
3 management --

4 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

5 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
6 -- and how it would work.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. That's
8 further down --

9 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
10 Wait.

11 MAYOR STUESSI: -- in the
12 application process.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
14 Right. Yes.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm in total
16 agreement to include Village Hall on
17 there. Let them tell us for some
18 reason, right? I can't imagine legally
19 how it wouldn't.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Adam
21 would like the corner office.

22 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: So
23 in terms of categorizing those specific
24 locations that were just mentioned, how
25 about one, public museums and facilities

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2 of historic significance?

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

4 Yeah.

5 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Two,
6 you know, arts, cultural and religious
7 institutions with historical
8 significance.

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

10 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: And
11 then three, passive historical
12 significance, which means, you know,
13 non-for-profit privately owned
14 properties that are --

15 MAYOR STUESSI: That makes
16 perfect sense. Everybody agree?

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

18 Yeah.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah.
20 But why are you calling it passive?

21 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: If
22 it's not being used actively, you know,
23 for -- like a museum is or if the jail
24 were to be used for tours and whatnot.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mm-hmm.

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2 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I'm
3 thinking of structures that are just
4 historically significant by virtue of
5 their age or their history.

6 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Flint Street
7 Firehouse.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: What was
9 that?

10 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Flint Street
11 Firehouse.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: That's
13 good just the way it is.

14 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
15 Okay. Do we have time?

16 MAYOR STUESSI: If the reporter
17 was smart, he'd get over there and see
18 the upstairs bar area. It's pretty
19 impressive. Any other suggestions on
20 history by anybody? Julia?

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: No.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: Patrick? Mary
23 Bess? All right, guys.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, I'm
25 fine.

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. Did that
3 cover it on CPI?

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
5 think so except for perhaps -- I mean, I
6 don't think there's much to say about
7 open space besides an executive session
8 which --

9 MAYOR STUESSI: Okay. We will
10 do that. Appreciate the folks from Safe
11 Harbor and Sandy Beach participating,
12 and know that this has been top of mind
13 for us and we've had extensive
14 discussions with the town. I believe
15 we're at a point where it may make some
16 sense to get some engineering quotes
17 from Cashin Associates who did some
18 earlier work on this. In order to help
19 advance this, I've got a resolution for
20 the board for next week on this and I
21 know there's some potential funding from
22 outside sources on this. You're welcome
23 to approach the podium.

24 And I would just say that, you
25 know, it's -- it really comes down to

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2 funding obviously, but I believe there's
3 an opportunity because of the town now
4 responding on water quality together
5 with some significant opportunity with
6 the state and county to advance this
7 pretty quickly. I know you guys on
8 Sandy Beach are in a much more
9 challenged position because you don't
10 have the ability to put IA systems in,
11 you know, wetlands -- wetland sand.
12 Safe Harbor on the other side has
13 already done some work on pricing that
14 all out.

15 When I last spoke to Sean, we
16 agreed that we could potentially go down
17 parallel paths and see what we're able
18 to achieve within a certain timeline.
19 They will ultimately need to make a
20 decision as to whether the sewer plan is
21 progressing or not. And if it weren't
22 at a fast enough speed, but I think we
23 can get there pretty quickly, they would
24 move forward with septic. You are in a
25 very different position and we'll

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2 continue to pollute, but we want to
3 resolve.

4 MR. CORSO: Yeah. Again, I'm
5 Joe Corso and I'm at number 4, Sandy
6 Beach, and I'm representing the 25
7 polluted home owners on the bay. And
8 basically I -- I'm not going to rehash
9 why we're limited. I think everybody
10 knows what our situation is there, just
11 lack of space.

12 One of the things we have had
13 contact with is with Cashin and I
14 believe I've mentioned it, that at this
15 point, he's given us a quote on the
16 original study which was done back in
17 2017 to upgrade -- you know, to bring a
18 sewer line from across by the condos to
19 just Sandy Beach. Didn't include Safe
20 Harbor at that point.

21 And we have talked to him about
22 updating that study just to see what is
23 the cost today to do that. Back in
24 2017, it was about 1.3 million. He gave
25 us a quote of \$6200 to upgrade that

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2 plan.

3 Now, one of the things and we
4 floated it among our committee and they
5 seem to be in favor of it but we do need
6 to go to the home owners is that that
7 money that we have given the Village
8 back in 2022, each homeowner we had 25
9 homeowners, gave a good faith payment of
10 \$15,000 which is almost about \$40,000
11 right now. We would be receptive to
12 using some of that money towards this
13 engineering update.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Jay, can you
15 just unplug it till we're done here?
16 Thanks.

17 MR. CORSO: I was going to say
18 that's great background music. It
19 sounds like a real sob story, doesn't
20 it?

21 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It would be
22 music.

23 MR. CORSO: So anyway --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Sad sewer song.

25 MR CORSO: Yeah, exactly.

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2 Boo-hoo. But no, we would be -- I think
3 we can sell to the home owners that we
4 would be receptive in contributing to
5 paying for some of this engineering
6 upgrade, our portion.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, I didn't
8 know you were going to be prepared to
9 share that publicly. That's wonderful
10 news, too.

11 MR. CORSO: Well --

12 MAYOR STUESSI: I know you have
13 a bit more work.

14 MR. CORSO: Yeah. We've got to
15 bring that across the finish line but
16 I'm -- you know, our initial contract
17 our perception was always going to be
18 that all the payments we were going to
19 make was to be getting shovels in the
20 ground this, that and the other thing.
21 But it really doesn't say anything about
22 the 1500 that we've all put in. There's
23 no specific line item for that.

24 So I think we can sell it to
25 them that look, it -- we finally have

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2 gotten to the point where we spent four
3 years just putting contracts together.
4 Now we're at the point where, okay,
5 we -- are we going to make this project
6 work one way or another.

7 MAYOR STUESSI: Yup.

8 MR. CORSO: And the next step
9 are the engineering reports. My
10 contacts in town whenever I talk
11 to -- you know, I know I'll talk to
12 them, everybody's always like give us
13 the plan, show us the plan. That's
14 where we're at right now is, you know,
15 we need the engineering reports done,
16 and I'm sure it's the same with, you
17 know --

18 MAYOR STUESSI: Just so you are
19 absolutely clear, they have to get a
20 water quality plan developed for CPF and
21 then as part of an application, we can
22 apply for it.

23 MR. CORSO: Sure. Yeah. And
24 we're aware that CPF isn't going to
25 cover this whole project.

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

3 MR. CORSO: We know this is only
4 going to be one step of it but it's at
5 least it gets us started. It shows
6 that, you know, things are moving and
7 then we can go to the other entities and
8 start really looking for, you know, the
9 additional funding.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: And I think,
11 too, we will find that there will be
12 some additional help by both the state
13 and the county because you guys are now
14 a historic district officially, too.

15 MR. CORSO: Right.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: And I think CPF
17 would look at it -- the town would look
18 at it a bit differently as well.

19 MR. CORSO: Mm-hmm. And
20 we'll -- you know, we're prepared at
21 this point to be as active as you need
22 us to be at these meetings. And we did
23 send a letters to the Southold Town
24 Board. We couldn't be at that last
25 meeting two weeks ago. So they have a

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2 copy of, you know, basically where we're
3 at and what we're shooting for. So keep
4 up in the loop.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Will do.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Joe, my
7 recollection is that the report from
8 Cashin was really a study and that cost
9 estimate, right?

10 MR. CORSO: Correct.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: And
12 you're going to -- I think it's -- I
13 think you're doing the right thing. I
14 think that needs to be updated.

15 MR. CORSO: Mm-hmm.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: I just
17 want to be clear that that's not the
18 engineering in and of itself. It's kind
19 of a sketch study just enough to
20 ballpark.

21 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: -- take
23 big numbers.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Deputy Mayor
25 Brennan, to be clear, my goal is with

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2 the resolution that would be on next
3 week would be that the Village would be
4 requesting a proposal from them to do
5 this initial two-phase proposal. This
6 initial overview of connecting Sandy
7 Beach and Safe Harbor together with some
8 cost estimates and then a phase two
9 which would be developing drawings. We
10 get pricing on both.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: And then
13 hopefully it sounds like there may be a
14 contribution from the homeowners
15 association towards a portion of that
16 and we'll have a separate conversation
17 with Safe Harbor as we will with the
18 Village[s treasurer.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Yeah,
20 that makes sense.

21 MR. CORSO: Yeah.

22 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Joe, did you
23 say the homeowners have given you 15,000
24 or 1500 each?

25 MR. CORSO: Right now

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2 the -- it's \$1500.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: \$100.

4 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I thought it

5 was 1500.

6 MR. CORSO: We have committed in

7 the big scope of the projects each home

8 owner --

9 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay.

10 MR. CORSO: -- to grant

11 basically \$15000 from each home owner

12 over increments.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. I was

14 just -- well, I mean, thank you.

15 MR. CORSO: Okay. Well thank

16 you for hearing me out.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you for

18 being here. All right. Where are we on

19 time?

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It's quarter.

21 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's

22 quarter --

23 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. So

24 we're going to have to move the

25 executive session to later, Counsellor.

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2 We put a pin in discussing the two
3 updated policies which would require
4 code changes in regards to each
5 procurement and ethics. I think
6 procurement is more simple or maybe
7 simpler questions for those that have
8 already read through it. And I had
9 mentioned earlier I have read through
10 both of them, but it would be great to
11 have you speak in regards to the
12 proposed ethics policy.

13 This is obviously something very
14 important for the Village to update and
15 we discussed it before in meetings.
16 Would you like to give just sort of a
17 high level overview? And I don't know
18 that anybody would have any
19 questions --

20 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

21 So --

22 MAYOR STUESSI: -- yet on it.

23 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: So

24 the New York State I think the
25 Controller's Office had promulgated a

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2 model form code of ethics municipalities
3 some time ago that contemplates the
4 creation of a local board of ethics. To
5 the extent the Village does not have a
6 local board of ethics, they can always
7 refer matters to the County Board of
8 Ethics, which is charged with hearing
9 county issues but any issues involving
10 municipalities that can't be heard by a
11 local board of ethics or to the extent
12 the local board of ethics doesn't exist
13 in the first instance.

14 The code is fairly
15 straightforward. It contemplates the
16 creation of a board of ethics. It
17 covers things like nepotism, conflicts
18 of interest, which is all
19 issues -- nepotism is -- all this
20 is -- excuse me. All of this is covered
21 under existing state law but it lays it
22 out quite neatly so that Village
23 residents and the board and any members
24 of the Village employment have an
25 understanding as to what the requires

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2 are.

3 It also requires annual,
4 biannual ethics trainings which will be
5 given by the -- by either the Village
6 attorney or an ICOM. The New York
7 Conference of Mayors offer ethics
8 trainings. It also contemplates the
9 submission of a financial disclosure
10 report by publicly elected officials as
11 well as I would suggest policy makers
12 and Village government that asks certain
13 questions about what properties they own
14 in the Village so that's easy to
15 identify if there's potential conflict
16 of interest, whether they have secondary
17 employment, again, to see whether there
18 could be a potential conflict of
19 interest between the Village and the
20 vendor as well as whether they have any
21 family members working within the
22 Village, which is not necessarily a
23 problem. You just can't have a
24 supervisor, you know, supervising
25 somebody within the same family. So you

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2 want to avoid those to the extent
3 possible.

4 Also included in the -- so
5 the -- that ethics financial disclosure
6 report will not only be required to be
7 submitted by the elected officials and
8 policy makers, if that's what the
9 Village Board decides, but also by
10 candidates running for office
11 30 days -- within 30 days of their
12 announcing their candidacy.

13 So again, you can pre-screen
14 those potential ethics violations. I
15 think it's most of the villages that I
16 work with have adopted similar code.
17 This is standard fare in my estimation.
18 I think it's something that given the
19 growth of the Village and how busy it
20 is, it's something that's worthwhile.

21 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Can I ask a
22 question that has come up a few times
23 since this was published in the agenda?
24 Staff has been asking if they would be
25 included at this financial disclosure.

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2 So when you say policy makers, are you
3 referring to Adam and I?

4 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

5 Department heads probably.

6 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay. So
7 all department heads?

8 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

9 Yeah.

10 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Not
11 the -- okay. So department heads, Adam
12 and I, deputy treasurer, deputy clerk.
13 Okay.

14 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

15 Anybody that's able to dictate how a
16 particular department if to be sent like
17 if the department were doing its own
18 procurement, you'd want to make sure
19 that the individuals were charged with
20 overseeing that procurement don't have
21 conflict. So that's the reason to
22 include them or policies were created,
23 you want to make sure that --

24 MAYOR STUESSI: Well, if Adam
25 had a side job, you can't hold an

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2 ownership interest in Amazon if we're
3 ordering from Amazon. There'd be no
4 problem with him working at 7-Eleven.

5 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. I
6 think the concern that has been
7 expressed is -- has been from at least
8 one or two department heads directly to
9 me and then also just general staff at
10 Village Hall, some expressed concern
11 about this or just really questions
12 mixed with concern. So it'll be helpful
13 to be able to clarify that to them.

14 I do think that that brings out
15 the structural -- Village structural
16 question and I have a feeling that's
17 going to be the next layer for the
18 department heads is they report up to
19 the Village Administration. So...

20 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
21 Village Administrator certainly would be
22 subject --

23 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Of course.
24 But they are -- you know, we go through
25 a proper bidding process so on and so

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2 forth, so our department heads
3 technically are not making those calls
4 on their own. They're working under the
5 directive of the Village Administrator
6 which is now the mayor.

7 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: All
8 things to be considered by the board as
9 it shapes the policy. So if there's
10 feedback, certainly I think it's
11 important for the board to hear.

12 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I think
14 what would be helpful for the board to
15 review is look at a sample report
16 because I know what you're talking
17 about. I think it's much more simple
18 than a lot of folks think. And it's not
19 going to apply to the vast majority of
20 Village staff. It would be a very
21 limited number of people. And then
22 obviously the board and anybody running
23 for office.

24 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
25 mean, that's what you sent to us after,

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2 right? It's like a --

3 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

4 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

5 -- disclosure form. Okay.

6 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: It's
7 one that I created based on -- that I
8 had that I adopt -- create -- you know,
9 modified based on the proposed code that
10 we had circulated.

11 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: But
12 is this the code that you've circulated
13 now reads it would be officials and
14 department heads?

15 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
16 Yeah.

17 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So
18 that's a question that we could --

19 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: So
20 we can change it. That's all in draft.

21 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: I
22 had two just small things which were in
23 139D3, it mentions a Village of
24 Greenport justice court.

25 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

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2 Yeah, that'll have to be stricken.

3 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

4 Right. And then this is just a small
5 thing later and it mentions Atlantic
6 Beach which I think --

7 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

8 Yeah, that's a typo carried over from
9 the model that we were using.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:

11 Right.

12 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: One
13 more thing before I forget. A member of
14 the fire department had approached me
15 earlier and had ask if anybody's parked
16 in the parking lot on the side of the
17 building, please move their car because
18 it's -- it shouldn't be parked there.
19 It should be parked on the street.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Gentlemen, any
21 of you parked over there?

22 FEMALE VOICE: I think I am.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, just park
24 on the street, please.

25 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:

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2 Thank you.

3 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: I'll show
4 you where when we go on break.

5 FEMALE VOICE: Like in front of
6 the entrance, right?

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Yeah. I'll
8 show you where to move when we get
9 there. Okay.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Thank
11 you. So this is clearly like a top down
12 approach. Obviously the highest
13 officials have to be covered under this.
14 And then we decide how far down through
15 the --

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Yes.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN:
18 -- management does this really go.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Right. And the
20 definition of management, which there's
21 different definitions, which we've
22 talked a little bit more in the
23 executive session relative to some
24 things.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay. I

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2 skimmed that e-mail but I don't recall.
3 That was the draft code, right, the
4 ethics?

5 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
6 Yeah. The -- yesterday afternoon. I
7 don't know what time. It was
8 probably --

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah. That's
10 an application that was sent as a draft.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Okay. Is
12 there a disclosure -- a draft disclosure
13 form in there too?

14 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yes.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

16 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: It
17 was a separate e-mail. I sent it
18 yesterday afternoon at 2:00 or 3:00.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I read the
21 cover. I didn't look into it yet. Did
22 you have any questions based upon what
23 you've read so far, Patrick?

24 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No, no.

25 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I

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2 think the other thing that I failed to
3 mention when I was initially talking was
4 this also, as part of the creation of
5 the local ethics board, folks can
6 make -- submit -- you know, employees of
7 the Village can submit questions about
8 ethics concerns they have for opinions.
9 Opinions can be referred to them to the
10 to extent that there's a complaint made
11 to the ethics board, if they have the
12 ability to conduct an investigation. So
13 that's part of the process as well.

14 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Can I ask
15 another question now? I'm sorry.

16 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
17 Yeah.

18 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Does this
19 dictate who the members of the ethics
20 board should be? I know that sometimes
21 like, what's an example? There's
22 another board or -- not committee.
23 That's not the word where it suggests
24 that it should be a staff member, a
25 community member and another --

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2 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I
3 don't think there's any kind of
4 composition requirement aside from
5 the -- they're selected by the board of
6 trustees.

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
9 we just set the public hearing or we're
10 planning for this, right?

11 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's
12 just -- yeah. That's just -- yeah.

13 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: So
14 for next month.

15 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: I'll
16 make edits to clean up those typo
17 ethical errors. Again, forgive me.

18 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
19 Right. But also we might want to
20 actually make decisions about --

21 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
22 Yeah.

23 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
24 -- some more content. I mean, if we're
25 talking about department heads and we're

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2 not before we actually have the public
3 hearing.

4 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU: Yep.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah. I was
6 going to include that in our exec
7 session.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON:
9 Right.

10 MAYOR STUESSI: Trustee Philips,
11 do you -- have you had a chance to read
12 through? Do you have any other
13 questions --

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. I'll be
15 honest with you. I have not really --
16 (muffled speaking) -- my questions. I
17 read it twice but I do have to --

18 VILLAGE ATTORNEY KASSCHAU:
19 Please send them my way.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah, I was
21 going to do that again.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: No, I
23 don't have -- I have to look at it more
24 closely which I --

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

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2 MAYOR STUESSI: Trustee Robins?

3 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I looked at it,
4 so far I don't have any questions but I
5 haven't given it a thorough examination
6 yet. It's interesting because I just
7 took a 3-hour ethics course for my real
8 estate license. Very similar language
9 is used and code of ethics is something
10 that's been in existence since the early
11 '20s I think, you know, had to be
12 addressed. And like I said, this is New
13 York state licensing, you know,
14 so -- but they talk about a lot of
15 things that are in your report as well.
16 It's really a very big deal actually.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, it's
18 important and --

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It is, yeah.

20 MAYOR STUESSI: -- you know,
21 it's not been updated a very long time.
22 We had a discussion about doing that --

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Yeah.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: -- as well.

25 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Just

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2 to answer Kasschau's question a little
3 bit, it does specify in here that it's
4 not an employee or an officer of the
5 Village on the board -- on the ethics
6 board.

7 VILLAGE CLERK HALL: Okay.

8 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
9 that also it's not someone who holds
10 elective office in the village or
11 is -- holds office in a partisan local
12 organization. Otherwise it's kind of
13 open to -- and they have to be residents
14 of the village.

15 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.
16 Usually the Town of Southold I think
17 reaches out to outside into the
18 community to do their ethics board.

19 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

20 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: And
21 they're also not a committee person. So
22 not somebody who's like another -- or
23 even like another -- I mean, how I read
24 it was a village committee. So
25 not -- because there could be some

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2 overlap. Yeah.

3 MAYOR STUESSI: All right. With
4 that, I'll make a motion to take a lunch
5 break and we'll see everybody back at
6 1:00 p.m.

7 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

9 DEPUTY MAYOR BRENNAN: Aye.

10 TRUSTEE DOUGHERTY-JOHNSON: Aye.

11 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.

12 (Aye said in unison.)

13 (Whereupon, a recess was taken
14 at this time.)

15 (Whereupon, the meeting was
16 adjourned at 11:57 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, LAURA M. PRISTINA, a Court Reporter and Notary Public, for and within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

THAT the above and foregoing contains a true and correct transcription of the proceedings held on February 19, 2026, and were reported by me.

THAT I am not connected by blood or marriage with any of the parties; that I am not interested directly or indirectly in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 19th day of February, 2026.



LAURA M. PRISTINA

Dear Members of the Board of Trustees,

I am writing to provide additional follow-up regarding the implementation of the Chapter 103 rental permit amendments and to express serious concern over the continuing failures of administration and oversight surrounding this matter.

At the January Board meeting, the Mayor stated that revised rental permit application forms and a corresponding FAQ would be posted imminently and that mailings regarding the new permitting requirements and phase-in deadlines were being sent to all current permit holders, as well as to anyone who had held a rental permit within the prior two years. Those representations were made on January 15.

As of today, my understanding is that the revised rental permit application forms—both for short-term and long-term rentals—remain unavailable in either electronic or hard-copy form. The only material that has been made publicly available is the FAQ posted on the Village website. An FAQ, standing alone, does not constitute an application process, nor does it provide property owners with a meaningful ability to comply with the law.

In response to my inquiries regarding the absence of the application forms, the Mayor has stated on at least three occasions that the issue was merely a website problem and that it was being corrected immediately. As of today, that representation has proven inaccurate. The continued unavailability of the forms raises serious concerns not only about administrative execution, but also about the reliability of information being provided to the Board and the public regarding the status of this program.

More troubling still, I have heard directly from several rental property owners who report that they have received no correspondence regarding the new permitting requirements, notwithstanding the statements made at the January meeting. Some owners have further advised that they were told by Village personnel that there is no record of rental permits previously issued to them at all. If accurate, this represents a serious breakdown in basic recordkeeping and raises profound concerns about the Village's ability to administer, track, or enforce any rental permitting regime, new or old.

These failures are occurring while the statutory phase-in period is rapidly expiring and while enforcement under the amended Code is scheduled to commence on March 1. Under the current circumstances—where application forms are unavailable, notices appear not to have been sent, permit records may be incomplete, and owners are receiving inconsistent information—it is difficult to understand how enforcement can reasonably or fairly begin on that date. Proceeding with enforcement under these conditions would invite confusion, noncompliance, and legal challenge based on lack of notice and administrative readiness.

This situation is particularly troubling given that, when these amendments were brought to the Board for adoption in November, assurances were given that sufficient resources were in place to administer and enforce the new framework. A significant component of enforcement was expressly tied to the revised application process. The fact that the law has now been in effect for over a month without functioning application forms, reliable permit records, or documented notice to affected property owners calls into serious question the accuracy of those assurances and reflects a fundamental failure of leadership and administrative preparedness.

This failure is compounded by additional unfulfilled commitments. At the January meeting, the Mayor indicated that a Building Department report would be added to the January work session agenda. To date, no such report has been provided. As a result, the Board—and the public—remain without even baseline information necessary to evaluate how this law is being administered, including staffing levels, workflow, permit tracking, complaint volume, and enforcement activity.

While the bulk of these failures lie with the Mayor and Village administration, the Board of Trustees has a fiduciary duty to the residents of the Village to provide meaningful oversight. That oversight is plainly not occurring. At this point, it is unclear whether the Board has access to, or has requested, even baseline information such as:

- how many rental permits have been issued over the past three years;
- how many **code complaints of any kind** have been submitted over the past three years, including complaints relating to rental properties, unauthorized building work, noise violations, site plan noncompliance, zoning violations, **and other similar matters**;
- how those complaints have been logged, investigated, and resolved;
- what enforcement actions, if any, have been taken in response; and
- whether the administration has the staffing, systems, and reporting mechanisms necessary to support consistent enforcement across all areas of the Code, including but not limited to the amended rental permit provisions.

Absent this information, the Board cannot credibly assess whether the current regulatory framework—or the Village’s code enforcement program more generally—is functional, enforceable, or fair.

Under these circumstances, the Board should adopt a **public resolution formally suspending enforcement of the amended rental permit provisions until April 1**, during which time the application process can be made fully operational, accurate permit records confirmed, meaningful notice provided to affected property owners, and regular reporting established.

Proceeding with enforcement before these basic prerequisites are in place would only compound the current failures and further erode public confidence in Village governance.

There should be no further discussion of additional Code amendments or new policy initiatives—particularly those involving similarly complex or sensitive issues—until the Village demonstrates that it can competently administer and enforce the laws already on the books. Proceeding otherwise only reinforces the perception that Village governance is disconnected from operational reality.

This situation cannot continue. The credibility of the Village Code, the integrity of the Board’s legislative function, and public confidence in Village Hall are all being undermined by the ongoing inability to execute basic administrative responsibilities.

I respectfully urge the Board to exercise its oversight authority, require meaningful and regular reporting from the administration, and adopt a public resolution suspending enforcement until April 1 to allow the rental permit framework to become demonstrably functional and fairly administered.

I respectfully submit the above as public comment for the next regularly scheduled Village Board of Trustees meeting and request they be made part of the official record

Respectfully submitted,

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