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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
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PRESENT:

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Irene Woo, Village Treasurer
Joseph DiFrancisco, Superintendent, Department of Public Works
Giuseppe Giovanniello, Superintendent of Building Department
Thomas Strysko, Chief, Fire Department
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 our Police and for Firefighters who take care of us and keep us safe in our community, for all the military, both home and abroad, and all those suffering with the Pandemic.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Before we start the meeting, I was wondering if we could make a change on the agenda.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: What would that be?

TRUSTEE DELANY: Switch Item 9 and 10 so that we have the discussion on Junk Cars and Building Materials before Citizen Comments. We can we have Citizens Comments after that discussion?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I have no problem with that. Does anyone else have a problem? Remind me again towards the end of the meeting.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: At this time, we are going to ask for comments from Department Heads, and so usually I start with the Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER JACKSON: Thank you, Mayor, just two items. First item would be Number 2 under Finance, we had a vehicle totaled a few months back and this is the recovery we got from the insurance company. I'd like to be able to put that into the vehicle budget it can help us buy another vehicle for replacement. The other item we have on the agenda is that we are sending an officer to Syracuse for our bi-annual calibration of our weights. We were, based on the suggestion of the Board, we were going to send another officer for training purposes but with COVID we're probably going to hold off until Spring and we'll send him then. That's all I have, your honor.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you. Mr. Giovanniello.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Yes, Mayor, good evening. I don't have anything on the agenda tonight, but I did want to bring the Board up to speed as far as what's been happening in the Building Department. As we anticipated, after a few months of applications and so forth, we're back on to the green as far as applications and submissions coming in, so we're back on track as I anticipated we'll be in the next few months and for the remainder of the year. Just a couple of things I wanted to go over is due to COVID we lost a lot of the interns that helped with the staff and with the original property folders. Just two weeks ago we hired a new intern and he's picked up on the intern process of the property folders and that's moving along well. We actually retrieved and

submitted just about 2,000 folders back to the residents and we're still fulfilling those requirements on giving back these folders. Also a few weeks ago we actually brought back the special consultant and inspector on staff, Rich Barbieri, which is helping with these special projects. We have St. Anne's Church going on, we have the remainder of the Adelphi project going on and also we also just received the Sears building, the renovation, so that's going well. So we thank him for coming back and helping the Building Department. I also want to bring special attention to thanks for Karen and Marc for the Zoom meetings that we've been having with ZBA and ADRB, it's been going well and I just want to say thank you for helping us out. I know we've been to the late hours, last night's meeting was very long, but enjoyable as they may tell you. Just want to say thank you.

- MAYOR TROUVÉ: So, you think that your operation is going smoothly, back to the normal.
- GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Yes, back to the normal, thank God.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: That's good to hear.
- TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: How many folders do you think you have left?
- GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: We have a lot of folders left, probably over . . .
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: If you've got over 2,000 and there are 7,200 homes in the Village, so you have about 5,000 left.
- GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Probably more, because there's a lot of duplicates, triplicates on each resident, so I would say probably double that.
- TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I know we extended the deadline until the end of the year. Do we anticipate the need to extend it further?
- GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I'm doing my very best to get that moving. We're trying, we still have possibly another 200 some odd boxes at the firehouse on Edgemere and we're trying to hopefully make more room here in these garages to bring those boxes over and right now it's going back and forth retrieving both the garages here and the firehouse so we can get these applications out to the residents.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Have we also reached out to all these people, are they coming to get the folders?
- GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Absolutely. They're retrieving, we're making phone calls daily on the applications and the folders and they're coming in to retrieve them, yes.
- TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Do we anticipate the ability to increase the number of interns?
- GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I'm reaching out, and as one school. Adelphi University, we can probably reach out for more interns, but at the moment I do have one in-house which has been working well.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: Chief Strysko.
- CHIEF STRYSKO: I have one item on the agenda, Item No. 10, Change Order for Fire Station No. 2, Plans and Specifications for PKAD Architectural and Design. If you remember at the last Board of Trustees meeting on July 16, we had a presentation from PKAD on some design changes for Station 2 to move forward. At that time, we didn't have a cost associated with the design changes. This change order reflects that design change of \$42,000, so we're seeking Board approval to move forward with this change order.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: One day we went for a ride to, I don't know, was it Babylon or something like that, and the firehouse we saw, you were there Bob, and we saw they went through the whole first drawings? That day there was a lot of room on the second floor in that project, and it was interesting, and it was good. He had some kind of a mechanism

where they blindfold you and then they take you around and you are going through the entire thing as it would be when it was completely built.

CHIEF STRYSKO: You had goggles on, special 3-D goggles.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Goggles, yes, and I'm wondering if you could compare, so you saw that one, so how would you make a comparison between the second floor on that one and the second floor that you're speaking about this evening.

CHIEF STRYSKO: Well, unfortunately to keep the look of the existing firehouse we couldn't just change the square footage. We only need square footage increase on the first floor to accommodate a longer fire truck. Unfortunately, to keep the symmetry of the building to make it look like what it is now, we would also have to increase by the same square footage the second floor and that's really the space that we're asking for. We're asking for additional square footage on the first level to accommodate a larger fire truck. So, if we don't increase the square footage on the second floor it's not going to look right. It will be out of proportion as Trustee Delany mentions.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Do we know how long it's going to take for PKAD to come back with the revised costs?

CHIEF STRYSKO: He's actually on the Zoom meeting, I'm expecting Octoberish depending on when we move forward on this change order. He actually stopped on the design because this change order affects his work on moving forward with the project.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you. There's a question back there?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Since we're on the topic, we had a fairly detailed, not full blown, but fairly detailed look-see at that building and what's wrong with it and what needs to be repaired, right? What was the dollar amount in that estimate, it was somewhere in the \$6-\$8 million just to take that building in, fix what we have, and it still wouldn't fit modern equipment? \$3.6 with no square footage, thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Mr. DiFrancisco.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: I have a few items on this evening's agenda. Item No. 14 is a change order from the LED Replacement Project on Franklin Avenue. As you recall we converted all the streetlights on Franklin and also Seventh Street earlier to LED. In the course of doing the work the electrician came across a few fixtures that had subpar wiring which they felt at the time needed to be replaced. It's a \$216 change order. Item No. 15, I'm asking the Board to accept the Maintenance Bond from Talty Construction. This is the window protection that was done at St. Paul's School, this Maintenance Bond would be for 18 months. Item No. 16 is a resolution to waive the late-fee penalties for water bills for the months of March and April. During the time, as everybody recalls there was a lot of upheaval, the penalties that normally get added to water bills for various reasons, mostly late payments, the penalties were never added to the bills at that time because of all the events going on in the Village. I'm asking that the Board waive these penalties for those two months and we don't need to apply them retroactively or anything like that.

TRUSTEE HYER: Joe, do you know of any other penalties or any other fees that incur penalties that we should be looking at as well? Maybe Giuseppe in the Building Department, is there anything else we should be looking at as far as waiving fees?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: These are penalties that are triggered, the system will trigger a late fee if the payment is entered late, but the penalty portion was never triggered because of all the upheaval going on. So, anybody who paid a bill late in March and April even if it was late, the penalty was never added to the bill, so this is more of a formality to waive that penalty rather than go back now and charge them for those penalties.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Joe, do you feel that we need to extend that because, I really haven't noticed until probably the last 30-45 days a lot more people going out and interacting and

adjusting to what's going on, so I don't know if we need to extend that past March and April.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: We started applying fees again in May and June and we have been applying them each month so I mean if you want to refund them, I guess that's something that the Board can make a decision to do that, but we have gone back to the process of applying penalties.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I'm just thinking I know that there's been a lot of people that have been dealing with a lot of issues, the only thing that we haven't had attack us yet is locusts, so between everything else, and the year isn't done yet, so we have killer wasps yet. I was just thinking that maybe we might consider that.

TRUSTEE HYER: That's what I mean, is there anything else.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Like maybe include May and June and we could start with July going forward. I don't know what the rest of the Board feels, but I think we should maybe make it the first six months.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Wait, what are we talking about?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Late fees.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: You talking about people can't mail a bill in with a payment?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Well, they also drop it off at the Village Hall.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: No, I understand that, but they have an option, they could mail it.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Sure, most of them do.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Most people do.

PETER BEE: Just to be clear here, the penalties are imposed through Mr. DiFrancisco's department on a monthly basis, so he needs to take an affirmative act to impose the penalty. That act didn't occur for two months and as a result of that no penalties were imposed on anyone. Now that the Village operations are a little bit more normalized, technically, theoretically, Joe should go back and impose penalties for those two months. What he's asking of the Board is to say don't make me do that, don't make me go back to those other two months. But since those two months he has been taking those affirmative steps, so if the Board wants to waive it for anything else, they will actually be mailing back refunds, but for the two months he's seeking is just a question of taking no action.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Joe, what are we requiring for backflow inspections? I know those were suspended during COVID, right?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Correct, but we're catching up on those, in fact I believe we are caught up. Item No. 17, Department of Public Works Service Counter. As I mentioned previously we're renovating the DPW offices up here and I'm asking the Board to declare an emergency to exempt us from the competitive bidding process. As part of this process the design for the floor was done pre-Pandemic and the counter space didn't have any accommodations for plexiglass or anything like that and this also includes the Building Department counter also. There's temporary fixtures there now which are just that, temporary, so we have changed, redesigned the plans to incorporate, because we're building a new counter we want to incorporate the protection into the building of the counter space, not a temporary fixture. Unfortunately, we had to go back to the contractor and it would probably add, we're expecting the furniture to be delivered within the next two weeks, the office is pretty much ready to go in a couple of weeks. We'd have to wait a couple of months now to get this change done if we had to go out to bid. So, I'm asking the Board to suspend the competitive bidding rules for this purchase, this change.

TRUSTEE HYER: Joe, this is more of a permanent structure.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Yes, that's correct, yes.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: About how many feet long is it? The counter.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Department of Public Works area is 12 feet, the Building Department is five.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Twelve feet for DPW and five for the Building Department, 17 feet in total. Item No. 18, I'm asking the Board to allocate funds from the Contingency Account for two reasons, \$750,000 of this is to clear enough space in the mulch pile down at the Yard in order to accommodate leaf pickup this Fall and, due to the storm we just went through last week, we now have a significant amount of debris which is all being dumped in the same area that's also going to need to be removed from that area. I'm asking the Board to allocate funds for that and then I will come back to the Board with an engagement of a company to do this work.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Joe, our plan for the area where this mulch has been kept for years, is our goal to eventually get this gone within the next three years?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: I would like to, yes.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I realize there's going to be a cost to the Village, but we need to get this resolved.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Absolutely. The storm didn't help the situation. I also have two Award of Bids on the agenda this evening. Item No. 19, we're awarding a cleaning bid, A1 Professionals, this is a Village-wide contract that was put out. The contract included a required portion, which services cleaning services for specific facilities that are required and there's also a number of optional items that are included in this contract. The required facilities would be here at Village Hall, the Library, Fire Headquarters, Fire Stations 2 and 3 and the Community Park Pool area. The optional items in this contract include just about every other facility in the Village, it's a Village option if we want to exercise and use. It also includes special options such as carpet shampooing, special cleaning, special floor polishings and other options if we choose to engage those other options for additional fees more than the base bid for the six required services. I also have Item No. 20 which is the Curb, Sidewalk and Road Improvement Contract. This is the Award of Bid for the Paving Contract for the Village for the 2021 year. I'm asking to reject the low bidder, Stasi Industries, as they did not comply with the bid specifications, and I'm asking to award to the second low bidder, Road Work Ahead, for the amount of \$2,246,000. This bid came in below budget and I'm asking the Board to award that contract this evening. And one last thing that's actually not on the agenda, I would ask the Board to suspend the rules for a change order for the Stewart Field Parking Area Project. During the course of the construction of the project there was a significant amount of brush was cleared in order to build the retaining wall. After that area was cleared and the work was started, it's actually been progressing very nicely there, there are two electrical light towers at either end of the parking field, which are not part of the work area, but after the brush was cleared for the work area we noticed that the area around these towers was still, it did not look good. So, in walking the site and viewing what it looked like, we felt it necessary to actually also clear the areas around these electrical towers. So, we asked the contractor to give us a proposal to do this additional work, it's for \$3,500.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: How much is it?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: \$3,500. So, if you look at the end of that wall there, on both ends, you have this. It's outside the area of the parking field that's being built but it's unsightly, it's next to the parking fields. So, we want to be able to clear that.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: [Inaudible].

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Yes, just clear it out.

PETER BEE: Is there a motion to add a change order to the agenda?

TRUSTEE HYER: I'll make that motion.

PETER BEE: Moved by Trustee Hyer, seconded by Trustee Bolebruch. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying AYE. The item is added to the Consent Calendar and so at the time the Consent Calendar is moved it will include that item. Thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Questions?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: The only thing I was going to say is before we go tonight, I know we've been exchanging emails in regards to the Water Tower it needs to be painted. So showing the true dedication of my wife and I, we went out to Route 110 over the weekend and as we drove home, being that I definitely need more in my life, we drove through all the different areas and looked at water towers all the way through, and then we even went over to Franklin Square here, and they actually have two of them. Except for one, they are all painted light blue which particularly when you get close to Franklin Square's tower you can understand because when you're near it and you look up it blends into the sky. So, most of them are basically painted light blue, they then have Franklin Square, we would obviously put Garden City, but that's really the predominant color that you see that all the towers have. I know that we're in a stage right now where we need to paint the tower, and to put it into two tones, which is one of the things we talked about originally, I believe you said that would be an additional cost of \$580,000 and that's silly for us to do. I don't know how the rest of the Board feels but that's what I think we should do, I think we should at least come up with a color so we can complete the tower and move forward.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Someone sent me a flyer that had a tower that was a golf ball. Did you see that? I thought that was very attractive.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: I've gotten a proposal for that, it would cost an extra \$570,000 and add two to three months to the job.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I know we can't but wasn't it good looking?

TRUSTEE HYER: Not now. Joe, one quick question, since we're talking about curbs and sidewalks, has the paving schedule been updated on the website?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Yes, it has.

TRUSTEE HYER: Thank you.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Is everybody ok if we painted it light blue?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Light blue I would think, wouldn't you?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: I think most of them I think are either light blue or gray, but light blue is nice.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: What about the name?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: I don't expect it to be done right now, I don't have the quote for that now. That's something, in order to get the tower up and functioning I need to get a coat of paint on the thing. The name can be added at another time, and I can come back with a quote for that.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISO: Light blue, is that the decision?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Do we all agree with light blue? Yes?

VARIOUS: Yes.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: We'll go with light blue.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Thank you very much.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I know we've been busy with the storm cleanup and everything, but something to kind of keep on you radar, I know we talked during budget season about a road analysis and it's around the time now that we should be doing that, especially as we think through potential revenue shortfalls could we look at the conditions of the road to see either what needs to get paved.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Actually, the road analysis will be scheduled, it was a five-year cycle, it would be for next year.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: It's going to happen in 2021?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Correct.

TRUSTEE HYER: Joe, I also think that with all the storm debris and everything that's gone into the catch basins, maybe we should look at that too and see whether they need to be cleaned out.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Sure, the same crew that's cleaning up the storm debris is the crew that cleans the catch basins.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Anything further for Mr. DiFrancisco? Alright, Mr. Suozzi.

RALPH SUOZZI: Yes, Mayor and Board. I'm pinch hitting for our Treasurer Irene Woo. Item No. 1 is an Appropriation from Termination Reserve for an employee who left the Village's service for termination payout. Item No. 2 was covered by Commissioner Jackson. Item No. 3 is a bill from last year that came in and as such requires a transfer of funds from Snow Removal to Maintenance of Equipment. By the way, a bill came in for \$6,000 today it will be on the September agenda, similar type of circumstance, last year. Item No. B is \$84,000 to DPW Equipment from DPW Sewer Repairs. Mr. DiFrancisco, do you want to explain this one?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Last year if you recall the Board approved the purchase of a sewer vision van and that van was actually budgeted under the Water Fund, but as we all know the Water Fund is an Enterprise Fund and the van is a sewer vision van, it's sewer, which is not in the Enterprise Fund, the cost of the van is being charged to the General Fund, rather than being charged to the Water Fund. The Equipment line in the General Fund needed additional funds to cover the cost of the van, the sewer vision van.

RALPH SUOZZI: Thank you. Item No. 4 is a Transfer of Funds, as we know the election date was changed to September and therefore we'll have to do advertisements in the paper so this \$400 is for republishing that schedule. Item No. 5 is the engagement of Cerini & Associates, LLP, this is a professional accounting firm, it will be a third party to our Auditor our Claims and Payroll Services and I just want to thank Mrs. Woo and Ms. Palmer for the process we went through and I also want to thank the Finance and Audit Committee for the guidance and support they provided as well. That covers Finance, I'm now going to move on to Recreation, I'll ask Mr. Bee to handle No. 11 before I go on to No. 12.

PETER BEE: Item No. 11, the Board may recall that at the July 16th meeting the Department explained an urgent situation with respect to the St. Paul's Fields, in that the extraordinarily hot weather placed the fields at risk of literally burning off and with that urgent situation in mind, the Board authorized a contract with Byrne and Son to repair the sprinkler system, which was what was jeopardizing the fields. Unfortunately, in reviewing the record at that time, the Board inadvertently failed in the resolution to formally declare an emergency justifying the avoidance of competitive bidding. This is merely a retroactive curative of the record, saying that yes, there was an emergency, it did justify the avoidance of competitive bidding, and therefore the contract is appropriately awarded.

RALPH SUOZZI: Thank you, Mr. Bee. For Mr. Blake, we have Item 12, as we know we had a very tropical storm that passed through here, a hurricane, and there's been an extensive amount of damage to the trees, about 120, 100-120 trees came down in the Village. While our crews are doing a great job, both Sanitation, the Street Department and our Parks Department are doing a great job removing branches, cutting limbs and such, some of these trees, a couple of them are still on houses, some are just too big for us to handle so we need to bring outside services in. These outside services are, of course, engaged in many other places, including New York City, but they're now available this week and we'd like to engage them first by declaring an emergency, which is Item A, Item B is the transfer of funds from Contingent to Parks - Contractual Services, and Item C is to engage Dom's Tree Service which will help us with the trees on homes. Item D is for Harder Services which won't touch trees on homes, but they will help us with the large trees and debris removal. Item E is for Con-Kel Landscaping which will be for debris removal, and Item F is to engage Pratt Brothers to help us with stump removal. I just want to point out at this time, I think you know it from past events and this one, the men and women of DPW and Parks are doing an excellent job working through this crisis, and it's never fast enough for people who have the problem, but nonetheless they are opening up the roads, they are making sidewalks safe and they're getting the limbs out of there as fast as they can.

TRUSTEE HYER: Ralph, I'd like to thank them also. DPW and Parks, they did a fantastic job, but our Police Department handled about 280 calls that day and the Fire Department handled about 41 or 42 calls during that period too, so we want to thank them as well for their service.

RALPH SUOZZI: Thank you very much. Actually, in my comments before I actually had thanked them, but I do want to thank you, Commissioner and the Fire Department, you did an excellent job during and during the aftermath.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Ralph, before you go any further, can I get a clarification, the 110 trees, are they the Village trees or all trees that came down?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: No.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Are these just Village trees?

RALPH SUOZZI: These are Village trees.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: On these bids, does that include removing the trees or are they just taking them to the Village Yard and leaving them at the Village Yard? The trees that are taken off the home and clearing up, are they taking them with them or are they just taking them to Village Yard?

RALPH SUOZZI: I believe they're going to the Village Yard which is part of removal that Mr. DiFrancisco talked about.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: We're paying this money just for them to take the trees down. Usually when they take a tree down at my house they take it with them, why aren't they taking it with them?

RALPH SUOZZI: I'm assuming they're going to the Yard, which is worst case. I'm just pinch hitting here, I don't know the answer to that, but I'll follow up and get it for you.

TRUSTEE HYER: I agree if they're taking them down they should take them away.

RALPH SUOZZI: I'll clarify that point and I'll get you an answer tonight if I can, otherwise tomorrow morning.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Do we approve this on the contingency that they're taking it with them? Because I think it's a different conversation if they're just taking it down.

TRUSTEE HYER: I agree with you, Steve.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: This is a lot of money to spend just to take the trees down.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Unless the price reflects they're not taking the trees.

RALPH SUOZZI: I don't know the conversation that occurred.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Don't they usually take them, cut them up, and take that all away?

RALPH SUOZZI: When we have a storm, we get them off the streets and they put them, I think we usually put them at our Yard and this is all part of the process. As part of the process we're working with OEM the Village will be submitting projections tomorrow evening to OEM and Nassau County to see if this storm raises to a certain level in which case it becomes a FEMA or Federal funding opportunity. We expect if this meets that criteria that we will be getting FEMA funding and also for 75%, that's usually the formula, and then also the cost of the same amount of threshold the State might kick in 50%, so we might receive up to 90% refund on these expenses. But to the point of the question I don't know the answer to that at this point.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Just two points that I would mention. One is that is in the event that you've never had a tree taken down and you don't know how much it costs, so some of these trees are massive, so when you're talking about what the cost is, even if they don't take it away, just even to cut down the tree. I also know that there are opportunities, I think that when we looked in the past when we had massive trees we were actually able to sell some of the lumber, so I don't know if we've looked into that or what size pieces they cut down or whatever it might be. The other thing I was going to say is I also have had many residents who have commented to me that they have seen DPW and Rec people out all the time and they've been working diligently, I see it with a lot of places they've cut down the trees down to the stumps, obviously they'll come back later and deal with them, but residents have commented to me that they've seen the crews out 24/7, at night time, early in the morning, they're really doing a good job.

RALPH SUOZZI: I also mentioned to this Board last time we met that New York State through OEM I received communication from the Department of Transportation and New York State DEC out of Stonybrook, we had asked for tree crews to assist us, the State had offered 50 or 60 crews to the Long Island region, I started on Wednesday evening with that communication and Thursday I spoke to New York State. All through the weekend they were here surveying with Joe Scappatore, the Supervisor, I got a call yesterday that they just couldn't help us. I'm not quite sure if it's because of the level of need we had, they basically can clear up to 16 feet off the ground, they can't go near wires, they can't take trees off houses, they didn't have the real expertise that these vendors are bringing to us, or the capability, so we didn't get any help, although it was offered. I just want to thank OEM and Nassau County for putting us in touch and making those connections.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Do you have a sense how much it's cost us so far or is it still too early?

RALPH SUOZZI: The estimates we have, rough estimates today, we had a meeting this morning, are in the neighborhood of \$975,000, we don't think that's a hard number, but it's a very good estimate based on what we know and once we get through this process there'll be a secondary process if the FEMA threshold kicks in. Then we'll get down to details and tracking the expense and the reimbursement to the actual things, we have to take some pictures and we have to map them on GIS.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Are we coding this differently in the system so that we can identify what those costs are relatively easy?

RALPH SUOZZI: At the beginning of any storm event, that's the first word we put out is tracking so the Police Commissioner tracks this stuff and sends it to Finance. I contacted the Fire Department, every Department Head has been involved with communicating

their expenses, and then there's some stuff we don't know the actual final numbers yet, so it's a process.

TRUSTEE HYER: Ralph, is there a date that it's due?

RALPH SUOZZI: Well there was a phone call with the Nassau County OEM on Wednesday, I think, maybe Tuesday and they basically said we had till tomorrow at noon.

TRUSTEE HYER: So that's Friday, right?

RALPH SUOZZI: Right, but like I basically said, they're not looking for an exact number, they're looking for a good guesstimate. I got an email that it was extended to 5:00 p.m.

TRUSTEE HYER: So, we won't have a problem meeting that deadline.

RALPH SUOZZI: No, we've been working on this, it's a process that we go through with all the Supervisors, Domenick Stanco's out there collecting information, and all the Supervisors and Department Heads. I think that covers the agenda items.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Is there anybody who I overlooked, Department Heads?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I just have one more question for Mr. DiFrancisco. Any word from New York State on the reimbursement for the AOP, for the grant money?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: The State this past week, the Governor actually signed into, I guess it's a resolution, to adopt the new standards for 1,4 Dioxane, PFO's, PFOA's. I believe he signed it last Wednesday, I don't know the ministerial aspects of it, but it doesn't become official until it's entered into the State Register. Apparently, they're holding off on that second step, from what I'm being told it's not going to enter the State Register until sometime in September, which is good news for us. Along with his announcement, they did make the statement that they will be offering more grants, there wasn't a lot of detail behind it, they just made the statement that they'll be offering grants. We haven't gotten any communication on when or how to apply, we had previously heard it would be sometime this September for the second round of applications, so we're prepared for that, but we don't have a date yet.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: We haven't gotten the first one yet.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: We haven't gotten anything paid out from the first round yet, the projects are moving very quickly, we're actually probably two or three weeks away from starting testing to the well sites on two or three wells and going for Health Department approval. Once the bills start coming in for those projects then we can submit for the reimbursement from the State, from the ones that have already been approved. Hopefully, those will be honored and then hopefully there will be a process to apply for additional one's going forward.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Joe, Nassau County train station, I have driven by there, I saw all the bricks that were piled and saved, which is one of the things that we have done, so if you could just give us an update on where we are on that.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: The company we hired, Pioneer, has done a good job in reclaiming, we're estimating somewhere in the neighborhood of 90% of the bricks are going to be able to be reused. I don't know if you saw them working out there, but they were literally by hand picking up bricks, cleaning them off, stacking them on pallets, shrink wrapping them and storing them for reuse. That's a significant amount of savings on the bricks that were there. Most recently, they're working on drainage structures now, the bricks are all removed, they're all put aside, and starting yesterday they started installing drainage, the new drainage structures for the parking lot. They'll also be installing conduits for new lighting that's going into the lots, and then they'll start working on the concrete work, the curbing and everything else. The project is moving along very well, the removal of the bricks took a little longer than was

anticipated, but it was handwork, and if you remember a few of those days it was 100 degrees out, it was very hot. But it's progressing very nicely.

- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: The parking lots to the south of the tracks, that's going to be paved and everything else, next year?
- JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: That's on this paving budget, the one that's approved this evening, our paving schedule for this year, that lot is included.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: That would be done sometime in the Fall?
- JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: In the Fall or early Spring next year.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: What are we doing as far as with the last part of that Station, the brick walls that we have there? I know that's something that we're going to be paying, I know that we can't get reimbursed for that.
- JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Correct, but there is a budget for that, that was approved, we have capital funds for that project. That's going to be probably the second phase, once the parking lot is finished and we'll work on restoring the wall. Again, that's going to be a bid project.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: They had urns on top of the brickwork. I think one of them survived so far.
- JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Yes, our plan is to take a casting of that urn and duplicate them and put them back to where they were.
- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: There's two.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Our goal is just like we did with the parking lot is that we're going to look to maintain the look, the same look that we have there.
- JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Absolutely, yes.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: That will be beautiful.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Of course, without the vines that are there.
- JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Yes, well that would be the first step, removal of those.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Now if you could save the vines, I'd really be impressed.
- RALPH SUOZZI: I have an answer on the dumping question. The contractors who are helping us remove debris and cut up stumps and dumping it at our Yard, Pratt, who is taking care of the stumps, will be taking that debris away.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: Do I have any questions or comments by Trustees?
- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I got a couple. First question is on No. 2, the Police Vehicle and the car accident, is there any legal action related to this, was the other person at fault, are we at fault, nobody's fault?
- COMMISSIONER JACKSON: That is in litigation and I don't think that's been determined by either insurance company at this time.
- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: So we're being sued or we're suing someone?
- KAREN ALTMAN: What usually happens is when we find out there is an accident, we report to our insurance company and this is not a litigation or a lawsuit, it's just the insurance company reimbursing us for whatever they feel that they will reimburse. Sometimes they total the car out and Commissioner gets \$20,000, \$25,000, but in this case, I'd have to actually look at the Claim that I have.

COMMISSIONER JACKSON: That was minus the deductible.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: So we're getting five grand and we're going to have to shell out 60 grand for a new car.

COMMISSIONER JACKSON: We have other monies that we recover from other accidents so we should be okay.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Thank you. We talked a little bit about Stewart Field before, I just wanted everyone to know, I don't know if you want to bring the picture back up, you don't really need to, but they basically have found very little remnants, of the old highway. There's a strip of concrete about three feet wide, maybe, along one edge, and other than that, there's no roadbed, there's barely any of the little guardrail monuments. We'll be able to steal some, lack of a better word, from the other side that's not being touched, but basically there's not much there. So, it's not going to change our plans at all, we're still going to try to highlight the old Vanderbilt Parkway, but they haven't destroyed anything, we haven't removed anything, there was really nothing there to preserve. I don't know if you have that picture.

TRUSTEE HYER: Maybe if you could just walk us through the slides, anyway, talk about what we're looking at.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: This is the strip of concrete that Trustee Daughney was referring to. In all the excavating and work that's being done there, all we've uncovered is this long stretch of concrete that extends from basically Raymond Court to the end of the working zone, and that's what I'm being told is from the original Motor Parkway. We haven't found any asphalt or concrete or anything else in all the excavation that was done.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I think that there is, if I'm not mistaken, that there is parts of the Vanderbilt Parkway that go under the area going around the periphery of the Marriott, and they want to make something of that and the idea that there are parts of the Vanderbilt Parkway there is in the contract and we were assigned to take care of it.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Mayor, that's my point. There's nothing there, this is it, this concrete.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Then that must be what we're saving.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: That's it, we're not going to touch it, but there's really not much there, we were hoping there was more, there's not. It doesn't run near the Marriott, it runs basically from Clinton through to the entrance road, is that called Ring Road?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: South of the Marriott?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's all on our property, it's not their property. Basically, it went under the ballfield and goes what will be behind Raymond Court and then behind what's going to be 555 to the Mall Road, like to FedEx, and that's where it ends. We're not touching that half. My last comment, I'm going to apologize, it's a little bit long, it deals with the Casino Lease and there's a lot of stuff flying around on Facebook and all these sites that usually there are, so I thought it warranted some response, at least from me, it's not the Board, these are certainly my comments. We're going to extend the Lease on the Casino, but I want to point out a few facts, again, there's things floating around on Facebook that people either don't know the facts, they're ignorant of the facts, or they're ignoring the facts, so I want to point a few things out. First, this has been floating around for several years, it's not just a few months, several of us in the room met with the Casino probably six years ago, so this is not a new topic. The Casino was never granted a right to the property or the building, it's a License, it's not a lease, it's a License. The Village was gifted the land and the building years ago by the now-defunct Garden City Company. This was around 1916 when the Village was incorporated. The grant does include language stating that it should be used for all residents for recreation. That can be changed, but it's not being changed. It does not say that only the Casino Tennis Club can be there, and it's not a park, it's never been officially declared a park. The Casino has never paid rent or made any other payments to the Village. This is a Village owned asset. All taxpayers, in my

view, should be benefiting from the property, whatever its use might be. I'd ask residents to consider this scenario, again, you read a lot of stuff on Facebook and it's just not accurate, but I'll take you through a little scenario and I'd like you to think about it. Imagine if I came to you with this proposal. I'm going to take your house, you'll let me live there, basically forever, I won't pay you anything, I promise I'll upkeep it. We won't define what upkeep is, but I'll upkeep it. You'll never get it back, it's mine to use forever. I'll decide who can use it, who can come in, and I'll define how I use it. Maybe I'll let a business operate there, maybe a catering company. I might make money from the operation of your house, but you won't get any of it, and yes, that happened with the Casino Building. Many of you know that. You've rented it in the past, you've had parties there, you've gone to parties there. You paid money to the Casino and a catering company. None of that ever made its way to the Village. Shouldn't you be logically asking yourself, what benefit do you get as an owner from that arrangement? No rent, no ability to lease it to anyone else, no ability to open it to anyone else, no ability to ever sell it. The fact is that's a gift. You can't call it anything else. And that gift was made to a very select few of a taxpayer owned asset. What about the promise that I'll upkeep it? Isn't that worth something? You can do what you want, it's a worthless promise in my view. As an owner, I can never monetize on that upkeep because I can't increase rent, I have no ability to sell it, I don't get anything out of it. That's not a real lease. How about the fact that this is a private club, pays no taxes, they use Village owned land. Again, they pay no taxes. Other clubs pay taxes, Cherry Valley, Garden City, Garden City Golf Club, everyone who's a taxpayer in effect subsidizes the membership of the Casino. The rates they have to pay to belong there are cheaper because it doesn't pay taxes, they don't have to operate like a true private enterprise. Pay taxes and make lease payments, like everyone else. I belong to a club, I pay taxes too, I don't get a subsidy on my club membership, there's no discounted rate, there's no subsidy by other taxpayers. Just so everyone knows, it costs a Racquets Member \$6,500 to join Cherry Valley and \$3,800 in annual dues, and you have to spend at least \$1,700 a year. Again, this is a subsidized entity by Village taxpayers and that's why we're looking at it. We're not deciding anything yet, we're going to put out an RFP, we've talked about it, we've talked about it for several years. It's not unfair, it's not being done in secret, we haven't delayed anything in some secret plan, we're in the middle of COVID, we know we wouldn't get any bids right now, so we're going to put it off for a while and we'll do another year, year and half of a lease. I don't think that's unfair, but I think people should have the facts. Thank you.

- MAYOR TROUVÉ: Any further questions or comments by Trustees? John, what did you want to switch to the back of the meeting?
- TRUSTEE DELANY: I think, Mayor, we already made that decision that we would put the Citizens Comments after the discussion on the cars and the junk, so I think we've already made that decision in the beginning of the meeting. Citizens Comments will be the last thing, we will first discuss cars and junkyard.
- TRUSTEE HYER: You're talking about on non-agenda items.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: We're going to approve the agenda, then we'll talk about that, then we'll do Citizens Comments at the very end.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: Let's move along, are there Citizens Comments on agenda items? Do we have any questions?
- MAUREEN TRAXLER: Maureen Traxler Dellaconna, 105 New Hyde Park Road. Good evening Mayor and Trustees. On behalf of the WPOA Firehouse Committee, I would like to address No. 10 on your items tonight, the Change Order with PKAD. I have a statement that I'd like to read on behalf of our Firehouse Committee. I also know that there might be some of my fellow Committee Members who are on the line who may have other questions, but we will let them do that if they are here on the call. I'd like to read our statement to you tonight if I may. While the WPOA Firehouse Committee would like to see no additional funds expended at this time, we realize that the Fire Department and the Board have been working on this project for quite some time.

We have also been active in the past ten months and now that we have been recognized by our Western Trustees and are receiving access to information, we expect that this Board of Trustees will respect our right to participate in the final project plans. The WPOA, under the direction of our Firehouse Committee, has prepared a preliminary alternate design, we are in dialogue with Trustee Bolebruch to have our many questions answered in order to understand the Fire Department's statistics, their operating procedures, and their Village wide needs. Also, to review all reports, surveys, and requests that were given to PKAD, to speak to principals involved, and to address the Western Section concerns including the size and cost of the project, the effects on our neighborhood, and the quality of life for our nearby neighbors to the actual firehouse itself. We are if I might add, anxious to continue to participate with you, the Board, and of course the Fire Department and PKAD to try to come to a really nice solution for our Village. I just wanted you to know that these are our feelings with regard to the Change Order tonight and that we are in the process of working with our Trustees. Thank you everyone for all you have done.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Are there any other questions? Mr. Orosz.

ROBERT OROSZ:

Good evening everyone. Bob Orosz, 28 Grove Street. The information that just came out of No. 10, the Firehouse. The information, hopefully it will not just be to the Western Property Owners' Association, but Village wide. There are many questions that should be answered and should be known by everyone because the bottom line is, the bill comes to all of us. So, we'd like to know how this money is being spent. That's pretty much my comment.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Thank you Mr. Orosz. Someone else with a question or a statement?

MIKE MCVEIGH:

Mike McVeigh, 70 Roosevelt Street. In regard to Item No. 10, the Station No. 2 Firehouse. Personally, I think it would be immoral to rip that building down, it's a beautiful building, green slate roof, it has copper Yankee gutters. If you look to our neighbors at the north, New Hyde Park, Garden City Park, I hardly think in 90 years people are going to say wow look at those architectural gems. But they will say that about Station No. 2. Right near me in Stewart Manor they added an addition to house their bigger apparatus, and they kept it with current aesthetics, and I'm sure it looks great, and it came in at a decent price. Looking back at the February meeting, Mr. Gucciardo had said it would be \$3.56 million to rehab the existing Fire Station No. 2 and to add additional square footage, I know these are all soft numbers, \$5.76 to \$6.72 million. Then he said as an estimate it would be \$6.35 million to \$7.8 million for a total new building. Well, it sounds like we're way above those numbers, and I think it should be seriously considered to rehab the building and work within its current, I don't want to say footprint, I know we need it larger to house our Quint apparatus, but just offering my opinion, thinking that we should keep the building the way it currently looks and stands. Thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Thank you for your comments. Is there anyone else?

JONATHAN HEGLER:

Good evening, Jonathan Hegler here, 451 Terrace Avenue. How is everyone doing tonight. This is regards to Item No. 20 on the Board agenda tonight, when will the Road Paving and Sidewalk Improvement Schedule be released for 2020-2021 calendar year?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO:

The schedule will be posted on the Village website. It's a tentative schedule, obviously can change, but there is a tentative schedule, yes.

JONATHAN HEGLER:

Is there plans to repave Terrace Avenue, Lydia Lane due to the natural gas line that was installed?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO:

I don't believe so, but I don't have the list in front of me.

JONATHAN HEGLER:

Do you know when it's going to be released to the Village website, do you have a date, the end of the month, September, October, November?

TRUSTEE HYER: Isn't it up already?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: It should be up already, I will double check in the morning to make sure it's there.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Let's move on, we're going to have a public hearing this evening, a Proposed Local Law Restricting Parking and Charging Permit Fees in Parking Lot 7N to Persons who are Resident in Premises Adjacent Thereto. May I have a motion then to discuss this situation?

PETER BEE: Is there a motion to open the public hearing on the proposed local law? Moved by the Deputy Mayor, seconded by Trustee Hyer. Any discussion on that motion, hearing none, all those in favor signify by saying AYE, and the public hearing is open.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I make the motion to open the public hearing.

TRUSTEE HYER: I second it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Is there anyone who would like to speak on this issue?

PETER BEE: Mayor, may I just briefly summarize. The Board will recall that you established a Pilot Program that restricted certain parking spaces at the western end of Parking Field 7N in order to determine whether that was a more efficient use of the space and to make those spaces available to adjacent residents. The Pilot Program existed only for a period of time, I think it was a one-year period, which has now come to an end. This proposed local law essentially permanentizes that Pilot Program and arranges under the local law that should you at any time decide to increase or decrease the number of spaces it can be done by simple resolution rather than further local law. So, those are the two significant consequences if this local law were to pass. To permanentize the program and to arrange for the numbers to go up or down based on resolution.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Mayor, I'd like to comment on it. This was a project that took a lot of thought and a lot of process last year, it was something that was instituted. In doing that the response far outweighed anyone's expectations. The numbers, if I'm correct, Commissioner Jackson correct me, but I believe out of the 104 people that live at the building, 49 actually took spots. Again, when we evaluated the price of the spots what we did was we compared it with other permits that we have in the Village and the 24/7 usage that they would have. Obviously the 49 people felt that the price was a very fair price and several residents that I have spoken to, were very happy for having the spaces that they have. By having the spaces it has allowed Commissioner Jackson to further enforce the regulations that we had, which was impossible to do before when we had so many of the residents parked across the lots, and lastly, whenever we have had events that have occurred on Seventh Street such as when we closed off Seventh Street for dining, it has enabled the cars that were normally spread out throughout the entire lot, it was actually all kept down by where the apartment is. This has been an absolute win-win for everyone involved, and I know the residents are very happy for having the spots, Commissioner Jackson is able to enforce it, and it frees up the rest of the lot to be able to have usages for other businesses. I encourage the other Board members to make this a permanent item instead of just having it as a trial.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Are there any other Trustees that would like to speak?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Well said, Trustee Bolebruch. It's not related directly to this, but I think we should really consider doing this in the parking lot behind Revel as well. We have a big apartment building there, we have businesses competing for space, we should do the same type of thing. Obviously not today, but we should consider doing that.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Have the residents ever come to us and asked us for it, I don't know if they ever have.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: No, but if you go there and you eat at any one of those places, you're visiting an office, you're competing with spots right next to a commercial place where there's a huge lot where people can be there longer term, either all day or all night, it could be parking a little further away. Even if we didn't charge we could at least segregate it out. That's what I'm talking about.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Is there any other Trustee that would like to speak? How about residents, are there any residents that would care to speak at this time?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I think the next step should also be looking at the timed parking in 7N and I know as part of this process, the first part was the permits. The next part was the different areas of the lot designate whether it should be two-hour parking, eight-hour parking, and so on. We did have questions or concerns from residents of other people using that lot as a commuter lot in essence. We should think about other options from that perspective as well.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: No further comments from Trustees? Is there any member of the public that would care to comment?

ROCHELLE DOWLING: My name is Rochelle Dowling, 100 Hilton Avenue. I have spoken many times on this subject, I would just simply like to reiterate my objection to the most expensive fee for a parking permit in the Village. I understand that it's 24/7, but the parking at the Long Island Railroad lots is also 24/7. You might say many people don't park there 24/7, but they are able to do so for a fee of \$150. We are more expensive by \$75 than any other parking permit in the Village. I think it's unfair to put that burden on the senior community of Hilton Hall. You may say that 49 people have purchased the permits, that means that a majority of the residents here have not. It is about the money, it may not be about the money to you, but it can be very well about the money to the senior residents of Hilton Hall. Thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you for your comments, Mrs. Dowling. At this time can I have a motion to close the public hearing?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I make that motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Makrinos. May I have a second?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I second.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Deputy Mayor Bolebruch. All those in favor, AYE. So, how many do we have present this evening? Seven, and that passed. Now it would make logical sense that we would vote on the law. May I have a motion to vote this law in?

TRUSTEE DELANY: I make that motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Delany. May I have a second?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I second.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Makrinos. All those in favor, AYE. Thank you. That local law is adopted and now we would move to the approval of the minutes from July 16, 2020 meeting. Can I have a motion for that please?

TRUSTEE DELANY: I make that motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Delany. May I have a second?

TRUSTEE HYER: I second.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Hyer. All those in favor, AYE. We move to the Formal Agenda and this evening we are going to appoint Courtney Rosenblatt as Secretary to the Board of Trustees. With respect to this item on the Formal Agenda I would like to appoint

her this evening. Mrs. Rosenblatt has served the Village well for a number of years as Village Auditor and this title will be in addition to her position as Village Auditor. We are all anticipating that this additional title will allow her to take on some additional responsibilities for the Village and look forward to her new relationship with us. May I have a motion to ratify this appointment please?

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I make that motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: May I have a second?

TRUSTEE DELANY: I second.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Delany. All those in favor, AYE. Passes 7-0. I will at this time would like to ask for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, can I do that now?

PETER BEE: Yes, you can, Mayor, and I believe the Consent Calendar also includes the additional \$3,500 Change Order to clear the brush near the electrical tower.

TRUSTEE HYER: I make that motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Hyer. May I have a second?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I second.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Daughney. All those in favor, AYE. That passed 7-0 passing. Now we will turn to a discussion of the following topics for potential formal action. No public comments will be taken. The first one is on junk cars. Mr. Daughney, do you want to speak to this?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Yes, I just think COVID kind of gave people a lot of opportunities to wander around the neighborhoods a lot more than they might have otherwise. I happened to notice, we almost dealt with this a few years ago, we have dealt with the issue. We forbade cars being stored in the front half of yards, but if you walk around you'll see, and is it a big number, of course not, but it's not really fair to your neighbors or the neighbors of a yard that has one car, two cars, sitting there slowly melting into the ground. It's a quality of life kind of issue, I just don't think its right, and if you don't have the car registered, not that you can repair things in the yard, it's sitting there obviously forever, I just thought it's something we should consider. We don't have to act on it tonight, but that was the reason I brought it up.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Other Trustee remarks?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I agree with that, the only question I would have and it's a question for Peter, is that if in the event we were to pass some type of legislation which basically says that we don't want to have cars that are unregistered such as junk cars being in homes, can we then say within three months or six months if they exist then you would have that period of time in order to get rid of the car, or do they have to be grandfathered in, what would be the process?

PETER BEE: There are a number of options. I would probably look initially at the idea that the storage of such vehicle which has been declared to be essentially an item that's inappropriate for that location, there would be a notice of violation, a summons, and a potential fine for doing so. I think that the amount of the fine will ultimately provide an incentive to the homeowner to remove the offending vehicle.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: If in the event we were to pass something like this, I think what would be fair to the owner is to give them a grace period of some degree to where they can if they wanted to move it to another location or if they wanted to get rid of the vehicle or whatever, that they would be able to do this.

PETER BEE: Yes, so we could build in such an item. For example, the notice of violation concept is not a violation itself, it's not a summons immediately returnable in Court, it is a

notification to the homeowner that it appears they are in violation of law and they should remedy the situation within a certain period of time or a summons may be issued. So we can build that into a draft local law.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Let's just say we pass it tomorrow, are you saying we won't make it effective until next July 1st, right, that's what you're saying.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: No, I'm just saying if in the event we were to pass, again let's use the term, let's say we pass it tomorrow, we would then give I don't know, 60 days or 90 days, in order to either register the vehicle or to get rid of the vehicle. I'm not saying a year, I'm just saying 60 or 90 days, give them an opportunity to do this.

PETER BEE: We could make the local law effective 90 days after its enactment and we can provide for a 30-day notice of violation before any Court action is taken.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Can I just jump in for a minute, Mr. Bee and Deputy Mayor Bolebruch. That is in place as of right now as the Building Department is effecting. We've actually given a few violations to residents that have either junk cars or all sorts of debris on the front yards of properties. A notice of violation has been occurring on a property maintenance issue due to these junk cars. If you want to define it as junk cars specifically, that's fine, but we actually have been addressing this as notice of violation as a property maintenance issue for numerous years now. It is a 30-day notice, and at 30 days it becomes a summons.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Right, but what I think Trustee Daughney is doing is for us to make it official. So that this way there's no discrepancy, there's no discussion about it, this is something that you can't have those vehicles in your driveway, on your property.

PETER BEE: Then it may be a question simply of taking the existing code provision regarding property maintenance and identifying with specificity that a junk car of this nature would qualify as not being adequate property maintenance.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Would it be possible then for you and Giuseppe to get together and then maybe for the next Board meeting the two of you could present something to the Trustees?

PETER BEE: Certainly, sir, although the Board may recall that at the last Board meeting, I introduced an associate, Jason Greenfield, who's here with us this evening, and the initial drafting assignment might possibly fall to him.

TRUSTEE HYER: Would that also include storage of building materials?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: That's the second thing.

TRUSTEE HYER: We'll do that after, that's fine.

COMMISSIONER JACKSON: I was just talking to Trustee Daughney. Town of Hempstead does have something similar and they define junk cars as a car that's unregistered, so it is very similar to what we see and there is a standard already in the Town of Hempstead.

PETER BEE: Our office will prepare in conjunction with the Superintendent of Buildings a proposed local law which we will circulate before the next Board meeting.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: On the second issue, storage of building materials.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I brought this up as well, as sort of a quality of life thing, I know this one's harder than a visible junk car, but it just seems walking around you notice that people have two pallets of bricks left over from a patio they finished eight years ago and things like that, piles of stone. It might be harder to define or qualify and I get it, you do your patio and you want to keep whether it's 10 stones or 20 stones extra in case you need to fix something, I get it, but it just seems people shouldn't be allowed to keep piles of debris in their yard, because again, it does impact your neighbor. Your neighbor has their yard kept nice, and maybe you do too, except for this pile of stone

and your neighbor's now trying to sell his house and someone comes up and they're like what the heck is that next door. So again, it's just something I thought we should think about, have a conversation about, that's all.

- TRUSTEE HYER: Brian, as far as that goes, I mean, you're talking about upon completion of a construction job, 90 days, I think that's fine. But should there be a time limit if I'm going to get a delivery of construction material and put it there for a week and the job's not starting for a week.
- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: No, this would be after your permit expired, he's completed the project. It doesn't have to be 90 days, it could be six months, I don't really care.
- TRUSTEE HYER: I get it, it says no storage of building materials, as long as it's upon completion.
- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Again, there was nothing magical about this, it was just a conversation starter. It could be six months, I don't really care.
- PETER BEE: Just so I understand, does the Board want a proposed local law to be drafted, is there continuing discussion on this item, how do you want to proceed?
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I don't know if we have anything in our code, but maybe you could look at it or you could look at other communities that have codes like this and maybe you could bring a suggestion to us. This is far different than the junk cars.
- PETER BEE: As I understand it, this would typically be a situation where someone makes an application for a building permit and there's a construction job that occurs and then potentially upon final inspection the homeowner is directed to remove all construction debris, that's not an uncommon code provision.
- GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: That is correct. It's very common and we ask numerous times, and if we receive any kind of complaints or anything like that, this does fall under the preview of property maintenance and we do give notices of violation on that.
- PETER BEE: Again, it's my understanding that this is already in play, it's really just a question of enforcement. Our office will consult with the Superintendent and determine whether additional clarification of the code is required or not.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: Is this discussion complete? We'll move then to Citizens Comments on non-agenda items.
- FRED SMITH: Hi, Dr. Fred Smith, 10 Cambridge Avenue. My wife and I have lived for 27 years on the same block where we reared two children. I'm here with a number of other Garden City residents to beg you, our Village leaders, to reverse your decision to withdraw from the Nassau County Urban Consortium. One of my principal motivations for addressing you tonight is this, I'm acutely aware as an internal medicine doctor that the recent Coronavirus surge inflicted much greater suffering on our neighbors in Hempstead Village than on the people of Garden City. Even though the disease had an undeniably large impact on residents of our Village, Hempstead Village had more than 3.5 times the number of COVID cases as the Village of Garden City, and similar ratios held true for communities like Elmont, Freeport and Roosevelt. In my present role of teaching clinical ethics to medical students at the Zucker Hospice Medical School, the focus has usually been on dilemmas that face individual patients. Is the doctor's notion of an inefficiency of making a treatment decision conflict with the patient's autonomy? Or is the clear new thing that medical students must now learn from the differential effects of COVID on Nassau's communities is the principle of justice, a principle that seldom comes into play with individual patients. The great excess of COVID among patients of color is largely caused by specific injustice, structural racism that was deliberately engineered on Long Island throughout the 20th century to ensure residential segregation. I hope we will join other municipalities in recognizing that the structural racism that we've inherited and live with is a public health crisis. I'm quite sure that none of you is bigoted, nevertheless, you and I and every Long

Islander is heir to an unjust system of residential and educational segregation by race, ethnicity and income. Last year, Newsday investigators showed how many real estate agents, including some in Garden City, were still actively steering customers toward or away from certain communities on the base of race and ethnicity. George Floyd's killing aroused many Americans to recognize that a half century after the legislative accomplishments of the Civil Rights Movement, structural racism is an enduring problem that requires an active response from white people. But we have a moral and neighborly duty to do everything possible to dismantle the structures or otherwise continuing indefinitely to separate white people from black and other people of color. The symbolism and practical effects of the Village's withdrawal will not benefit Garden City. Withdrawing will only strengthen a stereotype that the people of Garden City value the illusion of absolute security over working to heal the divide between our nearly exclusively white Village and neighboring communities where people of color predominate.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Thank you for your comments.

DAN MCELROY:

Good evening Mayor and Garden City Trustees. My name is Dan McElroy, I live at 138 Meadbrook Road. I have lived in Garden City for all 24 years of my life and recently completed my thesis at Adelphi University on the subject of housing on Long Island designed by A.T. Stewart and William J. Levitt following the model of Robert Moses and that history's intersection with the Black Lives Matter movement and associated civil rights movements. I will be quoting from the Second Circuit Civil Rights blog available online at Bergstein and Ulrich Law Firm and the minutes from the May 28 Garden City Trustees Meeting, both the Zoom transcript and the minutes that hold the Resolution No. 82-2020. I do not believe the Village has participated in Consortium activities in good faith, and although the County did not sell the Social Services Site, I do not believe this is grounds for leaving the Consortium. I applaud the creation of the Fair Housing Law in Garden City, and therefore wish to see it fulfilled to the fullest extent of the law. Specifically, I believe it is in our best interests to our community to stay in the Consortium, as it would not only provide reliable funds for 555 Stewart, which has a history of financial issues, but also other projects that will begin to address Garden City's segregation. I refer to the construction zoning change provided for 555 Stewart mentioned by Mr. LaPinta that it would be "the first and only new development in your jurisdiction that would have affordable housing" pursuant to desegregation. This must be the start of active integration. I agree with the District Judge Spatt's analysis that the Village of Garden City displayed a "race-based animus" with racial dog whistles to the "flavor and character" of Garden City and general sentiments of overcrowding. It is clear to me that there is a vocal group of Garden City residents that oppose affordable housing and thus it is my opinion that withdrawing from the Consortium would leave the Village with less substantive support for integration efforts beyond 555 Stewart. This is not only for building Fair Housing in Garden City, but in the Town of Hempstead and in Nassau County as a whole. It is not my position to perpetuate a stereotype that black and brown Long Islanders or any other non-white buyers or renters are poor. Yet the segregation of Long Island and the unanimous decision for Garden City to leave the Consortium is directly tied to the not-to-distant history of the intersection of race and class in this community and the Town of Hempstead as a whole. The optics of the Village of Garden City leaving the Consortium at our earliest available opportunity project elitism and callousness in light of not only the activism surrounding the murder of George Floyd, but years of organizing from the Black Lives Matter and related organizations. As a young adult on Long Island and in the Town of Hempstead I want to communicate to the Trustees of Garden City that I desire a materially desegregated community. My belief is that without outside aid from the Consortium this integration will be stunted.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Thank you. Anyone else?

BOB OROSZ:

Bob Orosz, 28 Grove Street. I'm becoming a little concerned of the amount of debt that the Village is taking on, which will obviously be front and center in my tax bills. I found an interesting document on the Village website entitled Village Debt Analysis and it was printed up February 6 of this year 2020. I went through it, got

my pencil out and it lists all the funds that have outstanding debt, which is the General Fund, the Pool Fund, the Tennis Fund and the Water Fund. As of that date 2/6, we were up to over \$59 million in debt. As of 6/18 we added another \$9 million of debt, now up to \$68 million. In the document here it said that under the Water Fund that the chart that was illustrated here showed \$16 million of debt did not include \$36 million for the well treatment. Now, I'm sort of skeptical, does that \$36 million including the supposed \$9 million grant money we're supposed to get, or was that added on later? That would bring the whole total up to almost \$130 million in debt. There's also a line here on the document indicating that assuming a projected \$9 million per year of annual debt, percentage of debt service to the overall budget continues to increase to an unsustainable level over the next few years. I'm only reading what I found on the website. I'm concerned and everyone should be concerned as to every time I'm looking at these meetings you're adding another couple million on here, a couple million here, half a million here, and so on and it's adding up fast. The continued projects on here do not include in the existing Capital Plan, which are renovations of the not only Edgemere but the Clinton Road Firehouse, the Seventh Street Improvements and Parking Structure, of course St. Paul's Abatement, and Stewart Field Renovation, in other words, turf field. This money now, we're up to almost \$130 million, it doesn't even include these projects. When are we going to get to a point where we're going to get a little more realistic on what the heck is going on and what people can afford? Thank you for your time.

TRUSTEE BOLBEBRUCH:

Mr. Orosz, based upon what you were talking about, first of all, when you take a look at the total amount of debt, some of those numbers are kind of skewed out of character. What I mean by that is the Water Tower itself is going to be around \$8 million approximately 75% of that was bonded, the rest of it was paid for in cash. That debt is actually being paid by the people who use the water, which is one of the reasons why we had to increase the water rates. In addition, there was another \$45 million I believe is the approximate number that we were looking at, as far as with the cost for 1,4 Dioxane. Now, of that \$45 million, we've already received two of the grants which basically took care of I believe if I'm correct, about 60% of the cost. Am I correct in that?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO:

Yes, \$41 million was bonded for the projects. To date, we received approval for \$9 million worth of grants, that's for two of the projects.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH:

Let's just make the assumption regardless of whatever else is happening in the world, the politicians are not going to say we're not going to now not give you any more grant money and we're just going to allow you to have bad water. Common sense tells you, that's not going to happen. Let's just assume that they probably end up giving us the rest of the grant for the rest of the wells. About 60% of that total cost of that \$45 million will then be reimbursed, just like we had the first two wells done, by the State. That basically takes that number down to about \$19 million, and again, from \$45 you go down to about \$19, that \$19 along with the other \$6 million, that \$25 million that you have left, is going to be paid by the people who, and I'm one of them, who receive the water in Garden City. So, just like other people all throughout Nassau and Suffolk County, will water rates probably rise in the next couple of years, yes, they're probably going to have to. The reason for it is we had to replace a water tank which was 86 years old and then also we had to deal with the 1,4 Dioxane. When you look at the total debt of the Village, the \$45 is going down to \$19 and then the other \$25 million, the remaining \$6 from the Water Tower and the remaining \$19 from the 1,4 Dioxane is really being paid for by the people who use the water. I hope that helps break down the numbers a little bit for you.

BOB OROSZ:

It reduces it a little bit, but I realize that the water is paid through your water bill. I'm looking at this as to I'm paying the water bill out of the right pocket and I'm paying the bonds and the debt on the bonds out of the left pocket. Both of them come out of the same pair of pants, the ones I wear and the ones I have to find the money for, this is what I'm concerned about. I'm a senior, I'm living on a fixed income.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Mr. Orosz, you're preaching to the choir. I address the same thing at the budget, I understand.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Mr. Orosz, I'd just like to ask, though, what we wrestle with and we all should be wrestling with, what do you want to give up? We have to have clean water, that \$40 million . . .

BOB OROSZ: Why do you insist on what we could give up is the money that we're pouring into St. Paul's, why don't we talk about that, that money pit in the middle of the Village, the St. Paul's project, let's just stop paying there.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Like everything else, everything's on the table all the time.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Mr. Orosz, sir, unfortunately you've used up your time. Is there anyone else?

KIM PRESTON: Kim Preston, Three Stratford Avenue, Garden City and I would like to support the sentiments of Mr. Smith and Mr. McElroy regarding the Consortium comments for the Board. The first concerns the economics related to membership. I've been researching it and I'd like to know what cost, if any, there is to belong to the Consortium, because it would seem to me in viewing the decision that it would benefit the town to continue to be a member, particularly since the 555 Project is not anywhere near, I don't even know if it's begun, completion and I think it would benefit the town to show compliance with the Judge's order to continue to be affiliated with an organization that is involved with Affordable Housing and which has members through surrounding towns. I am concerned about opening up liability, particularly since the Judge's decision referred to historic racism within our town and our community. I think that it would be a step backwards and in the wrong direction to leave the Consortium and I'm concerned about perception and the motivation for doing so. So, I would like to know what is the reason for leaving?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: We came through a long series, of legal items and that is what we came to the conclusion with our attorneys, being sensible, that we really did not need to belong to the Consortium.

KIM PRESTON: I'm sorry, I apologize, I just was wondering what those reasons were.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I thank you for your comments and we'll take them under consideration.

KIM PRESTON: Is there something I would like to know is the discussions, are they public, in regard to prior meetings, have these discussions been placed in minutes where I could look them up? I understand if it might take too much time now, but I am interested in learning why we would decide not to participate in an organization.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I think the whole story is on the website.

KIM PRESTON: I did look on the website, I didn't see it on there, but perhaps.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: No, it's on there.

KIM PRESTON: The history is, but with respect to the decision for leaving the Consortium, I really would like to know why we would not participate in this organization which appears to benefit our community.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I'm sure that we made a good decision, we put a lot of time in, and I think that, unfortunately you've used up all of your time. We do thank you for your comments and we will take them under consideration.

STEVE PORTO: Steve Porto at 18 Princeton. It's a pretty simple question, you voted, this group voted to leave, so what are the reasons? I don't think we made a good decision, insufficient, it's pretty simple. Just tell us the reasons.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you for your comments. Would anybody else like to speak?

NEHA BAJAJ:

Good evening, my name is Neha Bajaj and I reside with my husband and two kids at 96 Claydon Road. We have been residents of Garden City for eight years. Earlier this year I started a Facebook Group along with Jen Straton, who's also on this call, called the Social Justice and Anti-Racism Group of Garden City and the group currently has over 300 members from our community, some of whom are on this call tonight in support of this topic. Our members believe strongly in increasing the diversity of our town and we also are very supportive of fair and affordable housing. In mind with this I would like to ask the Trustees to reconsider the decision to withdraw from the Nassau County Urban Consortium. Withdrawal from this Consortium could preclude the Village from receiving future funding toward affordable housing as well as could potentially reduce the funds available overall in Long Island for fair and affordable housing. We do not feel that this is aligned with where our members would like to see us move as a community in terms of actions that we take in support of social justice. On a personal level, I grew up in Elmont which is a very diverse town. My husband and I love living in Garden City and all that the Village has to offer, but I do sometimes fear that my children could lack the perspective that comes from exposure to different backgrounds. Whether that be social, socio-economic or racial or ethnic backgrounds. Rather than engaging in actions such as pulling out of the Consortium I think it would actually benefit our kids for our Village to continue to support the Consortium and development of fair and affordable housing options, helping to provide a diversity of perspective and people and in turn enriching our communities. Thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Thank you for your comments.

COLLEEN MARTINEZ:

My name is Colleen Martinez, 19 Chestnut Street. I am also here to ask the Village to reconsider its decision to withdraw from the Nassau County Urban Consortium. Whether we want to admit it or not, Garden City has a difficult history with race relations. We are a predominantly white town immediately next to a predominantly minority town. I was first exposed to Garden City as a young attorney living in New York City. I'm originally from outside Chicago and had been living in New York for less than a year. My first job outside law school took me to Hempstead. Each day the attorney mentoring me picked me up at the Mineola Train Station and we drove through Garden City to Hempstead. The reality as we crossed from Garden City to Hempstead was jarring, so much so that I remember it still to this day and related it to my family and friends. It was shocking that such affluence and beauty existed next to such poverty and no one seemed to as much bat an eyelash. It was seen as normal and acceptable. Here was the proverbial wrong side of the tracks right before my eyes. This is the impression that outsiders get of Garden City. I am now fortunate enough to now live in Garden City and I want to do all that I can to make this beautiful town even better. Part of making Garden City better is continuing to participate in the Consortium. Unfortunately, we can't deny Garden City's history of discrimination. We have had an unsuccessful application for affordable housing at the Doubleday Site, another failed attempt at affordable housing at the Ring Road Site, the Attorney General investigation into discrimination at Garden City Parks that resulted in an Anti-Discrimination Policy, all of which were cited in the last decision which most recently cost this Village millions as a result of the finding of discrimination with the failed attempt at affordable housing at the Social Services Site. We must stop merely reacting to lawsuits and start acting proactively. It's imperative, we must prove that this Village is truly dedicated to ending discrimination and addressing the racial disparities in our town. It will not only strengthen us as a Village morally, but help us to defend ourselves against future lawsuits, which unfortunately, given the racial makeup of this town, its history, and our current climate, are very likely to come. By withdrawing from the Consortium, Garden City sends the message that we are only willing to do the bare minimum to comply with Court directives and will only act when sued. While this may not be an accurate assessment, the optics are unmistakable. I worry that given our history, withdrawing from the Consortium at the first opportunity to do so will only further Garden City reputation for discrimination and negate the positive steps forward that we have made, such as the work done on the 555 Stewart Avenue Project. If nothing else, these optics have the potential to cost the Village millions of dollars. The dues that we pay will pale in

comparison to potential liability down the road. So I say to you, the Trustees and Mayor of this great Village of Garden City, who we have entrusted with the financial health and reputation of our town, that it is in the interest of Garden City, both morally and financially, to continue its membership in the Nassau County Urban Consortium and I urge you to reconsider your decision to withdraw. Thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Thank you.

RACHEL CARA:

Good evening, my name is Rachel Cara, I live at 37 Boylston Street and I was born, raised and currently live in Garden City and my goal is to live in a Village that I am proud of. While the Village should and has been applauded for the new and strong Fair Housing Law, I believe it is a detrimental decision to leave the Nassau County Urban Consortium. As a Village, we must commit to encouraging and creating a community and culture of celebrated diversity. By leaving the Consortium we lose access to funding for fair and affordable housing, which is an absolute necessity to welcome culturally and racially diverse neighbors to our town. This lack of funding places the burden of desegregating our communities under Garden City's tax base, which may limit our ability to desegregate Long Island's communities. Furthermore, leaving the Consortium and its resources may leave us vulnerable to other financial repercussions of other lawsuits, like the one that required us to join it in the first place. In addition to the financial repercussions in this historic political and social climate we are living in, it is necessary for us to act as anti-racist and to strive to create as safe a space as possible for people of color. Making the choice to leave the Consortium now is a terrible decision in terms of optics and publicity, on top of recent and widespread reporting on Long Island's discriminatory housing policies. I ask the Board to reconsider the recent decision to leave the Nassau County Urban Consortium in an effort to create a more equal, welcoming and diverse community. Thank you for your time.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Thank you for your comments.

KATHLEEN AURO:

Kathleen Auro, 4 Merillon Avenue. I was looking at the plans for the closing of the Tanners Pond Road/Denton Avenue Bridge and there appears to be, first of all a very ugly, square edifice that's going to be built there. Secondly though, traffic signals, has anyone done any survey as to whether traffic signals are necessary for that underpass? I use it all the time and it's not a problem and especially, have the people who live in that area, the area on Main between Tanners Pond and Wickham, did anybody ask them do they want a traffic light, because that would mean that they're going to have traffic backed up while that traffic light changes. Also, another question, at our Estates POA meeting maybe in February if I recall, Brian Daughney asked opinions, not that they were binding obviously, but opinions of those of us who were there, about what did we like that bridge to look like, and I know myself, and I believe it was Christina Russo, said that is such an old bridge, let's try to retain it's historical aspect. When I see these new plans it's an ugly, square box. Also, in reading this information from my POA, it says that the acceptance of road closure is due by August 2020. Who is accepting that and has there ever been a meeting about anybody's concerns about that bridge? Anybody have an answer?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY:

Nothing's been decided yet, they're still working, we told them we don't like traffic lights. Those were concept pictures and we told them we didn't want those. So, they have to deal also with County and general traffic laws. They're redoing that bridge but we're trying to avoid, we may end up with just stop signs, we may end up with just a single pole little flashing yellow light. We certainly need something for that one lane bridge, so they're still working on concepts for that.

KATHLEEN AURO:

Okay, but as someone who uses that underpass because it's a great shortcut when I'm traveling, I've only had to interfere in one potential argument between a young man and a woman. So, for all the years I've lived here and that's since 1971, I don't think we've had any major accidents there. The Police Commissioner might know that better than I. Thank you for your comment, Mr. Daughney, I appreciate that.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: No problem. Like I said, they're still working on it, we told them no big traffic lights, again, we may end up with a flashing yellow light maybe on the bridge itself, we don't know yet, we told them to go back and try to work something better and make it look more like it does now, with larger stones. They can't use the current stones, they might be able to use something that looks like it.

KATHLEEN AURO: That's a shame but thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you, Mrs. Auro. Is there anyone else who would like to speak?

JOHN CANTWELL: John Cantwell, Kilburn Road. On the subject of the Denton Avenue Bridge, what gives you the confidence that they'll adhere to our desires there, given how they treated us with the poles near the Merillon Avenue Station?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: In what respects?

JOHN CANTWELL: I mean, what if they just up and decide to put a traffic light, like they don't seem to care what we really think.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: They can't because the traffic light would require County approval and the County has already expressed an opinion that they don't want a traffic light there.

JOHN CANTWELL: What if they decided to put two 120-foot electric poles on either side, or if they decided to make the bricks pink? My real question is, what's giving us the confidence, what real assurances do we have?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: The one thing I would add is, outside the issue with the poles, we've had open dialogue with them, in terms of design, in terms of the walls, the height of the walls, the color of the walls, they're all things that have been discussed with us and they have agreed to what we have wanted.

JOHN CANTWELL: So, they're happy to do what we want when it's also what they want and so we're hoping what they want here is also what we want. Is that what we're saying?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I think that's what you're saying.

JOHN CANTWELL: Yes, you're right, that's what I'm saying. I don't know why we keep trusting these guys, I don't know why we're going to give them another big project here, or the freedom to do this big project without something. Hold the road closure until they've, I don't know what you do in these big things, put a bunch of money in escrow that actually keeps them to their word. This is the last bit of real power that we have, right, is whether or not we actually close the road and let them do this.

KAREN ALTMAN: Thank you for your comments. Does anybody else wish to speak?

JENNIFER STRATON: Jennifer Straton, 155 Brompton Road. I am the Co-Administrator of the Social Justice and Anti-Racism Facebook Group that I started along with Neha Bajaj, who spoke earlier. I'm also a business owner in this town and I am the managing partner and owner of a law firm. I want to add my support to Dr. Smith and my fellow residents who have spoken tonight in objecting to our withdraw from the Nassau County Urban Consortium. As a homeowner and a business owner in this town, I can tell you that I am extremely concerned by the lack of integration and our whiteness in this Village. Fair Housing is a critical lynchpin towards integration and further, as an attorney in this town I must say that I am concerned about our withdrawal from the Consortium and that this will lead us down the same dark path that lead us the ACORN Litigation and lead us to the decision of the Judge there. I think that it would behoove the Mayor and the Board of Trustees to rethink their decision to withdraw from the Consortium. We are in a changing social demographic here on Long Island and here in Garden City. We see it ourselves with over 300 members of the Social Justice and Anti-Racism Group here. These are vocal members who intend to be more active and to continue to press on critical issues regarding integration and anti-racism in this Village and the surrounding

areas. Again, we would like you to consider rethinking your decision to withdraw from the Consortium and we are more than happy to speak with any of you in further detail about our views and why we think this is critical to the Village of Garden City.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Thank you for your comments.

ALEXIS KAHOUD:

Alexis Kahoud, 30 Adams Street. I'm not going to speak for very long because you heard our message. It is also in support of reconsideration of the withdrawal from the Urban Consortium. I would like to ask the Board of Trustees to put this on our next meeting's agenda to discuss this issue and potentially take a re-vote. I'm not sure of how to make that happen, if anyone has any input, but I am putting it out there, I would like this to be on the next agenda so we can further discuss this issue.

KAREN ALTMAN:

Thank you, is there anyone else who wishes to speak?

DONALD MCCLOUD:

Quick question. Can somebody describe the Casino issue tonight, I'm having bandwidth problems, if I could just get the name of who described it so I could respond in another forum that would be great.

KAREN ALTMAN:

Trustee Daughney.

DONALD MCCLOUD:

Thank you.

KAREN ALTMAN:

You're welcome. Anyone else wish to speak?

ALEXIS KAHOUD:

Alexis Kahoud again. If I could just follow up, maybe I was not clear enough in asking the question I was hoping to get an answer to. What is the process of getting something on next meeting's agenda?

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

There are regulations for what goes on the agenda. I think that that would not be possible.

PETER BEE:

Mayor, the agenda is the topics that members of this Board wish to address. So, as it stands now, while citizens and even staff can suggest agenda items, only Board Members can place items on the agenda.

KAREN ALTMAN:

Is there anyone else who wishes to speak?

SEAN MARTENS:

Sean Martens, 69 Washington Avenue, President of the Chamber of Commerce. I'd like to either seek approval or get a meeting agenda item for the next meeting to host a movie night in Parking Lot 9N, which is behind Calogeros and Revel Restaurant. The concept would be to shut down several rows of the parking lot and have a large screen movie projection done and involve the restaurants on Franklin and providing a takeout meal so residents can watch an open-air movie.

KAREN ALTMAN:

Anyone else wish to speak?

LAURA SALINAS:

Laura Salinas, 211 Kilburn Road. I'm also here to lend my support to the other members of this meeting, Dr. Smith and other members who spoke about the Consortium. I have been a resident of the Village of Garden City for over 30 years and I am also a small business owner in this Village. I am currently raising my three Hispanic sons in this Village, and I love many of the things this Village provides for them but I'm often concerned that the public persona of this Village does not reflect the values that I am attempting to instill in our home. It is my sincere hope that our Village will reverse the decision to withdraw from the Consortium and at the bare minimum make efforts to give the appearance of being a welcoming and inclusive Village. I'd also like to follow up and say that Ms. Preston and Mr. Porto's questions were fully ignored earlier and would like to know if there was an answer to their question.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Do we repeat questions like that from earlier?

LAURA SALINAS: Their question earlier was what was the reason that the Village withdrew from the Consortium because maybe if residents understood better why we withdrew we wouldn't be upset about this. There seems to be no explanation.

JENNIFER STRATON: I actually hear crickets, so maybe that's their explanation. I think that Ms. Kahoud also asked earlier that the Trustees and you, Madame Mayor, reconsider your decision. You said that you weren't going to put it on the agenda for the next time, then I believe that it leaves it to you and to the Trustees, to listen to what you've heard tonight from the various residents, homeowners and business owners of this Village and to reconsider your decision to withdraw from the Consortium. There are other things that we can do and that we may do in order to get your attention on this. We are asking you now in this meeting to reconsider your decision, put it back on the agenda for a re-vote and give serious consideration to what the people here tonight have said.

KAREN ALTMAN: We appreciate your comments and you already had a turn to speak. Does anybody else wish to speak? No other comments?

PETER BEE: Mayor, is there a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I make that motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Delany. Second, Trustee Hyer. All those in favor, AYE. Have a good evening.