

VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

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VILLAGE OF GREENPORT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WORK SESSION

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LITTLE RED SCHOOLHOUSE

APRIL 9, 2026

6:00 P.M.

BEFORE:

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 ~ VILLAGE TREASURER

All interested parties

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MAYOR STUESSI: All right. I'd like to make a motion to open the Village of Greenport Board Tentative Budget meeting.

MR. BRENNAN: Second.

MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

THE BOARD: Aye.

MAYOR STUESSI: Motion carries and with that Treasurer Brautigam, thank you so much.

MR. BRAUTIGAM: Happy to be here.

MAYOR STUESSI: Appreciate all the work you have put into this under especially trying times with rapidly rising expenses which we know we are faced with on a daily basis. Everything from fuel to materials and the annual increases of labor to.

MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yes, yes. I'll be discussing that. I'm just gonna jump right into it.

Starting with the discussion on Property Taxes.

In fiscal year 2027, the proposed

1 property tax levy reflects an overall  
2 increase of 3.24%. This change is  
3 influenced in part by a slight  
4 decrease in the Village's taxable  
5 assessed value and as a result,  
6 approximately 0.62% of the increase is  
7 needed to simply to maintain the same  
8 level of revenue as last year. The  
9 remaining portion of the increase,  
10 2.62%, results in approximately  
11 \$37,437 in additional General Fund  
12 revenue. This additional revenue will  
13 help offset some anticipated  
14 reductions in recreation-related  
15 income and support ongoing Village  
16 operations. While the levy increase  
17 equates to approximately 2.62% in new  
18 revenue growth, the proposed levy  
19 remains fully compliant with the New  
20 York State tax levy limit. The  
21 allowable levy is \$1,518,709, which  
22 includes adjustments, and certain  
23 inclusions such as the PILOT payments.  
24 After allocating a portion to the  
25 business improvement district, the

1 Village proposes a levy of \$1,465,700.  
2 This ensures we remain fully compliant  
3 within state law while maintaining  
4 funding for operations.

5 Some notable changes in the  
6 General Fund Revenue this upcoming  
7 fiscal year as mentioned, we are  
8 projecting lower revenues across some  
9 of the recreation department. That  
10 includes the carousel, marina, and  
11 campground. This adjustment reflects  
12 current economic conditions, which may  
13 influence spending on recreational  
14 activities. These services are  
15 considered nonessential and  
16 discretionary in nature, and during  
17 periods of financial pressure,  
18 spending on these types of recreation  
19 are often reduced. This was mentioned  
20 by me at last years budget hearing as  
21 well, and we are expecting a similar  
22 trend in the new fiscal year.  
23 However, due to this village being  
24 proactive in revising a number of our  
25 "very outdated" fees, we are expecting

1 an increase in other rec center  
2 operations, such as summer camp and  
3 after school programs, as well as  
4 zoning and historical fees. In fact,  
5 there are many notable revenue  
6 generators that were updated and will  
7 be in effect in the budget this year.  
8 Fees associated with the railroad  
9 dock, Building permits, and rental  
10 permits- these projections were  
11 calculated with the assistance of  
12 staff from said departments. Revenue  
13 from our franchise fee can't go  
14 unmentioned. We saw higher revenue  
15 from it in this fiscal year than  
16 originally projected, and next fiscal  
17 year's budget encompasses what we hope  
18 to be a more realistic estimate. The  
19 franchise fee is still relatively new  
20 to the Village, so as time goes on  
21 we'll be able to more accurately  
22 predict that.

23 MAYOR STUESSI: This is the cable  
24 fee with Altice.

25 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yes. The same can

1 be said about paid parking. However,  
2 with the introduction of new zones and  
3 diligent enforcement, in the new  
4 fiscal year, the parking revenue  
5 REALLY helped tie this budget  
6 together. This current fiscal year  
7 did require us to pull from savings in  
8 order to meet our expenses, most  
9 notably an increased expense related  
10 to BAN interest payments. I'm pleased  
11 to report that projections for needing  
12 these savings in the next fiscal year  
13 have dropped by over 80%. This is the  
14 leading factor for the overall  
15 decrease in the general fund in fiscal  
16 year 2027. Since BAN payments have  
17 been heavily reduced, this means a  
18 reduction in overall expenses and  
19 therefore a decrease to the overall  
20 operating budget. This new figure  
21 allows us to maintain our operating  
22 expenses while staying within the  
23 perimeters of our reserves policy.

24 REGARDING EXPENSES LINES IN THE  
25 GENERAL FUND. For the most part, we

1 are really just seeing a reallocation  
2 of expense funding, where some lines  
3 that had low utilization were lowered  
4 and expense lines that have seen  
5 increased expenses raised. Notable  
6 expense lines that will see real  
7 material changes in fiscal year '27  
8 are related to building department  
9 staffing which has two full time  
10 positions budgeted, as well as a 33%  
11 increase for roads and sidewalk  
12 repairs. That increase is tied to the  
13 projected revenue from paid parking,  
14 where 10% of the estimated revenue  
15 will be added to our already existing  
16 expense line for repairs and upkeep to  
17 roads and sidewalks.

18 Some Other material changes to  
19 expenses lines include increased  
20 wages, increased rent at the rec  
21 center, and insurance. The average  
22 increase to our insurance is  
23 approximately 13%, but it does vary  
24 from fund to fund. Again, this  
25 budget, for the most part is seeing a

1 reallocation of existing expense  
2 lines. Regarding our general fund  
3 debt service schedule, we are seeing a  
4 decrease in interest payments and an  
5 increase to principal payments. This  
6 follows a typical amortization  
7 schedule and is normal.

8 FIRE DEPARTMENT. Overall, the  
9 fire department is seeing a budget  
10 increase of 3.85%, most of that  
11 additional \$52,000 is going towards  
12 insurance increases and their Fire  
13 apparatus account, basically their  
14 savings account. The Fire department  
15 has been vocal about the need for  
16 future funding for repairs and  
17 restoration to the fire house, as well  
18 as replacement of equipment in the  
19 upcoming years. This 20% increase to  
20 savings contribution is a step in that  
21 direction. Other increases for the  
22 Fire Department include additional  
23 funding for wages, they do have a  
24 full-time person there, materials and  
25 supplies, and medical equipment.

1           I would like to briefly touch on  
2           the Mini Railroad as well. The  
3           Village had removed both expense and  
4           revenue projections from the 2027  
5           tentative budgets due to a pending  
6           negotiations with the Rotary, which  
7           had panned to take up operations. As  
8           it now appears that an agreement is  
9           unlikely to be finalized before the  
10          implementation of this budget,  
11          adjustments will likely need to be  
12          made to the corresponding revenue and  
13          expense lines. These changes are  
14          expected to be budget neutral, but  
15          will increase the total general fund  
16          operations by about half a percent to  
17          .75%.

18          Moving onto the enterprise funds.  
19          WATER. Similarly to last years budget  
20          hearing, we are again projecting  
21          minimal growth in usage. The growth  
22          in additional funding we plan to see  
23          is strictly tied to the previous rate  
24          study, which called for an increase to  
25          our water rates. However this

1           increase wont go before the board  
2           until about halfway through the fiscal  
3           year this allows a 12 month gap  
4           in-between increases, with the last  
5           rate increase being in November 2025.  
6           In addition to that revenue, I will  
7           say, I'm always impressed when  
8           reviewing the revenues from our water  
9           machine. We've seen steady growth  
10          there, and its also a great benefit to  
11          the residents. You'll see a line in  
12          the water budget that calls for the  
13          Village taking reserves, and I want to  
14          explain what that really means and  
15          just as importantly, what it doesn't  
16          mean. We have once again budgeted to  
17          pull from our savings to cover the  
18          difference in the water budget. This  
19          will assist in covering operating  
20          expenses, while also decreasing our  
21          water savings, which is cash heavy. I  
22          would like to clarify, this approach  
23          is consistent with the recommendations  
24          of our rate study and helps us  
25          maintain more stable and lower water

1 rates for our users. This line is  
2 about stability, not ongoing  
3 overspending. As I'm sure the board  
4 recalls, the last rate study  
5 recommended gradually blending a  
6 portion of our water savings into the  
7 operating budget while still  
8 implementing rate increases to support  
9 long-term sustainability. Regarding  
10 the water department expenses. We do  
11 anticipate an increase to general  
12 insurance- this unfortunately has  
13 become the new standard year over  
14 year. We are also seeing expense  
15 increases in labor costs as well as  
16 funds allotted for water samples- we  
17 preform water tests for quality  
18 assurance on a monthly bases.

19 We also plan to see an increased  
20 expense associated with New York State  
21 Local Retirement contributions this is  
22 prevalent across all of our enterprise  
23 funds.

24 SEWERS. Looking at the revenues  
25 just like to the water utility, there

1 will be a proposed increase to our  
2 sewer rates. This again is following  
3 the structure of our previous rate  
4 study. Due to the potential  
5 implementation dates of the increase,  
6 again, that being, halfway through our  
7 fiscal year, the maximum additional  
8 revenue it could produce would about  
9 9%. However, this budget calls for a  
10 weighted average increase of about 5%  
11 - the difference reflects conservative  
12 corrections to prior revenue  
13 assumptions and actual billing  
14 experience. Revenue is affected by a  
15 number of things, consumption,  
16 seasonal patterns, and a customer mix,  
17 being inside village vs outside  
18 village customers, residential vs  
19 commercial, etcetera. In this case,  
20 for both water and sewer- an increase  
21 in rates does not automatically  
22 produce a proportional increase in  
23 total collections. Regarding the  
24 sewer department expenses for fiscal  
25 year 2027 the additional projected

1 revenue I just mentioned is being  
2 absorbed into existing expense lines  
3 that are in great need of further  
4 funding. Pump station equipment-pump  
5 station repairs, plant equipment,  
6 general maintenance, equipment to  
7 treat the waste water- are all lines  
8 getting much needed bumps. In  
9 addition to that more funding for  
10 insurance, wages, and New York State  
11 Retirement funds.

12 For the Light Department. I  
13 received information after the  
14 tentative budget was submitted that  
15 will require us to alter the 2027  
16 budget for the light dept, however, it  
17 can be categorized as good news. When  
18 the current fiscal year began, we  
19 budgeted \$690,000 for the TCC contract  
20 based on the prior year's cost.  
21 Shortly after the budget was finalized  
22 this fiscal year, we were informed  
23 that the actual cost would be lower,  
24 at about \$448,000. When preparing the  
25 tentative 2027 budget, there was still

1           some uncertainty as to whether that  
2           reduced amount would remain the same  
3           or change. To be conservative and  
4           avoid under budgeting, we again used  
5           the \$690,000 figure. We have since  
6           received the finalized cost for the  
7           upcoming year, which has come in even  
8           lower, at \$263,000. Because this is a  
9           pass-through charge, we will be  
10          reducing both the expense and the  
11          revenue in the budget to reflect this  
12          change. This does not negatively  
13          impact the Village's finances.

14          Instead, it represents a cost savings  
15          to our utility customers, as the lower  
16          expense results in lower charges being  
17          passed along. We will update the  
18          budget accordingly to reflect these  
19          revised figures, and the tentative  
20          budget will be altered at the April  
21          regular meeting at the time of its  
22          adoption. This will change the  
23          overall electric fund budget from a  
24          4.8% increase, to a 5.5% decrease.  
25          Again, this only effects pass through

1 charges, and does not negatively  
2 impact the Villages finances. Just to  
3 clarify I know I've spoken about this  
4 the TCC contract is basically a  
5 financial instrument tied to the power  
6 market that helps manage transmission  
7 costs. It acts as a hedge against  
8 those congestion related prices.

9 However, in addition to that we are  
10 also seeing an increase in the cost of  
11 power to the Village. This increase  
12 is not a pass-through charge on the  
13 billings and it's a piece of the power  
14 bill that the Village pays from our  
15 base rate, not the PPA, which  
16 encompasses the pass-through I just  
17 mentioned. This means it affects the  
18 Village's operating costs rather than  
19 being recovered from customers. This  
20 increase is driven by broader market  
21 conditions in the energy sector,  
22 including overall supply costs and  
23 market pricing pressures within the  
24 utility. Unlike the TCC adjustment,  
25 which flows through and is offset on

1 the customer side, this portion  
2 represents a true net cost to the  
3 Village's electric fund. With that in  
4 mind, I will be looking to conduct a  
5 rate study on our electric rates this  
6 upcoming fiscal year to review our  
7 base rates. The goal is to ensure  
8 that our rates are sustainable and  
9 cover ongoing operating, while keeping  
10 the Light Fund financially stable. A  
11 rate study will give us the data  
12 needed to make informed adjustments  
13 and plan for future expenses. The  
14 last light audit suggested this,  
15 noting our base rate per kilowatt  
16 hasn't changed in 19 years.

17 So-what does all this mean? Well,  
18 while a portion of our power bill is  
19 decreasing due to lower TCC pass  
20 through charges, a different portion  
21 of our power bill, that is not a pass  
22 through charge, is increasing. Until  
23 the rate study is completed, the  
24 utility customers wont see this added  
25 cost. We will not know the net effect

1           until the rate study is done. However  
2           the decrease to the pass through  
3           charges will take effect shortly,  
4           while the findings of the rate study  
5           could be a year away.

6           To continue we project a decrease  
7           in revenue from streetlights, as we  
8           modernize the fixtures with LED  
9           components. Remember the general fund  
10          does pay the electric fund for the  
11          power used on the streetlights.  
12          Notable expenses for the light  
13          department follow similar trends as the  
14          other enterprise funds, again,  
15          insurance, wages, NYSLR contributions.

16          In addition to those expenses, as  
17          I just mentioned, the cost of power  
18          itself is increasing, as well as  
19          expenses lines for repairs to  
20          equipment. Thank you.

21                 Questions?

22                 MAYOR STUESSI: Trustee Phillips  
23                 would you like to start? And thank  
24                 you great job, Adam.

25                 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It is a tight

1 budget. Couple of things.  
2 Equalization rate, you might want to  
3 explain -- I mean, I could explain it  
4 but I think it would be better for you  
5 explain in context to the budget.

6 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Absolutely. So  
7 equalization rate as Trustee Phillips  
8 is mentioning regards our reliably  
9 taxes, our assessed value versus  
10 market values for the homes within the  
11 Village of Greenport. An equalization  
12 rate is a percentage that represents  
13 the relationship the between a  
14 properties assessed value and  
15 estimated market values. Over the  
16 past few years you may have noticed  
17 that the Villages equalization rate  
18 didn't shrink or even decline. What  
19 this means in simple terms is that the  
20 mark values have been increasing  
21 faster than the assessed value used  
22 for taxation. This is something we  
23 see in other communities especially in  
24 areas where real estate markets have  
25 moved quickly. We are hopeful that

1 over time the equalization rate will  
2 stabilize and better reflect current  
3 market conditions. If and when it  
4 does it wouldn't mean increased to  
5 taxes across the board. It would just  
6 make sure that each property is paying  
7 their fair share based on the actual  
8 value.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'd did  
10 discover, not discover, but I asked  
11 the wrong questions in the last couple  
12 of days and with the increase in the  
13 building department staffing, my  
14 understanding is that Southold Town  
15 picks up the reports from the building  
16 department to do this. Okay. Is  
17 there -- I understand from the  
18 building inspector when I asked him  
19 today that the Town of Southold has  
20 been behind on this in this particular  
21 situation. So is there any  
22 information coming from Southold Town  
23 as when they catch up with some of  
24 these because they -- my understanding  
25 is when a building permit is issued

1 and they receive it in Town they go  
2 out to take an assessment of the  
3 property. Apparently they are way  
4 behind on that. Is there anyway we  
5 can kind of, I mean we're not gonna  
6 get the point 88 that we had 8 years  
7 ago, but I see the Town of Southold is  
8 at point 55 as well as us. And since  
9 they do our assessments is there any  
10 way we can kind of --

11 MR. BRAUTIGAM: I'm not sure what  
12 legal ability we have to step in on  
13 that. Along time ago we basically  
14 sacrificed the ability to do that and  
15 passed it over to the Town. I am  
16 aware that the tax rate for the Town  
17 is as well as our equalization rate.  
18 And to your point exactly that, I  
19 mean, we used to share a software in  
20 which it was transmitted  
21 electronically. Since that fell  
22 through as you mentioned our current  
23 building inspector has been physically  
24 dropping off boxes of building  
25 permits. These permits to my

1           understanding on the Town's end need  
2           to be reviewed.  Somebody has to  
3           physically go to these properties and  
4           reassess them.  It's also worth  
5           mentioning that our tax roll is  
6           basically a year behind that.

7           TRUSTEE PHILLIPS:  That was  
8           exactly the other thing.

9           MR. BRAUTIGAM:  So that also comes  
10          into play as well.  Although --

11          MAYOR STUESSI:  And they have made  
12          some staffing changes over there and  
13          have brought a new team on.  Have they  
14          been responsive on these issues?

15          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS:  Yeah, no I'm  
16          not questioning that I'm just -- it's  
17          a point of where our property values  
18          the assessments are one thing but we  
19          are all very much aware as what the  
20          sales of properties have been here.  
21          So it effects our budget.

22          MR. BRAUTIGAM:  It does.  It does  
23          and you can see within the budget  
24          packet that the taxable full value has  
25          gone up 50% in the last couple of

1 years. Meanwhile our taxable assessed  
2 value is stagnant or decreasing.  
3 These are definitely concerns that  
4 this Village should be worried with.

5 TRUSTEE ROBINS: It's a trend  
6 throughout the whole area.

7 MR. BRAUTIGAM: It is yeah, right  
8 like as I mentioned you will see this  
9 in other communities, not just the  
10 Village, not just the Town of  
11 Southold. Unfortunately I believe we  
12 really just have to wait until it  
13 catches up before we are able to do  
14 anything, but perhaps we can consult.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: It's worth putting  
16 on the agenda for our next joint  
17 meeting with Southold Town.

18 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what I'm  
19 saying. I think also it would  
20 worthwhile to look at the legal way.  
21 I know when the assessing office was  
22 disbanded here in the Village of  
23 Greenport there was an old time  
24 agreement. I'm just wondering if  
25 there was somehow we can update that

1 agreement and talk to the Town to give  
2 us at least the opportunity to  
3 participate in the grievance process,  
4 which I think we should be able to do.  
5 I'm putting it on the table.

6 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, that was a  
7 request in the past if you recall on  
8 significant property.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, I just  
10 think it behooves us to start asking  
11 those questions and trying to see if  
12 there's some way to work it out.

13 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I don't know if  
14 Adam if you know when Southold Village  
15 issues a permit and they go and  
16 reassess the property do they come  
17 back again after the project is done  
18 and reassess?

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: And the value  
21 would go up?

22 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

23 TRUSTEE ROBINS: So there's two  
24 assessments basically.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: My

1           understanding from the Town is that  
2           they take the initial and go out to --  
3           after they have the permit they take a  
4           look. They see whether it's new  
5           stage, old stage I mean new stage,  
6           partial or it's completely finished  
7           and then they decide how many times  
8           they go back.

9           TRUSTEE ROBINS: So, I was feeling  
10          the backlog was more in terms of  
11          staffing and people there.

12          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well it has  
13          been the problem.

14          MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, I mean as  
15          much construction as we see here in  
16          the Village right now, you can imagine  
17          how much we don't see throughout the  
18          Town it's so spread out. The good  
19          news though as he pointed out with the  
20          proposal from George, our building  
21          inspector, to make the changes on our  
22          permit fees which the Board did see  
23          significant increase in fees. This  
24          also goes down to corresponding  
25          construction and when it's completed

1 and we get the Town to reassess it  
2 will be enormously helpful. So you  
3 can look at something like the  
4 Greenporter Hotel alone which I think  
5 is investing somewhere north of \$6  
6 mill, those permit fees were, you  
7 know, something like, what was it  
8 15-\$16,000.

9 MR. BRAUTIGAM: I believe the  
10 current renovation that their doing is  
11 approximately \$1 mill.

12 MAYOR STUESSI: That's hard  
13 construction I'm saying total cost.

14 MR. BRAUTIGAM: It was about  
15 \$15,000. 1.5% of the budget cost,  
16 yes.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Literally they  
18 don't calculate, pardon me for  
19 interjecting, the total cost is  
20 everything, soup to nuts of buying new  
21 beds and everything else.

22 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Oh, yes.  
23 Construction was approximately \$1  
24 mill.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, I mean,

1           in the meantime I think it's a topic  
2           that we need to find sources of  
3           revenue or other sources to increase  
4           the availability in the budget. This  
5           is one, this is a big one. I've  
6           talked about it for a couple of years.

7           MR. BRAUTIGAM: This is a big one.  
8           It would mean the Village would be  
9           able to collect more tax revenues  
10          without actually increasing taxes.

11          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Taxes. That  
12          the general goal. We may not be  
13          actually dealing with the line items  
14          that you have right here but it's  
15          looking -- projecting that into the  
16          future to start something in motion so  
17          that we have some type of revenue  
18          increase ie; like parking fees. It's  
19          a thought.

20          MR. BRENNAN: So what are our  
21          implications of our budget? So while  
22          we have a decreasing equalization rate  
23          because we have a decreasing, well not  
24          decreasing, it says "the market value  
25          has out-stricken the assessed value."

1           So to the extend that there moving  
2           away from each other the equalization  
3           rate is going down.

4           MR. BRAUTIGAM: Correct, yes.

5           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So my  
6           understanding is that's gonna run into  
7           a tax cap problem, right? Because the  
8           rate that we could -- as the value  
9           goes down we have to increase the tax  
10          rate to cut the same amount of  
11          revenue. So is that gonna run ahead  
12          head long into tax cut calculation the  
13          following year?

14          MR. BRAUTIGAM: Well as the  
15          taxable full value increases that  
16          doesn't affect our tax cap, and the  
17          taxable assessed value if it's stays  
18          the same rate it collects the same.  
19          What it does is it puts limits on it.  
20          It doesn't necessarily mean we'll be  
21          collecting less money but it limits  
22          the ability for us to collect more  
23          money.

24          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Right, because  
25          of the cap.

1 MR. BRAUTIGAM: The cap comes into  
2 play.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: When you get  
4 the total from New York State  
5 regarding the tax levy limit don't you  
6 receive and amount from the State or  
7 some sort of rate or something, I  
8 can't remember?

9 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yes, yes, the  
10 benefit that New York State provides  
11 the tax cap basically.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think  
13 equalization rate plays a part in that  
14 figure, if I remember correctly.

15 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yeah, the current  
16 tax cap is \$1,518,709. That's the  
17 most this Village is allowed to  
18 collect without piercing the tax cap,  
19 which is what we are proposing in the  
20 budget minus the BID, which brings us  
21 to \$1,465,700.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: To be clear you  
23 are not proposing to pierce the tax  
24 cap.

25 MR. BRAUTIGAM: I am not proposing

1 to pierce the tax cap.

2 MAYOR STUESSI: It sounded the  
3 other way for a second. For the  
4 benefit of the recorder.

5 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Oh, I'm sorry.

6 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What do we think  
7 is going on with the assessed values,  
8 because we saw them rising slowly from  
9 '23 to '25 and then after '25 the  
10 assessed values started dropping off.  
11 So it's going the opposite direction  
12 between '25 and '26.

13 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Well the taxable  
14 assessed value has only been due to  
15 grievances that are lowering it. If  
16 that wasn't the case it would be the  
17 same. It's not, as I mentioned, it's  
18 not increasing at the same level that  
19 the full value, which limits us.

20 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Decreases due to  
21 grievances like Augland and the  
22 not-for-profits.

23 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

24 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And the loss of  
25 the property taxes from some

1 not-for-profits was a big hit this  
2 year, I believe.

3 MR. BRAUTIGAM: It did come in --  
4 it did factor in.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Which is the  
6 reason why we need to talk to the Town  
7 about assessments. I find it hard to  
8 believe that granted they're  
9 not-for-profits but they're receiving  
10 rent and they've partaken of our  
11 services of sidewalks and whatever so,  
12 it's kind of a hard pill to swallow.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I think it's  
14 normal.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah.

16 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I know it's  
17 normal but it's hard to swallow.

18 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: But with the  
19 equalization rate taken into account.  
20 The assessed market value of even an  
21 nonprofit that's not paying taxes,  
22 property taxes is part of that?

23 MR. BRAUTIGAM: It is, yeah.

24 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: So that could be  
25 large. That is a large part of our --

1           MR. BRAUTIGAM: It is relevant but  
2           considering our total full value is  
3           almost --

4           TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Yeah, I know  
5           it's just that Southold is at the same  
6           rate is probably it's just that the  
7           assessment is not catching up.

8           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So other than  
9           grievances and properties coming off  
10          the tax rolls there's nothing else  
11          that's contributing to the decrease in  
12          assessed value, right?

13          MR. BRAUTIGAM: No.

14          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Nobody's homes  
15          are getting assessed for less?

16          MR. BRAUTIGAM: No, very  
17          infrequently does that happen.

18          MAYOR STUESSI: Trustee Phillips  
19          any more questions for Adam?

20          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh the IT  
21          audit. I noticed you have a set  
22          amount for the computer lines. I'm  
23          assuming that after we have this audit  
24          we'll probably have to be dealing with  
25          some purchasing of equipment. Are we

1 going to be comfortable with what we  
2 have in that? Or we don't -- it's an  
3 unknown?

4 MR. BRAUTIGAM: It's an unknown.  
5 Unfortunately this is ongoing.  
6 There's a very good possibility that  
7 we won't even know the affect of this  
8 audit until next budget year, however,  
9 that's not a guarantee it's possible  
10 we may. But considering we don't know  
11 the extent of what we may need to  
12 upgrade I wasn't able to budge for it  
13 accordingly.

14 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The outside  
15 sewer. You mentioned the amount of  
16 money that is trying to collect at the  
17 moment.

18 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

19 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Do we need  
20 legal to pursue something or --

21 MAYOR STUESSI: We did get one  
22 nice check recently.

23 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yes, we did. I  
24 have spoken to legal about it in the  
25 past. I would like to revisit that

1 conversation from input from the Board  
2 as well. It is a concern and our  
3 options are limited so I would like to  
4 hear what legal options are.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: These are for  
6 properties that are outside the  
7 incorporated Village of Greenport?

8 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

9 TRUSTEE PHILLIP: Okay. Because I  
10 believe the other part of this is that  
11 outside hookups in the future need to  
12 have some protections written in the  
13 agreements.

14 BRAUTIGAM: Going forward I  
15 believe we should have firm contracts  
16 with them.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: I'm going to  
18 suggest we table this conversation for  
19 legal because we're already in ongoing  
20 conversations with legal about it. We  
21 need to be careful.

22 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's all. I  
23 just wanted to know.

24 MAYOR STUESSI: With properties  
25 that are not compliant.

1 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I actually just  
2 wanted to know if he was gonna go  
3 after the collection agency for the  
4 money if it was available.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: But he did receive  
6 a nice check, and how much was that?

7 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Oh, gosh \$60,000.

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Deputy Mayor  
9 Brennan?

10 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, well  
11 thanks Adam. Thanks for the time that  
12 you also spent with me and this week  
13 and the other Trustees did as well.  
14 I'm impressed with your command of --  
15 I know it's your job but it's very  
16 fast with the whole thing. What I  
17 want to talk about it some big picture  
18 things. So from the discussion that  
19 you and I had I just want to talk  
20 about some of the assumptions that  
21 went into out assets and services that  
22 generate fees. So we talked a little  
23 bit about this yesterday about the  
24 marina and the campground for example.  
25 I think you were projecting lower

1 revenues or flat; is correct?

2 MR. BRAUTIGAM: They were lower.

3 And I am predicting a decrease, well a

4 lot goes into that, historical trends,

5 recently, specifically with the

6 current ongoing economic conditions I

7 really focused on the most up to date

8 records that I had this fiscal year to

9 see where we might be headed with

10 that. And it's always, always we're

11 concerned with that as well so.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So things like

13 fuel will impact the marina,

14 campground?

15 MR. BRAUTIGAM: The campground,

16 and the cost of fuel, insurance for

17 these RV's and boats, yes. I think

18 that all comes into play.

19 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And then also

20 talking about fees coming off of our

21 services like water, sewer and

22 electric and you just touched on that.

23 I think the water you have is

24 essentially flat, right? There's like

25 no growth.

1           MR. BRAUTIGAM: I believe the  
2           commercial water I had was flat. We  
3           are seeing slight increases with  
4           residential water but again, that is  
5           mostly contributed to the proposed  
6           rate increase. I'm not expecting  
7           additional water sales.

8           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And because the  
9           Village built out, is that why?

10          MR. BRAUTIGAM: That is definitely  
11          a big factor of it. We're not  
12          receiving a lot of hookups obviously  
13          because of the size of the Village and  
14          how mosts posts are already built on.

15          TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Does the water  
16          affect the sewer?

17          MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yeah, so the way  
18          we calculate the sewer is 90% of the  
19          water usage we charge sewer for.

20          TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So they'll track  
21          together to your point. So that's  
22          disconcerting to me because the fees  
23          are an important part of our overall  
24          budget, right. And so we're kind of  
25          maxed or we're hitting a flat area

1 almost.

2 MR. BRAUTIGAM: The numbers would  
3 definitely show that.

4 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well I think  
5 that's why the east west study was  
6 done years ago. Was that because we  
7 were going to eventually become flat  
8 that outside hookups would become  
9 important to us and in planning out  
10 how much we could actually do for  
11 outside hookups to increase the  
12 revenue suitable for, you know, the  
13 water consumption. They are tied  
14 together so if there isn't an increase  
15 in the incorporated Village to offset  
16 the water and sewer then we need to go  
17 outside for. That's why I'm asking.

18 MR. BRAUTIGAM: That's a great  
19 point, yes.

20 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what the  
21 point of a great question.

22 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: How do we charge  
23 of sewer outside of the Village if  
24 we're not providing water.

25 MR. BRAUTIGAM: So the way we

1           calculated it, Suffolk County Water  
2           Authority provides water to these  
3           residents. Their bill is estimated  
4           for 2 months and on the 3rd month I  
5           actually get a water report directly  
6           from Suffolk County Water Authority.  
7           So Suffolk County Water Authority  
8           notifies me of how much water they  
9           sold to these properties and their  
10          bills are adjusted accordingly.

11           TRUSTEE JOHNSON: So your saying  
12          the same thing they're assuming 90%.

13           MR. BRAUTIGAM: Oh yes. Yes,  
14          assuming 90% of the water goes right  
15          back down the drain.

16           TRUSTEE JOHNSON: So that's what  
17          you charge.

18           MR. BRAUTIGAM: Correct, yes. Um,  
19          you know the bills that we the Village  
20          give to these outside sewer district  
21          are one thing, but also the connection  
22          fee is a big part of it. We charge  
23          \$15,000 for an outside sewer  
24          connection and that's relevant in the  
25          budget as well.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Is that per  
2 connection or is that -- does it  
3 factor for the size?

4 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Per connection.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Per connection  
6 I think that's how the code reads.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So how does a  
8 multi family unit pay for that?

9 MR. BRAUTIGAM: If it was a two  
10 family home, it's one.

11 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: What about a  
12 complex of homes?

13 MR. BRAUTIGAM: It would be one  
14 connection.

15 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: You can have a  
16 two family that have separate meters.  
17 You can get them separately.

18 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Usually it would  
19 be one sewer hookup per structure.  
20 However, at Trustee Brennan just to  
21 your point, while the connection fee  
22 would be one flat rate. The fees  
23 associated with a larger service would  
24 net more revenue for us.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, ongoing

1 fees. Yeah, I'm just thinking about  
2 when we have a larger residential  
3 project that includes multiple homes  
4 or a resort of something like that.

5 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We've had that  
6 in the past. We've had that in the  
7 past with other issues that have been  
8 resolved over the years.

9 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Would an ADU  
10 possibly in the future have separate  
11 sewer hookup.

12 TRUSTEE ROBINS: I don't think so.

13 MAYOR STUESSI: It would be off  
14 the main one for the house but you  
15 would generate more revenue off of it.

16 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Right, it would be  
17 higher usage but it would still be one  
18 bill coming every month.

19 TRUSTEE ROBINS: The accounts are  
20 all in the name of the homeowner,  
21 right?

22 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: I fell like  
23 there are properties currently that  
24 have a separate that I know of.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: With separate

1 water meters?

2 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: I believe so.

3 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Separate water  
4 meters for one building?

5 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: No, several  
6 buildings, two. Two buildings.

7 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Interesting.

8 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: I could be  
9 wrong. There's some anomalies in our  
10 Village or we're not -- with respect  
11 to anomalies.

12 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I know to speak  
13 to the point of irrigations because  
14 irrigation uses water as well because  
15 they have separate meters within the  
16 Village but also we have some out of  
17 the Village. With the sewer situation  
18 if they have if they have irrigation  
19 outside of the Village their water has  
20 to be adjusted because it's the actual  
21 usage for the sewer. In other words  
22 we're not charging them for  
23 irrigation.

24 MR. BRAUTIGAM: No, we don't  
25 charge for irrigation because that

1 would be provided by Suffolk County  
2 Water Authority.

3 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, but they  
4 have to have separate meters for their  
5 irrigation to read it to them I  
6 believe.

7 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yes, when I  
8 receive the report from Suffolk County  
9 Water Authority it does distinguish  
10 the two meters, the house meter and  
11 the irrigation. We only apply sewer  
12 charges to the household.

13 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: And don't we do  
14 that in the Village also?

15 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yes.

16 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Adam, can you  
17 just talk a little bit more about the  
18 reserve spending. You mentioned that  
19 we put like \$60,000 from reserves this  
20 year. How much did we spend last year  
21 from reserves?

22 MR. BRAUTIGAM: So at last years  
23 budget hearing there was a gap in the  
24 budget to increase interest costs for  
25 short term loans to the tune of

1           \$260,000. We did budget in this  
2           fiscal year to pull from reserves just  
3           over \$300,000 just to cover that  
4           difference. I did pull all of those  
5           funds. This year as we go into it our  
6           short term interest is much lower, at  
7           around \$62,000 so we're only going to  
8           be pulling \$60,000. This will fall in  
9           line with our reserve funds policy for  
10          the general fund.

11           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Which is what?

12           MR. BRAUTIGAM: 15% of the  
13          operating budget.

14           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: But we're maxed  
15          at \$60,000 to stay within 15%  
16          threshold?

17           MR. BRAUTIGAM: We don't want to  
18          take any more than that.

19           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: The implication  
20          is that next year unless we're  
21          replenishing reserves we're at zero  
22          dollars to pull from reserves.

23           MR. BRAUTIGAM: Ideally we don't  
24          want to pull from reserves.

25           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: I know and I

1 agree we shouldn't be using reserves  
2 to operate but we are. And are these  
3 directionally -- are we going in the  
4 right direction because we're pulling  
5 less from reserves this year than we  
6 did last year, but next year is not  
7 going to be a discretionary decision  
8 there is no. There will be no funds  
9 available beyond 15%.

10 MR. BRAUTIGAM: If we have short  
11 term debt last year we would have to  
12 take it from our current operating  
13 budget and cut the expense line to  
14 fund that.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: Or raise taxes.

16 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Or raise taxes.

17 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So I think that  
18 most of what we're talking about, the  
19 fees and the projections for the  
20 marina and the campground, water being  
21 flat, sewer will also track flat  
22 eventually because they are tied  
23 together, water and sewer.

24 MR. BRAUTIGAM: They would,  
25 hypothetically, yes.

1 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And our reserves  
2 being -- being maxed out on our  
3 reserves, it just indicates that the  
4 2027/28 budget is going to be even  
5 tighter.

6 MR. BRAUTIGAM: I would agree.

7 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So we really, we  
8 talked about this earlier, we really  
9 have to find other ways to update our  
10 fees this year. I know we made good  
11 progress but we have to do more.

12 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yes, we made great  
13 progress on it. I know in discussion  
14 with some of the different department  
15 heads now on what we can revise but  
16 there still just preliminary  
17 discussions at this point. When I  
18 have more information and more  
19 comparable's on some of these fees  
20 I'll be bringing them to the Boards  
21 attention.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: I think an example  
23 to your point, Deputy Mayor Brennan,  
24 would be looking at the marina. And  
25 so, wow we thought might we be able to

1 raise rates? When you look at some of  
2 the other comparable's it doesn't make  
3 sense to raise rates right now  
4 especially when we're seeing a  
5 softening market with folks who are  
6 going to be less apt to bring the  
7 boats in with the cost of fuel and  
8 everything else going up. But world  
9 events hopefully will find us in a  
10 better place too. That would be a  
11 very logical one to look at.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yep, I think  
13 there's two things going on there  
14 though. I think we might be looking  
15 at a temporary softening market due  
16 geopolitical things and the cost of  
17 fuel, but the trends in our users are  
18 is probably also changing. So we were  
19 talking about this before. We would  
20 have to have fewer small boat  
21 customers.

22 MAYOR STUESSI: If we could get  
23 another yacht here we would be in  
24 business.

25 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So, you know, in

1           some sense I hear folks say we have to  
2           make sure that we have opportunities  
3           for small boaters, mom and pop, this  
4           and that, but we have -- these are  
5           Village assets and we have to put them  
6           to use. We have an obligation to try  
7           to reposition the asset to the  
8           marketplace because I'm not so sure  
9           that the overall recreational boater  
10          market is softening. So we just --  
11          I'm sure you all know that this week  
12          it was announced that a high-end yacht  
13          dealer, boat operator bought one of  
14          our marina's in Southold. So that  
15          being the case that business thinks  
16          that there's growth opportunity in  
17          this area for a higher-end boat. It's  
18          a larger boat, a more expensive boat  
19          than the current operation.

20                 MAYOR STUESSI: We see that with  
21                 Safe Harbor reconfiguring their  
22                 organization.

23                 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: So, it behooves  
24                 us to think that too in what we can do  
25                 with our assets to best capitalize

1           where the market is shifting if it is.  
2           Same thing with the campground. So  
3           will that just soften because of fuel  
4           costs or the use of the campground is  
5           trending in the wrong direction  
6           generally. Do we need to do something  
7           with our campground to upgrade it or  
8           improve it, or something to attract  
9           into the fall.

10           MAYOR STUESSI: One of the things  
11           we see happening with campgrounds  
12           across the country, privately owned  
13           and municipal ones is they're  
14           converting over to glamping. And it's  
15           become really successful and a big  
16           growing business. Because the  
17           customers aren't looking to spend all  
18           their money at a fancy hotel like the  
19           Morraine, may not be ready for a  
20           weekend vacation rental and don't want  
21           to invest in a motor home but are  
22           looking for some sort of upgraded  
23           experience.

24           TRUSTEE BRENNAN: Yeah, so those  
25           sort of adjustments are gonna require

1 more capital investment like the other  
2 campgrounds. And so we're going into  
3 next year without reserves because  
4 reserves would be a good thing to pull  
5 from for a capital project. So we  
6 need to look for other ways to raise  
7 capital for that.

8 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think that's  
9 a discussion that merits some research  
10 into what New York State Department of  
11 Recreation as far as funding is doing.  
12 I think we need to look into dealing  
13 with sewer, you know, there's  
14 opportunities for moneys from New York  
15 Environmental fund to deal with  
16 planning for increasing the sewer  
17 either two directions, east or west.  
18 I think that this budget brings to  
19 light, that we, as you said before,  
20 and I think I eluded to, we need to be  
21 -- this is a tight budget. Next year  
22 is gonna be tighter. This year is the  
23 year that we have to start projecting  
24 at looking at other ways to increase  
25 the revenue other than on the tax

1 payer. One of my questions is like  
2 for the sewer and electric department.  
3 Do we have capital budgets for them?  
4 So that from your year I know the  
5 sewer with the upgrade there came a  
6 timeline on the equipment, well we're  
7 at that timeline. So is it time to  
8 reevaluate looking to upgrade certain  
9 -- you know we've been doing a lot but  
10 what more can we do?

11 MR. BRAUTIGAM: I believe the  
12 sewer is currently undergoing upgrades  
13 right now as we were calling last year  
14 to upgrade infrastructure essentially.  
15 I will say that just like while the  
16 general fund reserve policy is at 15%  
17 we also have reserves for like water  
18 and sewer as well and those were more  
19 flexible.

20 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Last -- I don't  
21 know how many years ago it was but  
22 like the micro grid project where we  
23 got all the new poles throughout the  
24 Village was huge for us too.

25 TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I think we need

1 to place the crystal ball on there, as  
2 in my household, just start looking at  
3 things and discussing them at the work  
4 sessions to provide for management to  
5 get ideas with key project or what we  
6 as the Board feel isn't important and  
7 I'm assuming you agree with me?

8 MAYOR STUESSI: Yeah, we should  
9 look at assets that we own that may  
10 not be used and whether there are  
11 better uses for it.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: The last thing I  
13 want to touch on is the fire  
14 department budget. I know that you  
15 increased the line item for the  
16 apparatus replacement fund, which is  
17 helpful. It's not as much as the fire  
18 department wanted and I understand  
19 that they really got their request in  
20 too late. So the way I look at it's  
21 not too late to get in a line item.  
22 The fire department made a pretty good  
23 effort this year in trying to at least  
24 forecast their capital expenditure.  
25 So I want to encourage them to just

1 continue with that work and have it in  
2 better shape for December of this  
3 coming year.

4 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Some preliminary  
5 talks with the fire department as far  
6 as amounts that they think that they  
7 would need and getting to those  
8 amounts if you can see that.

9 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: More work to be  
10 done on that.

11 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yeah, always.

12 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: That's it.

13 Thank you.

14 MAYOR STUESSI: Trustee Robins, do  
15 you have any questions for?

16 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Just a couple of  
17 comments. So Adam, going back to the  
18 TCC charges. You know, this is  
19 obviously good for us but is this just  
20 a one year thing this TCC? There's no  
21 guarantee it's gonna be like that next  
22 year, correct?

23 MR. TRUSTEE: Correct, originally  
24 going back 2 years now, we were on a  
25 12 year contract. At \$690,000 year

1 and at the time that was a great deal.

2 When the 12 years expired and we

3 received the 1 year contract for about

4 \$450,000 we were pleased because it

5 meant a decrease in the past new

6 charges. We're seeing an even greater

7 decrease this year. The unknown is

8 what next years 1 year contract will

9 bring us, but I think to follow a

10 trend it could be either similar to

11 this year or less, but it's really

12 unknown.

13 TRUSTEE BRENNAN: And this is good

14 for the residents, the users. The

15 Board is indifferent because it

16 doesn't affect --

17 MR. BRAUTIGAM: It doesn't affect

18 Village finances. It's complete pass

19 through charges but the residents will

20 see --

21 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: It's enterprise

22 fund and we can't -- when you first

23 said this I said oh this solves all

24 our problems extra \$250,000 but

25 because it's in the electric fund.

1           MR. BRAUTIGAM: Well the cost of  
2           the TCC contract is now lower. So the  
3           total cost of the contract was always  
4           just tacked onto everyone's bill. So  
5           now it's still being tacked on it's  
6           just a much lower amount. So they  
7           should see the savings.

8           TRUSTEE JOHNSON: That good news  
9           but it doesn't solve the mini  
10          railroad.

11          MR. BRAUTIGAM: No, it doesn't  
12          free up any cash.

13          TRUSTEE ROBINS: And just speak to  
14          the rate increase on the electric rate  
15          so I wanted to --

16          MR. BRAUTIGAM: I'll be presenting  
17          more on that next week at the work  
18          session.

19          TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay, that's  
20          fine. I don't have anything.

21          MAYOR STUESSI: But if you know,  
22          Trustee Robins, from all your work  
23          with the electric fund and the plans  
24          over the years we're in a much better  
25          place than most folks on Long Island.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Oh, absolutely.

2 There's no question about that.

3 Greenport and Rockville Center,

4 everybody else good luck.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Trustee Lily.

6 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: I want to talk

7 about the mini railroad a little bit.

8 When you e-mailed us the tentative

9 budget it does look like, I mean I

10 know, that you also had to change a

11 lot of things. Not this tentative

12 budget but the mini railroad budge

13 that you read earlier. That's kind of

14 a wash hopefully. That's what we're

15 aiming for.

16 MR. BRAUTIGAM: It's neutral.

17 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: So a wash

18 hopefully. We'll spend some money and

19 get some money in.

20 MR. BRAUTIGAM: We're hoping with

21 some additional advertising on the

22 Village end and through the Rotary we

23 hope to see an increase in ridership.

24 That is likely to happen as well.

25 MAYOR STUESSI: And you've also in

1 the per forma consolidated it down to  
2 two days from three days for more  
3 efficient labor too, correct?

4 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Correct, we saw an  
5 increase on Saturday/Sunday's as  
6 opposed to being open on Friday. I  
7 didn't fit with the projections.

8 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Are we still  
9 trying to open in June.

10 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Yeah, so you  
11 received an e-mail earlier today with  
12 the projections and I believe it's  
13 Memorial Day through Labor Day.

14 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Okay. My only  
15 other question was the Village  
16 administrator salary, is that broken  
17 up --

18 MR. BRAUTIGAM: That is broken up  
19 amongst many, many lines. It's in  
20 there.

21 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Okay. I don't  
22 thing I have anything else.

23 MR. BRAUTIGAM: The majority of  
24 the administrative or management  
25 positions are paid -- are allocated

1 from several different lines.

2 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Gotcha. Thank  
3 you.

4 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Of course.

5 MAYOR STUESSI: Adam, you've done  
6 an excellent job and I can't thank you  
7 enough for everything you've put into  
8 this over many, many weeks and months  
9 and going and meeting with all the  
10 department heads and getting their  
11 input and having to go back and work  
12 with everybody. So I really want to  
13 thank you for everything that you've  
14 done and your time with the Trustees.

15 MR. BRAUTIGAM: Thank you, Mayor.

16 MAYOR STUESSI: Challenging times  
17 for sure with lots of global events  
18 and costs of materials and labor.  
19 Like I said, good place, without  
20 having to burden the tax payers with a  
21 significant increase, which we were  
22 certainly trying to avoid but we need  
23 to be thoughtful as continue to look  
24 towards the future.

25 MR. BRAUTIGAM: I agree.

1 TRUSTEE ROBINS: Look what's  
2 coming with schools. You're gonna  
3 have a hard time with that.

4 MAYOR STUESSI: We have a  
5 wonderful superintendent and she  
6 inherited some real challenges. It's  
7 nice to see her dedication to problems  
8 solving there and really working as a  
9 team. It's going to be an important  
10 vote for the community considering  
11 what needs to be done to keep kids  
12 educated. All right. With that I  
13 make a motion to close the meeting.

14 TRUSTEE JOHNSON: Second.

15 MAYOR STUESSI: All in favor?

16 THE BOARD: Aye.

17 MAYOR STUESSI: Thank you very  
18 much.

19 (End of meeting.)  
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