

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
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PRESENT:

Mayor Theresa A. Trouvé  
Trustee Robert A. Bolebruch  
Trustee Stephen S. Makrinos  
Trustee John M. Delany  
Trustee Louis M. Minuto  
Trustee Mark A. Hyer  
Trustee Colleen E. Foley  
Trustee Brian C. Daughney  
Ralph V. Suozzi, Village Administrator  
Karen M. Altman, Village Clerk  
Kenneth O. Jackson, Chairman, Board of Police Commissioners  
Irene Woo, Village Treasurer  
Joseph DiFrancisco, Superintendent, Department of Public Works  
Giuseppe Giovanniello, Superintendent of Building Department  
Thomas Strysko, Chief, Fire Department  
Paul Blake, Chairman, Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs  
Peter A. Bee, Village Counsel

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Good evening and welcome. Our meeting will now come to order. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. Now a moment of silence for these difficult times for first responders serving during this COVID-19 Pandemic. Now we will turn to comments by Department Heads and we begin with Commissioner Jackson.

COMMISSIONER JACKSON: Thank you, Mayor. We have nothing on the agenda but just a couple of things. There's been an increase in larcenies, thefts from vehicles, in the County and also in the Village. Please keep your doors locked and make sure all your valuables including your keys are removed from the vehicle. We made three recent arrests for these crimes and all were aided by alert citizens calling in suspicious activity, so thank them for that. That's it, Mayor.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Commissioner, one quick question. Are we seeing a drop in cases of mailbox phishing in the Village?

COMMISSIONER JACKSON: Yes, we only had one recent case and that was a letter that was mailed prior to the other mailboxes. We've definitely had no recent thefts at all, there are some north of us in northern jurisdictions so be careful mailing in those mailboxes because a lot of them are not retrofitted yet.

TRUSTEE HYER: Are all the ones in the Village of Garden City the new ones?

COMMISSIONER JACKSON: Yes, all the ones in Garden City are the new ones, and also Garden City South and East Garden City.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you. Mr. Giovanniello.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Yes, Mayor, good evening everyone. As far as the Building Department it's pretty much status quo as far as the procedures in the Building Department, we are seeing a lot more action as far as application fees submitted and so forth. The inspectors have routine schedules as far as inspections, also complaints and anything going on in the Village. I actually have them in the garages now sorting out the original property folders, we trying to make a little bit of a dent on that as well, with the downtime we have. So we're actually pretty busy in the garage trying to organize those folders and trying to speed that along, that process.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: That's a great idea.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Other than that, we're moving forward.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Giuseppe I have a couple of questions. Do you think given what's going on with the COVID-19 that we extend the deadline for the property folders, I think we initially said June, just given the fact that we haven't been able to process, do we want to consider or do you think it makes sense to consider extending it?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: That's a good question, I mean I'm trying to continue and trying to move it along but I think because of the couple of months that we lost I think that we should extend it and give the residents a chance and the process of us organizing now will be better and I believe it should go a little more faster I think we should extend it a little bit, at least a few months, just to could catch up.

TRUSTEE HYER: How about to September?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Why don't we just make it to the end of the year this way, we have no idea how long this will last.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I probably would just extend it to the end of the year and hopefully I can knock it all out.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Sounds like a good idea.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Second question, have you seen an uptick in folks doing construction in their homes, I know with the issues, home construction for the most part deemed non-essential. Are we seeing work being done in violation of this?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I do have a few outstanding residents that have violations, but I do have about a dozen projects that were deemed essential work and there are contractors at this point working, and anybody that wishes to work they could put a description together and they can go on the New York State website, and fill out a designation form waiver, it's called 201.6, if you download that form, you can fill that out and send it to the State with your description and they will read your request and allow you to work up to a certain point. For example, I have numerous houses that right now have no working kitchens, no working bathrooms and so forth, so if the State allows them to work then the Village will allow them to work. I believe that if it's one contractor on site and they're keeping their social distancing and everything else as far as the ordinance, I feel strongly that my guys can handle it and we'll allow them to continue as long as they obey the ordinance.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Giuseppe, in regards to the files that you're pulling and the extra people, is it possible to increase the telephone calls and to talk to them so that this way we can get those files out more and more to people. I mean obviously like you said, we've got some downtime, so maybe we could be a little more assertive in that way.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Thank you, Deputy Mayor, I actually am trying to arrange a plan in place as far as these files. The building is closed, it's not open to the residents as of yet, hopefully soon, but right now we're trying to arrange something where we do make these phone calls and all these files that I have, I believe I have 200 boxes in our main garage there, and I believe another 200 or 300 at the supply house, I actually was trying to set up something that once we make these phone calls their one stop shop is the Village garage and they can pick up outside and not enter the building at all and try and move these folders a little more rapidly, but hopefully within the next week or so I can have that arranged.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Is it possible for us to, if it's a doable thing, to have the brown shirts from the Police Department, maybe say if you have 10, 12 or 20 of them, you give them to a brown shirt and he brings them to the home.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I need actually ID, these are original property folders that would need to be signed off on from the person that's in these files.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: You're right.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: It is still a record and I need to have ID or a form of something from the retriever.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I wouldn't be in favor of that, there's too many problems with that.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I think we can handle it in-house, hopefully once I put this plan in place, they can just stop by the garage, sign, pick up and go on.

TRUSTEE HYER: Giuseppe are permits up or down right now?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Permits are coming up every day. So hopefully we're getting closer to this finish line I hear.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Chief Stryko.

CHIEF STRYSKO: Thank you, Mayor. Good evening everyone. I have nothing on the agenda and no report to give tonight.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Joe DiFrancisco.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Thank you, Mayor. I have a number of items on the agenda this evening. I will start with a few transfers, Item #4, I can just quickly run through those. Transfer (a) is to fund the rubbish removal in the Sanitation Fund, if you recall earlier in the year I spoke about how we now are having to pay for our recycling so we needed some additional funds that wasn't accounted for when the budget was done earlier in the year. The second transfer, this actually appears to have been under-funded when I did the budget last year, so I'm making up for that now. Transfers (c) and (d), this directly relates to the work, the great job that the Sanitation crew is doing during this pandemic. As everybody knows, they've been working picking up garbage with only a few hiccups, but occasionally people do need time away for whatever reason and we've been backfilling a lot of that time with part-time employees, so the amount of hours the part-time employees are working has increased, and that was obviously not accounted for when this budget was put together last year. Transfer (e) is mainly due to a disability leave of an employee where coverage was needed, so a lot of funds were needed to cover this person's shift, it was a night watchman. Lastly, the transfer for electricity, we had anticipated some additional savings year-over-year in our electricity bill, it didn't come to fruition. It is slightly down, but I expected more savings than I budgeted for, so year-over-year it's down slightly, just not as much as I anticipated.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Where are we on the street light replacement?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Right now we have a bid out to have the lights replaced on Franklin Avenue. The lights are in, we received the new lights, but we needed to do a bid for the installation of them as the cost of that exceeded the threshold required. I believe it's out to bid now and that the opening is next week, so at the next agenda or the following agenda I'll be awarding that and that can start.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Joe, what about as far as replacing the lights, remember we were switching throughout the Village to LEDs, so being that the offices are closed or whatever, have we done it in any more departments?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: We do have some outstanding work to be done in the Library, we're trying to schedule that. We're working on a schedule with the electrical contractor, it has nothing to do with us, so yes there are pending work to be done in regard to that.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: All the other departments in the Village have had them replaced?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Not all of them, no, we haven't done all of them yet, we're working our way through it. For me to go out and do all of them at one time would probably exceed the bid threshold, and as we near the end of the fiscal year, we're bumping up against the procurement rules in regards to how much work I can do in a single year without having to go out to bid. Item #6, this is a Change Order that was on last meeting's agenda in regard to the St. Paul's - Window Protection. I've put it back on the agenda this week and Mr. Walter Beal from CNY is here, I believe the Board wanted to ask him some questions about this, so I can move on to my other items, if you want to do that first, it's up to you, Mayor.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: It's a good idea if you complete yours.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Item #7, this is an emergency declaration. So the emerging contaminants is obviously still an issue in the Water Department and with the summer months approaching, time is of the essence when it comes to installing these new systems. The pandemic, believe it or not, has actually bought us some time, as the new regulations look like they won't be going into effect when they should have, it looks to be delayed, but we are still in some ways competing against the other water districts in regards to securing vendors to do the work that we need to do. We are moving forward with these projects, but this emergency declaration I'm asking for would give me the flexibility to engage these vendors much more quickly than the procurement process would allow us, and it's strictly for timing and speed. I worked with Mr. Bee on crafting this, and I'm asking the Board to give us some consideration.

PETER BEE: If I may remind the Board that, it's not only of course the need for speed and first in line for available vendors, but the ultimate consequence of that is to be able to deliver potable water to the residents. If we don't acquire the right equipment and the right vendors at the right time, and fall below the state standards, we'll be in a position in not being able to deliver potable water to the residents and that's what makes it a life safety issue.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Any update on the AOP Plus, is that definitely now dead in the water?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: After the first round of pilot tests were not successful, they kind of retooled, they came to us and he claims that they miscalibrated or used a cleaning solution in the system that altered their tests, and so we said we can do another pilot test at no cost to us, since you made the mistake the first time. So they agreed to that, so they are back right now doing a second pilot test with the system so we are waiting to see the results and we'll go from there and if that was the case on the first round of tests.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Has that been approved anywhere else on the Island?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: It has not, the Health Department has not approved it. The Health Department's very interested in it, they do come to the sampling and testing that is being done at our site, we had half the Department there, but things have obviously slowed down a little bit at the Health Department with everything else going on.

PETER BEE: I do feel it important that the Board be cognizant that the authorization to acquire without competitive bidding is for matters than can be hundreds of thousands of dollars, even millions of dollars, but the other side of that coin is as I had indicated before but the Board should be cognizant that this is a blanket emergency and does involve potentially millions of dollars. Am I correct, Joe?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Yes, that's correct, and Item #8 proves that. Next Item is, this is actually work on the AOP System, we've been notified that equipment is going to be delivered soon, and this is for Wells 7, 10 and 11 and we would like to start, there's some prep work that needs to be done, foundations need to be poured in anticipation

of this equipment being delivered. Our Water Consultant, H2M, bid an RFP for this, they went out and solicited pricing, rather than use the procurement procedures as required by the Village, I'm asking the Board to allow me to declare an emergency for this in order to engage the two contractors that had the low proposals, Benson Contracting and Philip Ross, and this is for the foundation work for plumbing and electrical sitework at Wells 7, 10 and 11. Item #9 on the agenda is some change orders for roof replacements we did, most of these were at the Clinton Road Well Site, we replaced the two roofs at the Well Sites. During the course of replacing the roofs we discovered that the ventilation fan there needed to be replaced, we had to buy a new fan, we discovered some corroded drains, and we also discovered that the roof hatch was in poor condition and needed to be replaced. The Change Order for DPW Yard Roof Replacement, a portion of the roof deck actually collapsed during the construction and had to be repaired, that was obviously unforeseen. Item #10, our contract with Covanta expires at the end of May, I found out that this is not a typical bid spec, it doesn't follow the standard bid rules that we follow in the Village, there's a lot more to it, Peter Bee's office has explained that to me. Ten years ago when we first engaged Covanta, the Village engaged D&B Architects to help us with this bid process so I went back to the same people again and would like to engage them also to assist us with this process in terms of obtaining garbage and waste disposal service for the Village. I'm also asking for two transfers associated with that, the total cost of this work with D&B.

- PETER BEE: If I could follow up on that. We are anticipating that in all likelihood subject to hearing any contrary input, that at the next Board meeting we will be asking for the Board's authority to continue the Covanta contract month to month, pending the outcome of the competitive bid process for a successor agreement.
- JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Correct, yes.
- TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: One quick question on that topic. Any sense on what the cost per ton is, do we anticipate that we'll be paying more than what we're paying now and what did we budget for next year?
- JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Well right now we're paying I believe it's about \$72 per ton. The extension that Mr. Bee just spoke about would stay the same, so they're extending us the same rates on a month to month basis so long as we need it in terms of doing a bid. I'm not anticipating a significant or any increase once we go through the bid process. The budget in that line actually increased because I had to put money in for the recycling in addition to regular sanitation.
- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Joe, could you walk us through what refuse goes where at the moment, recycle versus trash versus garbage, what is going where?
- JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Covanta essentially takes everything except the recycling and the e-waste.
- TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: The containers at the Village Yard.
- JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: The containers at the Village Yard are taken by a third party, a dumpster company we contract with.
- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Where does that end up?
- JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: I don't know where they bring it, once it leaves us, most of the places from what I understand still bring everything to Covanta but not everybody does.
- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: And recycle is where?
- JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Recycle is another company, a different company in Westbury where we bring that to that company, so that's a different place, that does not go to Covanta. Moving on, Item #11, as I've been speaking about the emerging contaminant

issues we're dealing with in the Water Department, five of our well sites, which accounted for nine of our ten wells, all exceeded a level that required us to take action, whether that is exceeding the proposed level or within a range of that level which requires us to take action. Well 9 had not met that criteria and always had a low dioxane level, but in the most recent rounds of testing the dioxane level has increased at Well 9. It increased to a point where we are now required to take action at that Well Site. So I am asking the Board to approve a new capital project to establish Wellhead Treatment at Well 9, this would include a Bond Resolution, SEQRA, and also to engage H2M Architects, H2M our Water Consultants, to perform a pilot test at this site in anticipation of new filtration systems for this Well Site. The next three, Items 12, 13 and 14, these are renewal of agreements for Professional Service Contracts. Eagle Control is a Professional Service Contract for IT support for our water SCADA System for the laboratory for water testing, and SwiftReach is the Emergency Notification System for the Village. Lastly, Item 15, is a Change Order for the sign project that they are doing in the Village. This change order increases the spend from \$27,482 to \$31,505 but does remain within the budgeted amount for this project. Mayor, do you want me to speak about the St. Paul's next or the Stewart Field Bid Award?

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

I think we might want to go to St. Paul's.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH:

Let's do the windows first.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Mr. Beal.

WALTER BEAL:

Good evening. Are there specific questions or do you just want me to walk you through what occurred?

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Why don't you begin by giving them the summary.

WALTER BEAL:

Having read the discussions that occurred at the last Board meeting, I took it upon myself to send the entire Board an email during the week, I hope all of you had a chance to read it, I know it was wordy, but I just tried to clarify a little bit exactly what occurred because it wasn't, what was said isn't exactly what occurred, what was said was that 29 or how many windows were broken within a month of time or eight weeks that we were there and that's not what I tried to relay to Joe. I apologize, I didn't follow the agenda online and I didn't know until that day that the meeting that this was going to be on the agenda otherwise when Joe called me during that day and I gave him a brief explanation. I apologize, I should have attended that meeting so there wouldn't have been any confusion. There were four separate occurrences that caused there to be more windows than what I saw in October. One being windows that continue to be broken between October and the time we started in early March. The second was there were a number of windows that were obscured behind the ivy that we weren't able to access at the time, and there were windows that while the window itself was intact, the wood frame, once you got up close to it, the wood frames were rotted such that they were going to fall out or fall in so we determined that those also should be protected with plywood. Lastly, the geometry of the building is such that I did a survey from the ground and the geometry of the building is such that you can't see every elevation from the ground and the drone video that while helpful for the stabilization and the holes in the roof and such, it wasn't very helpful to identify broken windows because of the shades and shadows, if you look at those yourselves I'm sure you'll see that. Are there any questions?

TRUSTEE HYER:

Walter, I have a question. You're talking about almost 50 windows, how do you miss 50 windows? How many were broken from October till you started changing the windows?

WALTER BEAL:

I don't know how many were additionally broken, I do have a set of documents that identify every window that was broken and repaired and what day it was

broken, and at least I have the ones where the frames were broken and were behind the vines. I can do the math, I can get back to you and answer that question as to how many were additionally broken, but I think I tried to explain, I don't know if I would use the word that I missed 50 windows, there's a reason. I wish what I did for a living was an exact science, but it isn't especially with a building of this nature, it's such disrepair. When I counted, I counted 50 windows at the time, I did add 10 to our count for the bid specs to accommodate for some of these hidden areas, I probably should have anticipated some more.

TRUSTEE MINUTO:

In the bid how many windows were to be replaced in October?

WALTER BEAL:

Sixty (60).

TRUSTEE MINUTO:

Sixty (60). Then as of February when you started to do the project once the ivy came down, how many additional windows needed to be taken care of?

WALTER BEAL:

The ivy never came down, the ivy is still up. Once we got up on the lifts and got up close to the building and was able to pull the ivy apart, there was an additional 49 windows.

TRUSTEE MINUTO:

Forty-nine (49) additional.

WALTER BEAL:

Forty-nine (49) additional, so 109 total, 49 each of them call it additional windows being broken, glass where it's intact but the frame was bad, some that I could not see, and the stuff that was behind the ivy.

TRUSTEE MINUTO:

Do you have them documented, photographs or things like that at all?

WALTER BEAL:

I do, I have a set of drawings here with a legend on it for every elevation. I have been unable to get to my office to scan this and get this to you guys, we're potentially opening up on March 18 (sic, he must have meant May 18), but I think it's open for me to get there, if I can get there I'll scan them, because they're full size drawings and I don't have something to scan them and I can identify this for you in a report.

TRUSTEE MINUTO:

Subsequent to any continued discussion about this particular change order, I think that in the future should we have unexpected additional scope of works, where we're going to understand that these things are justified, but no one has carte blanche to just do the work and then give us a bill.

WALTER BEAL:

Understood.

TRUSTEE MINUTO:

I think we have to talk about it first, I think in the future, I understand it's the beginning of our relationship, but I think you have to come back and say, look we found 49 additional windows, here are the photos, here's what it looks like, this is how it went undetected from the original bid to now, or these are subsequent windows that broke. To be fair, the building did take a considerable turn for the worse over that span, so let's say that between half that you couldn't see and half got worse, my biggest issue is we need to come to an agreement and maybe we can modify our original agreement that we cannot proceed with any change order that's not pre-approved by the Board so that we don't have a conversation like this where you've already done the work and we already owe you the money. I'd rather have a look at it first, we can talk about additional value engineering options. For example, had you come originally and said we originally billed 60, now we're at 109, and if we wanted to keep the same budget maybe we would have asked you to use a different material. Maybe we would have said you know what instead of the black plywood we want you to use lightweight ¼ inch mbf, I'm just making it up. My point is we're in a position now where we're backed into a corner, you've done it and we've got very little say about what there is to do. It's almost like going to dinner and the waiter chooses what you're going to eat and you've got no say. So I don't know if all

the Board feels the same way I do, I'm going to assume that in a building this age there's things that are going to spring up and there are going to be hidden conditions, things like that, I get it, but I think that from this point forward we have to say that we need to have those conversations before the work is executed. You got to stop, document it, bring it back and then we have to talk about it and if we're gun shy on the cost then we research additional ways to value engineer the item to get it within budget. Does that make sense to my peers on the Board?

TRUSTEE HYER: My concern, this seems like it was a fairly easy thing to do to get the windows. It was almost double what we expected. I understand it's not an exact science, but is everything we look at going to be double the price now?

TRUSTEE MINUTO: That's the exact reason why we need to see this stuff first. There's two things also, to be fair we're not saying that the unit price went up by a factor of two and I'd like the documentation to see but legitimately if there's twice as much windows that needed to be taken care of, that's one thing, and I agree with you there's a point where you have to say enough's enough, you should have caught it. But again, we can't have that discussion once the work's already been done, once we get a bill for it. Walter, do you understand what I'm saying here? The position we're in right now is precarious, you come to us with the work already done, and with a bill, and we get no say in whether or not we want you to proceed.

WALTER BEAL: Mr. Minuto, I hear you loud and clear. I don't disagree with you one iota, in fact, I told the contractor, as you know, you don't owe CNY this money, you owe the contractor this money. I told him, I said you know there is a process, it has to be approved first. He said, "I'll take my chances, I've worked for the Village before, they're fair, I'll take my chances". Technically, I can go back to him and make a deal, we can talk separately.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Well I think you should. I think what you're hearing from us right now, look we're fair people, we'll pay for the work that is executed. But in the way that this was presented, we are at a serious disadvantage and you understand this is not our money, just like this is not money going to you, this is the Village money and we want to be as responsible as we can so I'm speaking as one person, but I would appreciate you go back and talk to the subcontractor, explain our position, and I think we need to come up with a better number based on the circumstances.

TRUSTEE HYER: What I would also think, again this is looking at windows, we have to do stabilization, which that to me there's a lot more unknowns there, when you start opening things up. Is this the tip of the iceberg, do we need to look at all of them, are we close to the estimates with the stabilization or can we expect that to be double too? I don't know, where are we going to go?

WALTER BEAL: I clearly wouldn't expect it to be double, and to Mr. Minuto's point, it won't happen again, you have my word, I will stop and say folks, come in, let's make a decision, how do you want to proceed here. It could be a cheaper way, it could be a less intrusive way to do things, so it doesn't become what just happened.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Typically with any project particularly one like this, when you do encounter this sort of unforeseen item the key to that is us all knowing about it and then understanding the cost and the scope and then if necessary having time to modify that and value engineer another solution if necessary. We can also decide we don't want to do the work in that way and change direction to keep the price where we want it. In this case, the way it happened, it handcuffed us to a price. We're asking Walter to go back to that subcontractor and take a harder look at the way things went down and present something different for us to consider.

TRUSTEE HYER: But you understand where I'm coming from. With stabilization there's a lot more unknowns than windows.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: For sure. What I'll say about that is until we get there, and again I'm not speaking on behalf of Walter or the structural engineers either. I think what they pinpointed in their photo survey was pretty thorough, but to pretend that nothing will pop up as a result once we start peeling things back, anything can happen, Mark, that's a risk you take with a building like this.

TRUSTEE HYER: I agree, it's not an exact science, but do we need to look at that again to make sure we're on track with what the proposal is?

TRUSTEE MINUTO: That's exactly what I'm suggesting. When I say that things need to be brought to us before anything is executed, that's exactly what I'm saying. We need a process where no change order is approved until we see it and approve it as a Board, and if they go ahead and do the work and "take his chances" then guess what, we're not paying and they can do that work on the house.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Louis, I think things are pretty clear, you've made it pretty clear, Walter has signed on, I think our fellow Trustees and the Mayor completely understand that no more work will be done if it's different than what we agreed to without discussions before any change orders are issued. So, let's move on.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I also just wanted to say that I agree with Lou's suggestion on how we should proceed going forward. I think he's made excellent points, I think he's right on the money, and what I will say is everything I know about Walter and CNY and the way that they operate, I believe that his intention was the best of intentions for the Village because I know that he looks to give us the best product.

TRUSTEE HYER: I don't think, that's not an issue.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I just want to say that. I think that at the same point, as we go down this road, we'll need to make adjustments whether or not it's in process or whatever we do. But I just wanted to say that I know that Walter is a quality guy and that's the way he and his company does run and I just wanted to acknowledge that.

WALTER BEAL: I appreciate that.

TRUSTEE HYER: Walter, that was never an issue. I just want to make sure that we're somewhat in line as we go forward.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Move on, please.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: The last item I have on the agenda is Item #16, Award of Bid, Stewart Field Parking. As everybody recalls, this is a project to add additional parking for the Stewart Field along Stewart Avenue. The Village entered into a Lease Agreement with Nassau County to be able to use the area north of the field to construct a parking area on the former Old Motor Parkway. The initial budget projections for this project were based off of field observations, it was not based off an engineering report, once we got approval from the County to move forward with this and some of the brush could be cleared and a full engineering report could be done, it was discovered that because of the way that the landscape lays out, we looked at the topography of the land, that a retaining wall was needed on the south side of where the lot's going to be. This, along the retaining wall would have steps, it would also require a handicap accessible ramp, and that accounts for most of the increase in the budget on this project. The first request is an ask to increase the budget for this project and award the bid to the low bidder, Coastal Contracting, to proceed with this work.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I think we're in agreement that the reason for this parking is a safety issue, because of the way the field is being used and the fact that we had some concerns and problems of parking and people having to cross Stewart Avenue, etc. So our main reason for this was safety.

TRUSTEE HYER: People and kids, little children crossing Stewart Avenue.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I can definitely say the parking situation for sure on Sundays when there's Thunder games, soccer games, baseball games, that sort of thing, there were people obviously parking right on Stewart up on the grass, and it was extremely unsafe. So yes, that is addressing that measure.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: How many cars will the parking lot hold?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: It's approximately 30 parking spaces.

TRUSTEE HYER: The big bulk of that is the retaining wall, right, the expense for the retaining wall?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: The additional expenses, yes.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: We're also doing lighting and clearing it out.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: There's lighting, we're not paving the lot because of the historical nature of it, there's going to be crushed blue stone instead and there is specific language in the contract for the vendor, too, that if he does encounter any historical material while he's working that he needs to stop immediately and notify the Village before proceeding.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's not the whole portion either, there's a whole other stretch that we're not touching. We can clean it up, make it sort of a walking area, and I think Ralph we're making sure we keep those markers and fixing ones that have fallen into the ground if we can and things like that.

RALPH SUOZZI: Outside of the actual area that we're going to be parking vehicles there will be a man gate on the Raymond Court side on the other end so people can continue to walk the parkway and we do have the ability with our own resources to clear additional brush to make that walkway accessible and we can also do other things. I've floated the idea, I haven't gotten a cost on it yet, but we can fabricate some of the original stone guides that we there with wire and make it a little more authentic looking once we get a price and I have those appicated. So there are things we can do over time that will make it more than what it is today.

TRUSTEE HYER: This will be ADA accessible, there's a ramp?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Yes, that's part of the project.

TRUSTEE HYER: There's a fence, where we'll be able to close that fence and nobody can park there at night?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: That's correct, yes.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Joe, in this pricing are we including the historical signage and everything that we're doing to mark the site as a historic site? That's included?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: The estimated cost for that is in the plans, yes.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Mayor, that's all I have.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Very good. Mrs. Woo.

IRENE WOO: Good evening, Mayor. I have a few items on the agenda tonight. Item #1, the Assessment of Unpaid Water, this is the amount of unpaid water bills that are rolled to taxes. The total amount that's rolling this year is \$232,795.41, this represents 958 accounts and that's an increase from last year. Item #2, the Assessment of Unpaid Commercial Sanitation Charges, and these also will be rolling to taxes, the amount this year is \$7,321.60, and this represents five

accounts. Item #3 is an approval to appropriate funding from the Termination Reserves to pay out an employee who retired in the Fire Department.

TRUSTEE DELANY; Mrs. Woo, quick question, on Item #5, the Vending Machines, that does not include the vending machines in the Library, correct?

RALPH SUOZZI: That's my item, Trustee Delany, it includes vending machines in Village Hall, Municipal Yard, Cluett Hall and the neighborhood parks. The Library is not included, I actually spoke to the vendor today and it's not included.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Do they have a different vendor?

RALPH SUOZZI: They don't have our vendor he said he wasn't doing the Library so they must have a different vendor.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Do we have an idea if our arrangement or our agreement is better than what the Library has? Did we compare the two agreements?

RALPH SUOZZI: I will work with the Executive Director of the Library to discuss that and maybe we can ask this, I don't know who the vendor is right now or what they charge.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I think that would make sense for us to check because it would be foolish if in the event we have one vendor who's excellent and works within the Village and who's very good, if his rates are more competitive than what the Library's paying, I think it would be to their advantage and ours to make the change.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Or the other way around.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Exactly, let's see how it plays out.

RALPH SUOZZI: The prices for this contract Item #5 haven't changed at all, so it's been held constant.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: How does that work, do we usually put these out for a bid or is it just an extension or is it just the dollar amount's smaller and it doesn't require us to put it out for a bid.

RALPH SUOZZI: This is just a renewal. Peter, can you answer that?

PETER BEE: It would be the amount that would determine it. I'm just going to pull up the contract. He pays 15% on the commission machines listed for one group of machines and zero for another group, so he's doing it not on a flat dollar amount but on a commission basis for the sales actually made.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: How much did he make last year on his contract?

PETER BEE: He's paying us, we're not paying him.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I understand, but that's what I'm saying, how much did he make on this contract?

PETER BEE: That information I don't have, Ms. Woo may.

RALPH SUOZZI: I think we'll have to get back to you on that we don't have that on hand.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Mr. Blake.

PAUL BLAKE: Good evening, Mayor, thank you and Trustees. Recreation has nothing on the agenda tonight, I would like to point out that with the Pandemic going on we have started a virtual Recreation Center on our website. When you get a chance to take a look at it you'll find all kinds of activities for everyone from youths up to seniors, including arts and crafts projects, some fun recipes and some neat

virtual tours including tours of our National Parks. It went live on it last week and we've been getting a lot of positive comments on it. People are looking for things to do and we're trying to engage them.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Hey Paul, I just have to say super, I think it's really great and I've heard that from lots of people in town, you know being a dad with four kids at home it's really cool, super for them to check out. I definitely advise everybody to take a look, it's really great stuff. Kudos to you and your team.

PAUL BLAKE: Thank you, we appreciate that. We've also added videos to our YouTube channel now. We now have exercise videos and yoga videos, and we're going to do a live chat once a week with our aerobics instructor Felicia, who works at the Senior Center, and I have to tell you the staff really jumped on this, one they were all excited to and everybody's contributed something, so it's been a group effort, and I'll pass those kind words along.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Hey guys, going back to Item #5. Does it make sense to table this until we get the numbers on it, as opposed to approving it tonight. Does he need to get an answer or are we approving the contract today.

TRUSTEE DELANY: What difference does it make? Let's approve it now.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Well, how much are we making on the contract, you're talking another vendor with the Library, if we don't have the information what are we approving?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: We agreed to have a conversation with the person who did the job and see if we can change that price, didn't we say that? Or did Mr. Beal state. . .

TRUSTEE MINUTO: No, this is the vending machine.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I'm sorry.

RALPH SUOZZI: I don't know what the Library's terms are, how deep they are into their contract.

TRUSTEE HYER: How many vending machines are at the Library?

RALPH SUOZZI: Two.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: Just a couple.

TRUSTEE HYER: Then it's insignificant.

TRUSTEE DELANY: It is insignificant, let's move forward.

PETER BEE: If I may, the Village contract provides that the Village may terminate the contract at any time for any reason and therefore should we discover that the price is inappropriate we can exercise that right.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: That's fine.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Mr. Suozzi, would you care to comment this evening on something?

RALPH SUOZZI: Mayor I was going to comment on Item #5 but it seems like we discussed it certainly enough. So I just want to thank the entire team for the effort they've been doing during this Pandemic, coming up with new ways to work, and keeping the business of the Village and the residents moving along as smoothly as we've been able to, so a general thank you and to the Trustees for their support during this time.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: At this time do we have any questions or statements by Board members? Once again, any statements or comments or questions by Board members?

TRUSTEE HYER: Commissioner, did you want to mention something about updating alarm information, for fire alarms and burglar alarms?

COMMISSIONER JACKSON: At this time of year for people to move or update their systems, so if they move into a residence or install alarm systems, or update their alarm system, we encourage you to go on our website, download the form and complete it and forward it to us and we also forward it to the Fire Department if there's fire information on it.

TRUSTEE HYER: Thank you, Commissioner.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: Mayor, can I just say something?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Of course.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I also would like to thank Courtney Rosenblatt, Ralph and Commissioner Jackson for assisting me with working together and getting our first responders' access to COVID diagnostic testing and antibody testing. That was our Police, our Fire so far, and Mrs. Rosenblatt I believe is also going to also include Sanitation, they have gone out to the Northwell Bethpage site and there was also a site through Commissioner Jackson with CityMD and it seems like it's working out well, so thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: We'll move on to citizens comments. Mrs. Altman, are there citizens or residents at the meeting this evening who want to say something?

KAREN ALTMAN: I think Steve Ilardi wanted to say something.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: You're talking about agenda items only right?

KAREN ALTMAN: Agenda items. Mr. Ilardi, do you still need to ask your question?

STEVE ILARDI: Item #16, the parking lot at Stewart Field. With the situation going on now with the Pandemic, and there's not going to be any sporting events any time soon and we don't know what the future holds for sporting events, does it make sense to make this expense now, when possibly we could schedule things at the other fields and not do so much at Stewart Field like we did in the past and parking may not be an issue.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I'll answer that. We're doing this, this is a 30-year project, we're not doing this for two months, or seven months, or, this is a long-term solution to a long-term problem. Also, let's not forget, it's not just the parking lot, it's also helps us memorialize, commemorate, whatever you want to call it, part of the Vanderbilt Parkway, it will be open, people can walk there, so this is a project for which decades that area has been neglected by the County, inaccessible, useless, and we're trying to do two things with it. One is to increase our parking ability and also do something to memorialize Vanderbilt Parkway which is in that area, so that's what we're trying to do and again, this is at least a 20, 30 year at least project that we'll reap the benefit from it, that's why won't wait to do it.

TRUSTEE HYER: I think also you could also say it's quieter now and doing construction now is a little less than invasive than when you have 50 million kids in that park.

TRUSTEE DELANY: The longer we wait the more expensive it will be.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Anything further, Mr. Ilardi?

STEVE ILARDI: That's it, thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: So I am going to move to approve the minutes.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Is there anybody else who wishes to speak?

HOWARD KROPLICK: Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to participate in your meeting. I'm Howard Kroplick, I'm the president of the Long Island Motor Parkway Preservation Society. We're a group of about 485 Long Islanders dedicated to preserving this historic road. I'm also the co-author of a book on the Motor Parkway, I'm the former Town Historian of North Hempstead and speaking for the Preservation Society, we would strongly object to any destruction of any part of the Motor Parkway so hearing today that you're not going to pave over paradise to build a parking lot, I'm pleased about that. I do have a couple of concerns though, in the area that you're going to be building those 30 spaces there's a three foot concrete extension of the Motor Parkway that was built in the 1920's, the Motor Parkway itself was over 60 feet long and they built extensions three foot above the south and north side and my question is what is the plans for that three foot concrete extension, are you preserving that? I have other questions, but that's the first.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I don't think we were going to touch the Vanderbilt Parkway.

TRUSTEE DELANY: No, we're not, and also Mayor, we want to be within four minutes, please.

KAREN ALTMAN: Yes, he's got 2½ minutes left.

HOWARD KROPLICK: There's a three-foot concrete extension that's there now, if you're not destroying that, that's great. The other question is how much are you going to be restoring beyond this space where the 30 parking spaces are, are you going all the way to Clinton Road?

RALPH SUOZZI: No.

HOWARD KROPLECH: How far are you planning to go?

RALPH SUOZZI: I'll answer this and Mr. DiFrancisco can jump in, but quickly, we are aware of that concrete strip you're talking about. There are pieces of it that are damaged, it wasn't due to us, it's just wear and tear over the years. We have no plans to rip that up, our work is in front and to the south of that strip. The idea would be the parking area itself would just be gravel, we're not ripping up the asphalt that's there or the concrete that's there, but we will be creating a level surface with the bluestone so it will be there, and the whole thing can be reversed in a couple of days if we so wanted to do it. The fence is on both ends so we can lock it down adding lighting and it will all be virgin dirt. As far as the area west of Clinton, I've walked that a number of times over the last two and a half years, and I've spoken to the Mayor about this and our historians and to the other Trustees, we can with all our resources go in and clear some brush so it's a more amicable walk, but it's outside the scope of our lease with the County, but it is within our Village and we could give it some tender loving care to make it a more viable place to walk. But that's beyond the scope of the project we're talking about.

HOWARD KROPLICK: Right, well that's great if you're doing that. I also am encouraged that you're going to put a historical marker there. I offered my services to make sure that the signage that you put up there and copy is correct because 90% of these historical markers are incorrect. I applaud you for your efforts, you did a great job preserving the lot, thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: You're welcome. Any other resident who would care to speak at this time? Can I have a motion to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2020 Special Meeting regarding the budget, April 15, 2020 Special Meeting budget, April 15, 2020 again regular Board Meeting and April 28, 2020 Special Meeting regarding the budget.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I make that motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Makrinos, and a second?

TRUSTEE DELANY: I second it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you, all those in favor, AYE. Anyone opposed? That motion carried unanimously. We're going to move now to New Business - Formal Agenda. Mr. Levin or Mr. Walsh would you care to comment about the request for an extension on 555 Stewart Avenue?

TOM LEVIN: I think if I may, perhaps Kevin Walsh will give a quick summary of what the applicant is requesting in this case. The Board has a draft resolution that we prepared and I'd be happy to discuss that after Kevin speaks.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Great. Kevin?

KEVIN WALSH: Thank you, Mr. Levin. This is Kevin Walsh. We are asking an extension of site plan process through July 10 of this year, I believe that will be sufficient time. In the way of background we have received a Planning Commission recommendation for this project, we have received final Architectural Design Review approval for the project, we were on the March calendar for the few variances that were required to get the project completed, which meeting was adjourned or cancelled. The April meeting is the same way and now we've run out of time, so I'm asking the Board to grant this till July 10<sup>th</sup> I think it will be sufficient time, because I think the only thing remaining for our application to be fully considered by the Trustees for final site plan approval is meeting with the Zoning Board which we have been ready and the Village is trying to get that meeting on because it is a public meeting there are special concerns. I would also indicate to the Village that we are prepared with building plans already, we have finished the construction . The client, Southern Land, is looking to get this development built as soon as possible, we realize we still need two approvals, we need your final approval and we're doing everything we can now to complete the project.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Mr. Levin.

TOM LEVIN: Mayor, my comment to you would be the draft resolution is actually a little more generous than that because we wanted to take into account possible unforeseen events and the fact that the time period also includes Board of Trustees final approval so we were proposing 90 days from today.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Agreed, that should be 90 days.

TRUSTEE HYER: I think 90 days is more reasonable.

TOM LEVIN: I assume Kevin won't object to more time.

KEVIN WALSH: No objection, I just think we wanted to show you how anxious we were by keeping the date, but 90 days is actually great, it's terrific.

TRUSTEE HYER: Gives you a little more time, Kevin, I think that's a good idea.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I think that will work out better for you.

KEVIN WALSH: It will.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: We need a motion then.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I'll move that resolution.

TRUSTEE HYER: I'll second it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: All in favor, AYE. Anyone opposed? That motion carried. At this time we're going to set the date for a Public Hearing for a modification of the Code of Ethics, and this is a small issue and we would like to get this completed and so I'm wondering if I can have a motion to set the date.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I'll make the motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: The date is May 21, 2020. And a second please?

TRUSTEE HYER: I second it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: All those in favor, AYE. Anyone opposed? That motion carried unanimously. Consent Calendar. In regard to #6, St. Paul's, is that still on the agenda and do we approve it now even though we had a discussion about changing the price.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I think it has to come off the agenda in lieu of a discussion that Mr. Beal is going to have with the subcontractor. Does everybody agree with that?

VARIOUS: Yes.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I'll ask to take it off the agenda, I don't know if you need a motion or what.

KAREN ALTMAN: Yes.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I move that we remove from the agenda Item #6 under Public Works.

TRUSTEE HYER: I'll second it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: All approve, AYE. Anyone opposed? That motion carried unanimously. Now can I have a motion to approve the Consent Calendar please.

TRUSTEE HYER: I make that motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Hyer, and a second please.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I second.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Foley. All those in favor, AYE. Anyone disapprove? That carried unanimously also. Now we are going to now take residents comments on non-agenda items. Is there anyone who would like to come forward, anyone at all?

TRUSTEE DELANY: I move we adjourn.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Delany and a second?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I second it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Everyone in favor, AYE. Anyone opposed? Gentlemen and ladies, our meeting is over.