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PRESENT:

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Trustee Stephen S. Makrinos
Trustee John M. Delany
Trustee Louis M. Minuto
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MAYOR TROUVÉ: This evening from 7:00 to 8:00 we're going to discuss the budget and it's an important discussion and I thought we made strides last time we met. One excellent thing that happened is that Irene sent everyone a very, very clear schedule for the Capital Projects Summary. We could look at that and try to absorb it and see if we can change any doubts about it because Irene do you want to start discussing this Capital Projects summary?

IRENE WOO: Yesterday I sent all the Trustees the listing of the projects. I don't know if everyone has it up on their computers, it was basically the list of all the Capital Projects that were discussed at the last meeting to include the four additional projects, the Library Projects for the roof and the HVAC, the Village Hall HVAC and the DPW Yard Roof. So those four projects were added on and they were added on as bonded projects, which changed Scenario 1 that we had presented two days ago. It changed the bonding amount from \$6.4 million to \$8.7 million and then the Budget Summary Page remained the same because there was no impact to the tax levy and it remains at \$1.7 million and the total budget amount remains the same as well.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Just to repeat, Irene, the total budget now is \$66,176,000 under Scenario 1a?

IRENE WOO: That's correct, Trustee.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Essentially we adjusted it per the last conversation to include bonding of the roofs and the HVAC Projects that we talked about.

IRENE WOO: That's correct.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Both roofs, Louis, both roofs, the Library and DPW.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Right, both roofs.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Then there's roughly \$7,000 in cash that we spend this time and \$7 in bonding, is that right?

TRUSTEE HYER: Brian asked if the Village Hall repointing is in there as well.

RALPH SUOZZI: It's still in there. It's four items underneath the last gray bar, which is the Library HVAC, it's four down from there.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: The Village repointing is in there.

TRUSTEE DELANY: It's in here.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: This is a really clear list, you can see what is on it, what is bonded, taxes or cash, and it's a really clear statement of it and those are Scenario 1a. How are we feeling about Scenario 1a then today?

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I'm good with 1a.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I'm good with 1a, I would just say that we should put the Library HVAC and the Library Roof at the end of the bonding, do it last and see how things work out before we move forward and We should not even think about bonding until we have a better picture of the financial outlook of the country which I'm assuming would happen in October or November.

TRUSTEE HYER: Only because they're saying the roof could last a little longer, if it does great, if not then do it.

TRUSTEE DELANY: If we can't do it we can pull it for a year, so I would just have that as one of the later bonding issues.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: One thing about a lot of these projects, if things are worse than we expect them to be, they will probably be pushed back one way or another.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I agree.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Given that the bonding gives us the flexibility to decide how or when we want to do it.

TRUSTEE HYER: I'm fine with that.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I think this is a really clear statement.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I'll give you my opinion. My opinion is, for me I won't be voting for it. I understand that we kept the tax cap at 1.78, but by us bonding over \$3 million we're basically bonding \$8.75 and after we add the interest on top of it it's probably close to about somewhere between \$9.5 to \$10 million, so that basically means that when we pass this budget we're going to add about \$6.5 to \$7 million to our debt service which will increase rather significantly our principal plus interest payments and based upon the things that we have planned for next year we'll probably end up doing that again. When we pass the budget, it may look nice that you only increased the cash portion of it at 1.78 but we're doing something which we haven't done before and we're going above that but again it's just my opinion. If it were me, I would stay within the \$3 million and I would do what we have to do over time, but that's just my opinion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Well there is a flexible dimension to this 1a which we've been discussing.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: There is no flexible part of it, Theresa, what's going to end up happening is you're going to bond \$9 million with interest you're going to be close to \$10 million and you'll be increasing your principal plus interest payments. That's the reality of what's going to happen, you can present it any way you want, but that's what you're doing, I mean just be honest with the public about it.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I think we're all aware of that Robert.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Like I said, that's all I'm saying.

TRUSTEE DELANY: You've made your view known and we understand your view.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Like I said, that's my opinion.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I'd like to add one more thing to this for us to think about, all of us made compromises, every group has compromised, I don't see the Police compromising. I think their amount budgeted for overtime should be reduced by \$200,000.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Wait a second, we're not talking about Police, we're talking about the bonding, aren't we?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: We're talking about budgeting, isn't this a budget discussion?

TRUSTEE DELANY: Alright, sorry.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Right now, we're in this phase of it. Yes, we are talking about budget, but right now we're talking about bonding. I thought that we're going to wait on a couple of things on the bonding and see what the financial atmosphere looks like and see if we think we want to go for that. I think that's a wise way to go, it gives us flexibility, we don't have to do it at all if we don't feel that it's right to do it toward the fall, or things may look very robust in the fall then we can get a good low rate and we will be back to where we were before and then we would have no problem in taking on that bonding.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: That's not totally true, what you're going to do is you're going to add to your principal plus interest payments in years down the road, so the effect of what you're doing today, you won't feel the effect this year, you won't feel it next year, you will feel it as you continue to go down this path. When you look at everything you're doing next year, your principal plus interest payments in probably in two years will exceed 10% from 6%, so you can't say that you won't have any effect, that's not true.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It will have in my opinion less immediate effect because you're not writing a check with cash out the door and taxing people today for projects that last 15, 20, 30 years. We're talking about needs, and these are things we need to do whether we pay with a check today or a check next week or next year or bond it over 20 years.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: What are we thinking?

TRUSTEE DELANY: Mayor I think the thing is to find out who is in favor of Scenario 1a and who isn't and see if we have a majority of who is in favor of it.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Go around and vote. Mayor you call out the names and we'll go through.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I would vote for 1a, I think it's the most reasonable of the three, 1, 1a, or 2, and I think that if the market is good and we can get a rate as low as we got on the last time we went out to bond, I just don't feel that is a big daring move. , I don't know, I guess others do. what others do, but that's why I would pick that scenario.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I would be in favor of 1a also.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: When we pay for it all in cash, I've spoken to a lot of bond people because I'm trying to get to really be comfortable and understand this thing, and they all say the same thing. If you pay cash right now, you have paid for it and you will enjoy it for a certain number of years. The people who should really pay for it are the people who have a long decade of living with the item, that does make sense to me.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I'm in favor of it as well.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I'm in favor of it as well.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: So, we have four.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Mark and Brian are in favor of it.

TRUSTEE HYER: Yes, I'm in favor of it.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I will vote no and I won't be voting for it and I've had this discussion before and the argument that not paying for cash when there's always something in the Village with a \$66 million budget there's always something to come up. To say, justifying the bond almost \$10 million worth of stuff because we should be fair and let everyone pay for things over the next 10-15 years, again I understand the concept of it but the problem is principal plus interest payments, and that's what keeps growing, and the problem is going to coming in less than five years and you're going to sit there with a number that will then prohibit you from being able to do other things without taking the annual budget and blowing it out the window, because that's the problem you're running into.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Brian, are you in favor?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Like I said, it's not my opinion, I said I realize I'm in the extreme minority, but it's math, that's the problem, it's math.

TRUSTEE HYER: Brian already said he was.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Brian's in favor?

TRUSTEE HYER: Yes.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: It's Trouvé, Delany, Daughney and Hyer, and who else? Makrinos, Colleen?

TRUSTEE FOLEY: Yes.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: One, two, three, four, five, six, who's the person that I'm missing here?

KAREN ALTMAN: You have them all, you, Minuto, Delany, Makrinos, Hyer, Daughney and Foley and Trustee Bolebruch no.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Do we want to consider that we have kind of finished pretty much. I know that Brian has something else that he'd like to bring up.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Was this just on the capital part of the budget, do we have other things to work through are Irene and Ralph working on other stuff or are they considering themselves done.

RALPH SUOZZI: I believe we consider ourselves done, Irene had gone through the operating changes two meetings ago thoroughly I don't think there was anything else, there was just adjustments made to revenues.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Then I have one thing that I'd like to consider on the operating side. I think that Police should contribute to the downsizing of this budget like everyone else has, and I propose that the \$800,000 of overtime be reduced to \$600,000.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I don't think that it's possible for them to get down to \$600,000, I really don't.

TRUSTEE HYER: I think we've gone over that already and they've already gone down.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: But we're talking about the next budgeted the year, we're looking at probably a cancelled summer and a lot of events.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I was just thinking about that today, as far as with the promenade, I don't know how we're going to do the promenade this year, I can't conceive that.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: We might be able to strip down the promenade a bit, it goes three solid months, middle of June to the middle of September, that's a lot, we might be able to tone that down some.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Plus, the promenade is not our call, that's the Chamber's call.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I know but we supply the overtime police coverage.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: We also provide the permit for it.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I understand, but I think that we have to wait and see what the Chamber has to say. I agree, I don't think that it's going to be starting in June and running through the end of September.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Let's not blame \$825,000 of overtime on the promenade. There's a lot of reasons for it, we've all talked about it, we had the consultant go over it. I don't agree with the number, I think it should be managed much better and it should be reduced in this budget like everything else is being cut back, looked at, scrutinized, and I think there's at least \$200,000 there that's not necessary.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Brian, what did you say, how much, \$200,000.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: \$200,000, out of a \$12 million budget.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Well personally myself I don't agree with it, I think that you're talking about reducing it down an arbitrary number, down 25% and I think that with everything we have going on in the world and with all the things that are going on for us to just arbitrarily reduce it by 25%, I think if anything else I think that whatever numbers are with the Police as we've seen, again the promenade may be affected and I think we have no idea, absolutely none, how our budgets are going to fare going forward and to just arbitrarily pick a department and say we're going to take a number and reduce it by 25%.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: What's 25%?

TRUSTEE HYER: I've already made my opinion known, I don't think it's a good idea either.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's a \$12 million budget.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: It has nothing to do with that.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's just math, Bob.

TRUSTEE HYER: If the promenades don't go off then, there is a saving.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's not the promenades that drive the budget.

TRUSTEE HYER: I'm not saying it is, you said it.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I think I said it.

TRUSTEE HYER: Somebody said it was.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: It was me.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I'm not in favor of it.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I'm not in favor of it either.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I'm not in favor of that either.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I think we've got to look at this budget broadly, not just the Police, I think elsewhere if things were to turn worse we have to look elsewhere not just with the Police but broadly within the Village.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Steven, I think you're correct and I think we need a study of some type by Department Heads as to what the worst-case scenario is. I think we have to pass this budget but I think we have to be in a position to cut back wherever we have to depending on what happens in June, July, August, September as we go forward.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I think that's a great point, John, It could really marry well if we also do kind of the budget check-ins routinely, quarterly.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Lou, I was just going to say, I don't think we should even go quarterly, I honestly believe we should do this on a monthly basis.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I agree.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Once a month we should have an update, in the last week of every single month, we should have an update from each of our Department Heads where are they based upon all their numbers. They can give us a half page summary and give us their projections to what they're seeing from last year's budget to current.

TRUSTEE HYER: Bob I'm good with that too.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I'm good with that.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: We can't do this once every three months.

TRUSTEE DELANY: There's something else, Ralph, I think we need to get together with the Department Heads over the next week or 10 days and get a plan, get an emergency plan together and if things don't work what can be cut in the operating budget and how can we go about doing it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I think that's a good idea.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: The only problem with that John is you have no idea of how the restrictions are going to change and how the lifestyles going to change. For example, Cuomo came out today within three days every single person who is in a group area is now going to be required to wear a mask. As we roll out of this there are going to be constant changes so I think it's kind of difficult for them to give us any type of long-term projection. I understand where you're going with this.

TRUSTEE DELANY: All I want them to do Bob is start thinking about the scenarios so on June 3rd when it hits the fan we don't say what do we do next. Just start the process.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I think that's a good point, John, because we have retirements coming up where we're planning on replacing positions, well maybe that's the perfect example of looking at an easy way to eliminate cost is not replace every position routinely and we can talk about that at monthly meetings.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Exactly, I'm in full agreement with that. Maybe we can't let the Chamber have the promenade if they come to us and ask us, there's a whole bunch of things.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: Or the time is severely restricted.

TRUSTEE HYER: I think that's a good idea as well.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Is that a problem, Ralph?

RALPH SUOZZI: No, before everyone started talking I was going to say if we're going to start saving money we're going to start from day one, you can't wait till April to start saving money. Every month counts.

TRUSTEE HYER: Plant the seed and let's talk about it every month.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I think we should. I think it's an important topic and we haven't had enough dialogue on it, up until this point.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: In the report that Bob's talking about every Department should put their overtime, not just the Police, everybody.

TRUSTEE HYER: I agree, it should be across the board.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I agree.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Yes, I do too.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: What we could do is in the private world, one of the things they do, is that when you face situations like this, you put together a format that every single department and Ralph, that's what I think that you and Joe should put together, where every single department will have certain categories that they have to report on regardless of the department. So this way you have overtime, you have whatever, so that everyone is following the same thing so that this way not only can we see how each department is doing, but if everyone is answering in the same formatted way you can basically put eight pieces of paper and literally looking at them comparing one to the other. But we can't have one department reporting one way and another department reporting another way.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I think we should spend a few minutes drilling down on what this actually means. We don't make a product, so our costs are labor. That's not changing, that's a static situation, barring, someone leaving, retiring, quitting, whatever.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I think that's what Colleen was suggesting that the monthly reviews are about, taking into consideration things within the labor force, obviously there are other things like whether or not there's a promenade.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Plus, the pool.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Pool, right.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: That's why we want to start with, no overtime.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Brian, I don't think that we can say that.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I don't know if we can go to Def Con 5 right away.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: A lot of places do that, not just private, a lot of public places issue no overtime statements, or overtime is approved in advance only.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I wouldn't start to get into that, not in the environment that we're in right here. Not going to happen.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: What environment, what are you talking about?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Well if all of a sudden you have a water main break blow and it's 3:00 in the morning what are we going to say we first have to get authorization from the Board in order to have a crew there to deal with the water main?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: No, other than emergency situations. Easy, done.

RALPH SUOZZI: Discretionary overtime.

TRUSTEE HYER: If a Police Officer makes an arrest are you going to say you're going to go home, you can't go into overtime. Who is he going to ask? If he goes to Court, are we going to say he can't go to Court?

RALPH SUOZZI: Talking about discretionary overtime, right.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I think there's some overtime that the Police need to have but, like every other Department, they're going to have to look at their overtime and see if they can eliminate it, because almost \$1 million is unacceptable in good times or bad times.

TRUSTEE HYER: But Colleen, you said it had to be approved, so he has to protect and police Garden City, how does he do that, does he come to the Board, what are you asking to do?

TRUSTEE FOLEY: Mark all I hear is how the Police can't control costs and they have to, there's got to be a way to justify what we're doing. We've added to the department for the last five years thinking the overtime would go down and it hasn't.

TRUSTEE HYER: You're asking for all overtime to be approved. How do you do that?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Colleen, I understand your point of view, but as a Board we sat there, we've already had this discussion, I know that there's three people who feel one way, and five people who feel the other way. Unless we change of that number on the Board, I don't think we're going to change. I mean unless it's going to change on the Board, I don't know.

RALPH SUOZZI: We can report overtime as discretionary or emergency.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: All I'm saying is we need to look at it with a more critical eye, you can't just be saying we need it, we always need it, because every year it's bigger.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I think Colleen, if I may, I think that the issue is that saying that we want to review overtime is one thing, versus no overtime at all and both were said.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I agree.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I agree.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I think everyone would say let's review it monthly, let's understand it, let's cut where we can, for sure. Going into right away like Defcon 5, I don't know, saying blanketly no overtime is tough, because all that will do is add beaurocratic layers.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I'm just saying look at it with a critical eye for justification for what it is and it can't be just because it's always been done.

TRUSTEE HYER: Colleen, you don't think that's being done right now?

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I do not.

TRUSTEE HYER: That's wrong.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: How about this, every single month when we look at the budget that's when we'll review it, the Commissioner can show what's being done and justify it.

TRUSTEE HYER: Louis, I've already agreed to that, I think it's a good idea but to say all overtime needs to be approved or no overtime is impossible.

TRUSTEE DELANY: No, we didn't say that we're not saying that you can't say that ahead of time.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: That's what Colleen is saying.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: It was said which I think is what everyone's reacting to a little bit differently. I think it was said as maybe a throwaway comment.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I can pull back and look at a review.. I hear what you're saying Louis, and I can pull back but then it has to be a critical review, it's just not the Police, all Departments are held to the same standard.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: They are now.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: Business as usual should not be what's happening. I think that there's enough uncertainty going forward that we need to take a look at this on a more frequent basis with a more critical eye.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I think we all agree with that.

TRUSTEE DELANY: We all agree we will review overtime each month. We can't approve it, it has to be approved by the Department.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: That's why I said that however the Department's report, we should have a set form and a set format. If we have a set format like Lou just said on a monthly basis we can go over every single Department, not just the Police Department, we could look at every single Department and understand in each what's going on. But what I don't want to get into micromanaging our Department Heads, because if our Department Heads are doing their jobs and they're getting everything else done, I think the reality of it is, is that they have done good jobs and again we could agree or disagree on different departments, but let's review this on a monthly basis across the board of the Village with what's going on and then let's see how it goes. I think Lou's idea is perfect.

TRUSTEE HYER: I agree with that, I've always agreed with that.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Let's move on. Let's do it.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Let's do it. Why don't we have Karen add it to the end of each month's agenda a section on Overtime Review.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I like that idea.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's not just overtime.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: It's total budget right.

TRUSTEE HYER: Yes, that's a part of it.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: What's up with the revenue in your department, what's up with additional expenses, what changes have occurred that you didn't experience, these are all things that Joe and Ralph should put together, a format, so that this way each Department Head knows each month the categories and the topics that they need to address and to give us a slight overview on, that's it. Once you put that together, it's simple, every Department Head gets the same exact sheet, you go over it and we get all the sheets at the first week of every single month and we review it as a Board, that's all. Many companies work that way.

TRUSTEE HYER: That's a smart idea. Ralph, I would think that you're doing that already but just bring it to the Board level, that's all.

RALPH SUOZZI: I think we did it at a more higher level, we did the monthly Treasurers Report before but I think you're asking more of a drill down on the Department Head level, a little more deeper.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I think that makes sense, I really do.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: In these times we have to. We're going to have to be able to make adjustments or changes as a Village because the environment that we're going to be in is going to be constantly changing.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Or we might learn that maybe it is really, really tough to get Police overtime under \$800,000, it might be very tough, so we will look.

TRUSTEE DELANY: We'll find out.

TRUSTEE HYER: We'll look at all overtime.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Let's not guess, let's find out, we'll know starting June 1, at the end of June we'll know.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: We're a month and a half into this with COVID-19, have we seen a drop in revenue across the Village at all. Do we have a sense of a drop elsewhere, have you seen an increase in overtime, I mean it's not like this just happened yesterday?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: We can't wait until June, why don't we have one of these at the end of April? Let's put the form together and give us an update of where the departments are ending last year's budget for April, and then May and then we go into June, but I don't want to wait until June 1.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I agree, have we seen anything so far in the last month and a half.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Well the Building Department has probably come to a halt.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Right, same thing with the Courts, right, when there's no Courts.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Exactly, there's no fines, there's no revenue, there's no nothing.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: We received an email related to that topic, on the Building Department. Why can't Zoning, ADRB have meetings like we do, get things moving, at least ready to move.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: With that respect, Brian, I did reach out to the Chairmen of both departments and the Zoning Department has requested that they double up starting hopefully this Pandemic goes away, starting June 1st as far as hearing two meetings a month.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: To catch up to the agenda, because right now I'm backlogged since March. The ADRB, I'm actually going through and filtering through at this point to find out which meetings I have can go through the same process as we're doing right now, through this Zoom virtual meeting, so the Chairman I think he is on board and hopefully I can get a few of these meetings undergo as far as the Architect Review Board. As far as that, because right now I am backlogged, I have meetings going up until June right now.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Giuseppe, how about Zoning meeting by Zoom?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I spoke with the Chairman this morning, he still feels uncomfortable as far as Zoom, he wants to double up the meetings and June 1st hopefully we get back together and have two meetings a month.

TRUSTEE HYER: Double up the meetings? What does that mean?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I think that's a good idea.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: It means two a month, two meetings a month.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Two meetings a month meaning to catch up, as far as right now we meet once a month, but I'm backlogged two months right now as we stand, so he's saying that

possibly starting June 1st we'll double up those meetings and hopefully catch up right after that.

TRUSTEE HYER: Why wait that long.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Giuseppe, I have a question.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Why does he feel uncomfortable having meetings on Zoom?

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Yes, why is he uncomfortable.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I have a lot of controversy with these subdivisions that are coming up, as you all may know, on what's happening I'm getting a lot of subdivisions in the Village, I have a lot of residents that may not want to do a Zoom meeting and they want to speak so he's saying to project these meetings forward and having the residents come in and speak on their behalf about what they feel about this Zoning Board.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Is there any way for us to suspend these fakakta subdivisions for now?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: It's up to the Board.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Is there any provision for that?

RALPH SUOZZI: You'd have to do a moratorium.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: That'll fix that.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Louis, wait. This is not a general Board meeting.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: The general Board meeting is at 8:00. I was raised the question.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Let's talk about it at the meeting.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Let's talk about it then. I would strongly feel on a moratorium if they feel like Zoom is going to interfere with these crazy requests as it is.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: The Chairman feels strongly about not having Zoom meetings, and to resume these meetings general public as per June 1st. He feels a lot of grief coming from the residents on these subdivisions.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Giuseppe how about having the non-controversial zoning stuff, do that by Zoom? Where there's nobody going to object to it.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Well, that's why I'm saying, do a moratorium on subdivisions and he can do Zooms just like everybody else.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I'm trying.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: They shouldn't be approving those subdivisions anyhow right now.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Why don't we discuss this at 8:00.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I agree.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: We should also talk about fences at 8:00 as well.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: We should not discuss this, we should have this with Counsel.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Works for me.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I agree, let's discuss it further at 8:00.

TRUSTEE HYER: No, we'll discuss this with Counsel.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: We'll discuss it with Counsel, let's have an executive session then.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I agree and lets arrange that then maybe for some time next week but I agree with Lou.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: We can have it right after this meeting but I don't think Jim Ryan's going to be available.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I think we should definitely discuss it with counsel as far as having a subdivision moratorium upcoming and trying to do away with subdivisions at this point.

TRUSTEE DELANY: We definitely need Jim Ryan, Brian. I think we should reschedule for next week when we know he's available.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's a legal question that has already been asked and we're waiting for an opinion.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Right, handle both things at the same time.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Well I have a letter than Kevin sent me.

TRUSTEE HYER: That's for the meeting, it's for the Board meeting, right.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: It's on the same topic, but I don't want to discuss it now.

TRUSTEE HYER: Well that's what I mean, at the Board meeting.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Anything else on the budget that we have to discuss? Don't we have to set a date for the Public Hearing on the budget?

KAREN ALTMAN: Yes, we do.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Irene when is that schedule coming up because I don't see, Peter Bee seems to think that the state is going to push back that date, for having the budget prepared.

IRENE WOO: The date hasn't changed yet, it's still by May 1st, so if we are decided on a budget then I can work with Ms. Altman to notice the meeting for next week and then hold the budget hearing meeting to adopt the budget the last week of April.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: We don't have to wait if they delay the date again, we can simply pass our budget, we don't have to wait until June or July. We just passed it, if the Board's in agreement which apparently we are, then just simply pass the budget.

TRUSTEE DELANY: The budget has to be approved by May 1 but we have to have a public hearing so that's what we're talking about, setting the Public Hearing for next week.

IRENE WOO: We can notice it in the paper for next week and then have the meeting the week of April 27th, so the 27th through the 30th.

TRUSTEE DELANY: How much time do we need, we need 10 days.

KAREN ALTMAN: We have to get it to both papers so we could get to the Life on Friday for their edition on Wednesday and the News could publish theirs on next Friday so I think Irene is on track with her date.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Good.

TRUSTEE HYER: Just do what Irene says.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: If I were you Irene I would start moving on that.

KAREN ALTMAN: Irene, do you want to do it the 28th, that's a Tuesday?

TRUSTEE HYER: That's fine.

TRUSTEE DELANY: That's fine.

KAREN ALTMAN: That good with everybody? We will put the notice in the paper for the 28th for a public hearing. What time to you want to do, 7:00, 8:00?

TRUSTEE DELANY: 7:00.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: 7:00.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: 7:00.

KAREN ALTMAN: 7:00 it is.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Do we have to discuss anything further about the budget or about the schedule for coming up to closing it, regarding May 1st, is there anything else that we need to discuss?

TRUSTEE DELANY: I move to adjourn the budget work session.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I second it.