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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
Paul Blake, Chairman, Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs
Peter A. Bee, Village Counsel

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Good evening and welcome. Our meeting will now come to order. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. Now a moment of silence for our men and women in the Armed Forces at home and abroad, for the Police and for our Firefighters who take care of us in our community and for people who have been suffering with the COVID-19. Please be seated. I'm just thinking that we will do the Fire Department inductions first. It's not that way on the agenda, but I think that would make more sense. Will the Chiefs that are going to be inducted tonight please come up front. (Oaths of Office are given to the Chiefs by Mayor Trouvé)

TRUSTEE DELANY: I have the honor of installing the Line and Corporate Officers of the Fire Department. (Oaths of Office are given to the Line and Corporate Members by Trustee Delany). My congratulations and congratulations to the rest of the Village.

CHIEF STRYSKO: I just want to say thank you to the two outgoing Chief O'Malley and Chief Castoro for their dedication to the Fire Department and the Village and also the two officers, Captain Parrella and Lieutenant Moran for their dedicated service. They really were great officers and I just want to thank them, we appreciate their service to the Village and the Fire Department.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Now continuing on with our meeting and what we are going to do is comments by Department Heads, Commissioner would you start.

COMMISSIONER JACKSON: Thank you, Mayor. Just a few items about the Police. Number 1 - Expenditure of Revenue. That's regarding a past arrest that we made that we were able to garner \$17,309 and we're asking for that to be put in our Expenditure Account so we can buy unbudgeted items to help us in our Police functions. Also, regretfully, would like to announce the passing of Terry Vafeas, she's a 30-year veteran of our Special Police, she passed away on June 6, we had a service for her last week on June 11th. She was a former Sergeant and she was very dedicated to our Department. She had moved recently to Deer Park, I believe she was forty-year resident of the Village.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you very much. Mr. Giovanniello.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Thank you, Mayor and Board of Trustees. I don't have anything on the agenda this evening but I'm here to answer any questions the Board may have.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Anyone has any questions for Mr. Giovanniello?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Are we seeing things open, as the Village opens up, are we seeing revenue a lot less do we think it's more of a loss revenue or more of a deferment of revenue. Do we anticipate that we will be able to make up the revenue?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: We anticipate that it's going to be a deferred revenue. We see ongoing that we're going to see revenue increasing hopefully as this pandemic goes away.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Daughney.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: You think that there will be an increase?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Increase, definitely. Increase in applications, reviews, fast track is starting to come in, hopefully everything is starting to kick in again.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Will your meetings begin soon?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I have a Zoom Meeting with the ADRB on Tuesday and we're going to follow up with a Zoom meeting for ZBA. Finally, the Chairman stepped forward and he's going to entertain a Zoom meeting the following week.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Giuseppe I haven't asked in a while, but where are we with the digitization process. I know that when everything hit we were moving along and we were getting towards the end of it, so where do we stand on that?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Right now, because of what occurred, we're still at Phase 3. They are back in order with bringing some people back, I'm getting a response from them, they are actually going to drop off some of the ones that had been digitally scanned and take others. It's an ongoing process with them, but I did get finally a chance to speak to somebody yesterday and hopefully we're going to keep going and move forward as they bring people back into the office.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: If it's possible because I know our next meeting is in July, if you could give us an overview, say we're 70% there, 82% whatever, just so that this way we have a sense of where we are with that project because I know that this is a three year project that we've been doing and I'd like to as I say we're getting toward the end of it, I'd like to have an idea of where we are.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Absolutely.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you. Mr. DiFrancisco.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Thank you, Mayor. I have a few items on the agenda this evening. Item 8 is a Change Order for the St. Paul's Window Protection. This was a revision to the original Change Order that was submitted by Talty Construction. Item 9, Change Order is for signs that were done here in Village Hall. There was an exterior sign that needed to be re-carved and changed slightly, a \$1,300 change Order. Item 10 is asking the Board for authorization to accept the Maintenance Bond for the Rehabilitation of Well 9, the work is now completed. I also have a few Award of Bids on the agenda this evening. Item 12 is Directional Drilling, Item 13 is Street Lighting Annual Maintenance Contract. Item 14 is Award of Bid for Steel Items that are used throughout projects that go on throughout the year in the Village, Item 15 is for Street Sweeper Parts, it's self-explanatory. Items 16 and 17 are for Rubbish Removal, these are the containers that are used at the Village Yard for the different types of waste that we accept down at the Yard. That's all I have.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Mr. DiFrancisco, I have an item I have to bring up. What happened was first of all and it's funny I had mentioned it to you when the new garbage pails went out I saw so many people posting on Facebook they were so excited it was like Christmas morning and they were absolutely so excited and they loved it. That was the initial response. What's happened since then is that several seniors have reached out and

basically said that they have issues with the larger pails. The problem is, is that they can't physically maneuver them and what ends up happening is I think for many of our senior population who do not generate a lot of garbage it is difficult for them to be using those larger pails. Again I know all the reasons why we did this and I know that you're not thinking about or considering giving the shorter ones back to any residents who didn't want the bigger ones, but I think that what we didn't consider is that several of the older residents would have a difficult time actually taking that to the end of their driveway or wherever it has to go. So, I don't know what your thoughts are on that.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO:

Well it's interesting, because yes, I've heard the positives and the negatives, so I did a little research comparing the old bins to the new bins. There's about a 2½ pound difference, the old bins weighed about 4½ pounds, the new bins weight about 6.8 pounds. It's not a huge weight difference when it comes to the bins and frankly the newer bins are higher up with handles, a little more ergonomically usable rather than having to bend lower for the lower bins. The only thing I can think of is I guess when the newer bins fill up, they're heavier because they have more weight in them. But I've come to learn over the course of talking to residents, I've received phone calls and stuff, is that people would wait until the bin was completely full, they wouldn't put out their recyclables for three or four weeks until it was completely full and then bring it down to the curb and they were saying it was too heavy. You can put the bin out every week even there's one can in it, it's fine, we'll still pick it up. But I haven't given consideration to handing back the old bins yet, I'd like to take a little bit longer wait and see approach, we just distributed these last week.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH:

That was my suggestion, I also know that a lot of people feel change is difficult so maybe we could just keep that in mind and let's not do anything with the old bins for at least a couple of months to make sure that we're in a place to where we're okay with it. So at the July meeting you could bring us up to date on where we are on this I think it's good for us to see.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO:

No problem, I can do that.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Thank you. Mrs. Woo, you have a presentation this evening.

IRENE WOO:

Good evening everyone. This evening we will be going over the revenues for April. For the revenues we'll start off by looking at the Building Department. If you take a look at the revenues that were received for the month of April compared to last year, they are significantly lower, however last year \$715,000 includes a one time large project, the Adelphi project, and that included about \$600,000 of fees that was received last year, but as Mr. Giovanniello spoke about this evening he was seeing a lower volume of overall applications for the Building Department in the month of April and May but then picking up a bit recently in the month of June. For year to date the revenues for the Building Department are lower than budgeted and for the full year it's forecasted to be about \$200,000 lower than budgeted in terms of overall applications and as we discussed last month there's also a \$400,000 deferred revenue from the 555 Project that was also delayed and that's now anticipated to be received in the month of July of this year so most of those revenues are deferred until the 2020/21 fiscal year. The Police and Court revenues, again, due to COVID there was lower parking and traffic tickets issued, the Police Commissioner estimates approximately 90% of reduced tickets issued in the month of April so if you look at the current month of April compared to prior year that's also a significant decrease, and full year forecast is about an estimated loss of \$200,000 in revenues from the full year budget. Recreation, due to the facilities being closed and programs being cancelled the month of April there were no revenues as well as no revenues in the month of May as well. If you look at last year in April, Recreation received close to \$100,000 in revenues and in May we're seeing no revenue as well, so the year to date number of \$510,000 is pretty much what the full year revenues will be for Recreation, which gives us a budget shortfall of about \$286,000. However, of that, about \$42,000 of that is deferred revenue, that means that people had signed up for programs in the spring and since those programs or services were not provided those

revenues are being deferred until a future date when the services will be provided. At that time, those revenues will be recorded, so about \$42,000 is held by the Village as credits to be given to residents at a future date. So that means about \$244,000 is seen as a loss in the Recreation Department. For DPW, we spoke about this at the last meeting as well, there's deferred revenue of about \$3.6 million, due to two large projects that have not started yet and we're expecting reimbursements from those projects, that's the Business District paving of about \$2.7 million and the Nassau Boulevard Train Station paving of \$755,000. So, for this fiscal year there will be a decrease in the revenues that were expected and those revenues are deferred until the 2020/21 fiscal year.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS:

So the expenses were budgeted in the Capital part and it's not a budget issue?

IRENE WOO:

Correct. That's an offset, because the expenses were budgeted in the Capital and those haven't been incurred yet, so it's not a budget issue. Under the other general revenues we're seeing a year to date favorable variance, and of course this includes the largest revenue which is the taxes, we also have other taxes such as Franchise Fees, PILOT Payments we're seeing a year to date we've exceeded the budget, so the \$55,905,000 versus the \$55,220,000 for the full year budget, we've exceeded that by about \$600,000 and change and mostly that's due to some unbudgeted revenues that were received. We received about \$290,000 of forfeited deposits from the Building Department, these were old deposits that were held and a new local law established that there is a timeframe for people to close out those permits to receive their deposits and if those timeframes were exceeded then the Village kept the revenues, so that was about \$290,000. We also received a premium on securities when we bonded in February of about \$280,000 and there was also a sale of autos of \$100,000 more than budgeted.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH:

Are we on the plus side after the deficits?

IRENE WOO:

About \$680,000.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH:

Is the \$680,000 to the plus side is basically offsetting the three other deficits that we have, correct?

IRENE WOO:

Yes, except for the deferred revenue, the losses.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH:

Except for the deferred revenue, so if I take \$200,000 from Building and \$200,000 from Police, \$244,000, that's \$644,000, if we are to plus side and to add it to the plus side of the other General that's about \$680,000, so basically we're in a position where luckily that is offsetting the situation, the loss that we had in the other three.

IRENE WOO:

That is correct. On the Enterprise Funds, if you look at the Tennis Fund, obviously the Bubble was closed, the facility was closed for April and May, so no revenues were received there. The year to date actual revenues received of \$393,000 is pretty much it for the fiscal year. As compared to the full year budgeted, revenues of \$498,000, we're seeing a shortfall there of about \$105,000 as well, of that, \$59,000 of it is deferred. Again, people had signed up for spring programs and since those programs weren't held the revenue from that is being deferred until the next fiscal year when those residents are able to attend those programs, when the Tennis Bubble is up and running, and so that leaves us with a \$46,000 loss in the Tennis Fund. The Water Fund if you take a look at the month of April as compared to the prior year again it's showing less revenues received for the same period of the prior year, and overall we're seeing for the full year that water consumption is about 3% lower than the prior year. So that brings us to the full year we had estimated because it was a 5% water rate increase that there would be higher revenues, we are seeing the higher revenues year over year, however, we're not reaching the goal of the budget due to the lower consumption. So we're seeing overall a 2% increase year over year in actual revenues, however, not meeting the budget by about \$500,000.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I know that we had purchased the tax liens that were outstanding. How does that work from a penal perspective because normally the people who own the tax liens collect interest on it, are we as a Village collecting interest on those tax liens and have any of them been paid back yet and how are those reflected in the budget?

IRENE WOO: Under the other General Taxes, the other taxes that are collected, that shows a reduction in the actual taxes collected for that amount which the Village purchased about \$260,000 and now it is listed as sort of an asset on the books because that money is due, it's a receivable and once those are paid back, they are paid back with interest. So, the Village will reap the benefit of the interest being paid back.

TRUSTEE DELANY: If I understood you correctly you say water usage is down 3%, I find that incredible since people were home in March and April, is it because we haven't read the meters?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: It's commercial, some of our biggest customers are Garden City Hotel, Adelphi University.

TRUSTEE DELANY: The commercial customers make up the difference.

IRENE WOO: We touched upon some of these impacts due to COVID, I'm not sure if any Trustees has any specific Department questions if any Department Heads can answer at this time.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Has the Governor declared a State of Emergency with regards to COVID and are any of the expenses that we're incurring as a result of COVID reimbursed by the State?

IRENE WOO: FEMA's involved, it's the Federal Government. We're working with them to submit expenses, they have guidelines in terms of what types of expenses are reimbursable. It's very limited, asking very specific related to COVID, for example, we incurred expenses cleaning Village Hall and vehicles, all those sanitizing, all the PPEs, masks, gloves, sanitizers that were purchased specifically to deal with the COVID pandemic are reimbursable expenses. They also came out with new guidelines stating that any overtime that is incurred due to COVID are reimbursable. If we had to hire temporary employees to deal with this pandemic, that also is reimbursable. We are working with them, we have a FEMA rep, they're developing a process in place, giving us a list of all the documentation that's needed regarding the process of submitting for reimbursement.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: What about the retrofitting that we're doing to the offices downstairs with the Plexiglass is that all reimbursable?

IRENE WOO: Yes, the Plexiglass that we had in inventory, we can submit reimbursement for that, anything that is directly related to this COVID pandemic, any expenses, we absolutely can submit for reimbursement.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I attend this Mayor's meeting every Thursday evening with Don Clavin and he spoke to things that we could, through the CARE Act, be reimbursed for everything to do with the Pandemic and we'd be able to collect money for all of that. Even if we hired a consultant to help us with something, that salary would be reimbursed. I think that you probably know that already but I wanted to say it for others who might not know, so that buying a lot of gloves and masks and all these things, the Plexiglass, all of it will be reimbursed a lot more quickly than FEMA, reimburses, so I think that that's a good thing, anything at, all of the Department Heads should think about this, anything that you have spent on things that are related to the virus will be paid back to us, so that's a good thought.

IRENE WOO: That leads us to our next slide, which are expenses, COVID-related expense through April. Through April COVID-related expenses are approximately about \$142,000 and about \$208,000 today and they include various type expenses from sanitizing,

cleaning of the Village facilities and vehicles, cleaning and safety supplies and also technology. All of the departments are pretty much in line with their budget and in line with expenses compared to last year except of course for these additional expenses due to COVID.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Do these expenses also include the monies that were spent to cleaning and sanitizing the Library as well?

IRENE WOO: Yes, under DPW.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: All I'm saying is as we go to open up the Library I know that they will have definite sanitizing situations as far as with books being returned, as far as all those type of things, so they're going to have different challenges than we're going to have in other departments in our Village. So, while we're keeping in mind of the money that's being spent, I think it's important for us to make sure that we take that into consideration. I know that Courtney has been talking with the Director of the Library as far as that goes. Let's make sure that we keep that in perspective as well.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I have a couple of questions. I'm not sure I'm reading this correctly, whether it's revenue or expenses, you have an April 30th date on it, but then you have this year-to-date on it, what does this mean, is this May to, or not May?

IRENE WOO: No, the year-to-date is June through April, year-to-date for the fiscal year.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's last fiscal year, May 31.

IRENE WOO: Correct.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: But this report is a month old.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I just want to make sure that I am reading that correctly. It would usually say year to date means now, instead of as of April 30, I just wanted to make sure I could follow it. Since this only goes to April 30, do you have a schedule you can get us that shows all the cancelled revenue, a lot of it would be Paul's side I guess, where are we on that, more of an updated kind of schedule that shows us what we're going to lose completely.

IRENE WOO: Are you looking for a detailed schedule by programs and things like that?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Probably, it could be in total, what do we know we're not going to have at this point. There was stuff in May and June we know we're not going to have. It happened already, it's now June 18th. What is considered now lost revenue, we're just not going to have. If you could have that at the next meeting that would be great.

IRENE WOO: Again, there's impacts to each department due to COVID, they're listed out here and we probably discussed in the past, not sure if there's any questions on this.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Are all the departments within budget, nothing ahead of budget on the expense side?

IRENE WOO: That's correct except for the exception of the COVID-related costs, correct.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Are the only DPW expenses related to cleaning, from an overtime perspective are they all related to cleaning or are they any other expenses that DPW is impacted by COVID.

TRUSTEE HYER: Increased sanitation, is that what that is?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I'm just trying to get a sense, we have here Village related expenses through April 30 which include sanitizing and cleaning Village Hall. Are there any other expenses like in Public Works that are related to COVID?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: There's been expenses on the manpower side, in terms of employees that were not able to come to work, that have been backfilled with overtime or people from other departments.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: How many employees in Public Works had COVID-19 and had been out?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: I don't know off the top of my head, I can get back to you on that.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Courtney, do you know how many people were in the Village about?

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: There were four confirmed COVID-19 cases within the Village employees. Two were in DPW, one in DPW Admin and the second was in Sanitation.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: And these expenses wouldn't be reimbursable under FEMA, if the employees were out because of COVID and we needed to replace them with other employees would that overtime that we're incurring as a result of that be covered?

IRENE WOO: I'm pretty sure it is we will look at all those types of expenses, and what they are telling us is overtime is, but not straight salary, but overtime would be.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: But if we're bringing in employees on overtime to cover people that are out because of COVID, what you're saying is you think that might be reimbursable?

IRENE WOO: Speaking of overtime, the overtime slide shows that Village-wide for the month of April overall overtime is about \$46,000 as compared to the prior year where it was about \$107,000 and again, as Mr. DiFrancisco noted, there was a slight increase in overtime year-over-year due to the backfilling of these positions due to overtime.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Do you have the May numbers?

IRENE WOO: They were finalized this week, so we have them recently, yes.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Could you send that out in the next few days, updated to May 30, thanks.

IRENE WOO: Yes. Here are some Capital Projects that have been impacted by COVID and each Department will speak to these projects.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Looking at the overtime, we're talking about Rec being down quite a bit, but you have overtime is at 94% of budget. Just curious, if there aren't any programs, why is there overtime in Recreation? What's driving the overtime in Rec if there aren't any programs?

IRENE WOO: That was the previous months that was driving but Mr. Blake can speak to that.

PAUL BLAKE: Those numbers came from the prior months before the COVID hit us.

IRENE WOO: Do the Trustees want to hear updates on the Capital Projects or is this self-explanatory?

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Just wondering on the revenue side, #6, the tiered payment for the permit, we're having a shortfall on cash, why are we giving a break to the developer on his permit payments, and then it's showing up with a \$400,000 deferred payment.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: That's on the Consent Calendar.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I know, but is there any benefit for us on that, as far as you can tell, I'm asking Irene, would there be any benefit to us doing it, allowing it?

IRENE WOO: Oh, allowing the deferred, no.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: As opposed to getting the cash now? Just want to make sure.

IRENE WOO: It is just to incentivize, I guess, more development.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: No benefit then. Thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Mr. Blake.

PAUL BLAKE: Thank you, Mayor. Good evening, everyone. Recreation has an Award of Bid on tonight's agenda and if you take a look at it we're actually asking to rescind an Award which was made at our April 15 meeting. When we bid the Edgemere Safety Surface Project, the low bidder, when they submitted their documentation, the product that they were supplying did not meet the specifications for the fall height attenuation. This is a very important standard that has to be met, so we are requesting to rescind that bid of The LandTek Group and award the bid to TurfTek. We have double-checked and their product does meet all the specifications including that 8.5-foot fall height attenuation.

TRUSTEE HYER: Paul could you give us a rundown with the pool, what's happening at the pool?

PAUL BLAKE: We had a Recreation Commission meeting Tuesday night and the topic of discussion for most of the meeting was the swimming pool for this coming season. We have gotten some guidance from the New York State Health Department, we have not heard anything yet from Nassau County. I do anticipate that we're going to get further direction from them in the next week or ten days, but as of right now the State is limiting our capacity to 50% of our normal bather load which means that we're dropping from a capacity of 1,277 to 639 maximum in the facility at any one time. Based on this, the Commission has recommended that we open up with two swim sessions each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon and that we will sell memberships to the pool but you will then have to make a reservation in order to reserve your time in one of those sessions each day. This is the same procedure that the Village of Floral Park is using and the Village of Great Neck is using. We can do this through our existing Recreation Software and we will have a telephone setup for those who may not have computer and internet availability.

TRUSTEE HYER: What would those hours be?

PAUL BLAKE: Right now we're looking at 9:00 to 2:00 and 3:00 to 8:00 with an hour break in between for us to do some of our now CDC-required COVID cleaning. There are going to be some additional measures that have to be taken during the day.

TRUSTEE HYER: If you don't have full occupancy in either one of those times, is it possible if somebody came there in the morning and wanted to stay for the evening, how would they do that?

PAUL BLAKE: We will have a procedure in place to do that, there's a good possibility, we don't know.

TRUSTEE HYER: Fair enough.

PAUL BLAKE: I'm proud to say I have no clue.

TRUSTEE HYER: Fair enough.

PAUL BLAKE: We could very easily be overwhelmed with people wanting to go to the pool because in the summer in Garden City it is the pool, on the other hand there may be enough people that are a little nervous and a little concerned about the crowds and the social distancing, we may not get the great crowds that we normally anticipate so we could be under that half capacity. If that's the case we certainly will accommodate anybody else who would like to come in on that particular day, that's not an issue.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I have a comment, nonscientific at all just anecdotal. At the beach club I go to there was a lot of tumult around the regulations, they're only going to let a certain number

of cars in, the social distancing, everyone is in a up road. I've been there a bunch of times never once did it fill up, everyone was afraid, I paid all this money and I'm not going to get in, I think to Mr. Blake's point, I think there's enough nervous energy out there that people are just not going as often, so I'm not so sure you're going to run into this huge flood of people banging on doors to come in, but there should be a way that if there's enough open spots in the afternoon that you can kind of plant a flag and reserve from where you're at to stay.

PAUL BLAKE: No question, we want to be prepared in case we do get the crowds, that's the thing. We want to be ready if they do turn up.

TRUSTEE HYER: Paul how are you going to work out fees?

PAUL BLAKE: I'm glad you asked that, I have some fees in front of me.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Wait, before you go there, just to continue Lou's thought. His beach club's open, mine's open, they've even opened the pool at my club, people aren't not going to the beach club and instead going to the Garden City Pool, so there's going to be less pressure of people being at the pool.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I agree.

PAUL BLAKE: Point well taken. Again, we just don't know. We are getting a lot of calls, we're having a lot of comments, there seems to be some good buzz, a lot of people looking forward to the pool and we're hopeful that we're going to have a nice turnout. In terms of the membership fees, what we did, we offered the Recreation Commission the idea of doing a pro-rated fee and we did it very simply, we took our normal membership fee, we divided it by the number of days we would normally be open and we came up with a per day price. We then applied that to all the days that we anticipate being open this coming summer. So for a family membership that would drop the membership fee from \$495 to \$335, that's just a pro-rated at \$5.69 a day I think was the number. We feel this is a reasonable number, we pro-rate on what we actually charge you for a full season but we only charge you for part of the season. I should mention that the Recreation Commission did ask me to bring to you the idea of dropping the fees even lower to incentivize people to come to the pool and they had suggested a family rate of about \$295. This Board has the fiduciary responsibility to the Village and to the Pool.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Can I offer another suggestion?

TRUSTEE HYER: If we're only letting them go half the time and we're still going to charge them full price.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Do you think that an option would be a small membership fee, \$50 something like that, which then gives you the right to sign up for as many sessions as you want and then it's kind of pay as you go. So, if you use it a lot, you could accrue the normal fee if you went every day. But if you only go say 10 times a summer, it costs you whatever it is, \$25 bucks a day, or \$10 bucks a day, I don't know what the rate would be. But you almost buy into the membership which is very small, but then in this case for the summer is more about allowing you to make the reservation on the day you go and then it's a per diem based on your membership. I know it's kind of cumbersome but I think it's fair.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Listen, I understand the concept but it becomes a logistics nightmare for the people who are running the pool. When you're talking about potentially 1,200 people having that type of flexibility, I can't even imagine what the lines would be in order to get into the pool.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I think you do it online when you make your reservation.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: That's nice but all the people who are not tech-savvy or are not going to do that, again, I understand what you're saying, but what I think what Mr. Blake has presented I think is a common sense approach where you just pro-rate it versus what the rate would be for the other dates and times.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: But then I think you have to cut it in half.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: At the same point, what happens is if in the event you don't have it overpacked then you can go book the morning and the afternoon. The other aspect of it is we're also sitting here with restrictions and I think what ends up happening is we don't want to be sitting here and encouraging and saying why don't you just cut the rate down so cheap so we can simply pack the place because you're going to have more issues.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I'm not suggesting to make it cheap to pack the place, I'm only saying it's fair to use it as much as you want to use it, because to Mark's point, even a pro-rated fee right now assumes 100% occupancy for the whole day which we're not guaranteeing that we're going to be able to provide that.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: But the reality of it is in the world that we're living in you can't go use it as much as you want, that's the reality.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: You can if you pay per diem, that's what I'm saying.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: No, you can't, you can't be going the morning and afternoon, you can't have the number of people in there.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: But you're only paying for what you go, as opposed to a blanket pro-rated for days that quite frankly you know you might only be able to go for only a half day.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I understand, but I think that becomes a logistics nightmare for the people at the office of the pool. I don't even see how they can get that.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Let me ask directly to Mr. Blake, is this a logistic nightmare or not?

PAUL BLAKE: It could turn into that, but there's another component here that needs to be considered. We did discuss the other night the possibility of doing some sort of a daily membership, the beauty of doing a seasonal membership is you get people's money in your pocket before the season starts. If you're doing some sort of by the day or daily pass and you end up with a less than beautiful summer where we get cloudy rainy weather, you're not going to get the admissions and you're not going to generate the revenue and we're already looking at a pretty heavy revenue loss here over the course of the summer. To go to some kind of a daily membership I think might exacerbate that a little bit.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: That's why I say maybe there's a membership fee made that's modest, let's say it's \$50, \$80, that you have to get by the 15th of July if you want to book the pool. And then you have to buy that membership and then you're free to pay per diem as much as you can go. I think that's a little bit more fair, I just have to be honest.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I don't agree with that and the reason for it is, if I join the pool, there were years that I know that we had summers we had two days before above 90 degrees. We have other summers where there are 30 days above 90 degrees, so if I'm joining the pool and it's 76 degrees I'm not necessarily going into the pool. During those years we didn't say to the people, we'll reimburse you because it wasn't warm enough for you to go and enjoy the pool.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I get what you're saying about the weather. But right now the weather's not why we're making a reduction. The reason we're making a reduction is because of COVID-related restrictions handed down by the state. Cuomo didn't say you can't have people in the pool when it's cloudy, he said you can only have 50%. So I'm only saying that we can pro-rate it and see how it goes but I don't know how

encouraged people are going to be by paying a pro-rated fee based on 100% usage and all we can guarantee them is 50% usage. I don't like paying double.

- TRUSTEE FOLEY: Mr. Blake, you said the Recreation Commission had a recommendation to go lower than \$335?
- PAUL BLAKE: They did, they recommended that we drop by another 13% to a \$295 rate for a family.
- TRUSTEE HYER: I think that's more reasonable.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: And then what about all the other rates?
- PAUL BLAKE: They would all be dropped by about 13%.
- TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Can I ask a question procedurally. So what's going to happen, the pool opens at 9:00, at 2:00 you kick everybody out?
- PAUL BLAKE: Yes.
- TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Then you sanitize the place and you get it ready for the next?
- PAUL BLAKE: Yes.
- TRUSTEE HYER: That's the hour overlap time?
- PAUL BLAKE: That's the hour between sessions.
- TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I think there may be some merit to doing it per diem, because again, that way people are coming in that day, you're collecting the fee for that period of time that they're there as opposed to running into a situation of saying come back in the afternoon, if they want to come back in the afternoon then they should pay to come back in the afternoon.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: So if you have a rainy or you have a cool summer you're looking at a potential deficit at the pool that could choke a horse.
- TRUSTEE MINUTO: You're going to have a deficit anyway.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I understand, I agree, but there's a difference between yes, we're going to have a deficit of a couple hundred thousand dollars or yes, we're going to have a deficit of \$600,000.
- TRUSTEE MINUTO: But there's less incentive for people to join I think if it's just a simple membership.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: If you're a family of four and we're going to charge you \$295 for the entire summer to go to the pool, people spend that when they go out to dinner one night with a family. So please don't tell me that for a family of four in Garden City to spend \$295 where they can have access to go to the pool seven days a week, that we think this would be something that would financially cripple a family.
- TRUSTEE MINUTO: It's not going to financially cripple a family, I'm not trying to say there's price resistance, I think there's questioning or resistance that comes when you say I have to pay 100% pro-ration on a fee but I can only use it for half as much. I just think that once you actually do the math you go, hey wait a minute, that's all. You can agree, not agree, I don't have all the answers.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: And if you choose not to join, or join, if you reduce it by another 13% and we do it across the board, that's fine, I have no problem doing that, we have to have some type of a stabilization where we have some idea of what income we have coming in. It's an enterprise fund.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I'm trying to make it as fair as possible, because just saying cut it in half seems way too low.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: The base fee is basically 15% of what this fee would have been, so therefore, that means that 85% of your revenue is totally unknown.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Why don't we go with a \$300 family fee.

PAUL BLAKE: The Commission suggested \$295 based on what they call supermarket pricing.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I'm suggesting a \$300 fee for the family a), b) it would avoid the necessity of having to collect. I think Louis has a good idea, if we had the staff and the ability to do it. We're going to have a logistical nightmare. His idea is great, I just don't how we're collect, do it and have it work.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Every single day you're going to have 40-50 people standing there having to do this, I did this, I didn't have enough on this, and then you're talking about the exchanging of monies, on credit cards, everything else. This is going to be going on every single day at the pool. People are going to say it's going to take me a half an hour to get into the pool and again, I can only be there from 9:00 to 2:00, some people are not going to get in until 10:00.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Right, so I assumed when you said you had to sign up that at that point you could sign up and based on that, you put your credit card in once and say I want to go today at this time period, Session A or Session B, and then it's done. I wasn't thinking that someone was going to bring like a sock full of dimes and say I got my seat for the day, Uncle Bolebruch.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: My concern is this, though. You have people sign up for memberships and they go to sign up to come to the pool and all the slots are taken for the morning and they go in the afternoon and they're taken in the afternoon. You're running a problem unless you're going to cap the number of family memberships to ensure that you'll have enough space for them, because I'm sorry, but if I'm paying \$300 and you're trying to tell me every time I try to go in to the pool I can't because the spots are all taken, then I think it's a problem. The way you eliminate that is if you're online and you get in then you pay, that's the way you eliminate that.

PAUL BLAKE: We thought about a lot of different scenarios including limiting people to one session per day and we can do that with our software. We are going to have a problem if we're trying to take in money at the window from 500 or 600 different people/families. We only have two small windows down there, two credit card processing machines, with the social distancing and COVID, having to clean things after every transaction, it's going to be difficult.

TRUSTEE DELANY: We don't have the staff or the ability to be able to do this, we just don't.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I do agree with that, I thought it would be like an online thing.

TRUSTEE HYER: I don't agree with limiting them to one session per day, because if you can accommodate them why wouldn't you.

TRUSTEE DELANY: They're not limiting it to one session per day.

TRUSTEE HYER: He said one session per day, John, he said that.

TRUSTEE DELANY: No he didn't say that. He said they considered doing it, they're not doing it.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: And the fact remains to Makrinos' point, there's no guarantees, it's early bird gets the worm.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: That's not the case, if in the event you have let's just say 1,000 people who signed up for the pool memberships, bottom line is 635 can go in the morning and those 635 can't go in the afternoon until the other people have an opportunity to go in, so you're not going to get blocked out from the entire day because if you don't sign up in the morning, then you sign up in the afternoon.

TRUSTEE HYER: Paul how did you come up with that 13%?

PAUL BLAKE: That was just based on the number that they suggested for the family membership, which was \$295, which they called supermarket pricing, keep it below the \$300, it's a psychological barrier.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I'm good with that.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Paul, do people have to bring their own chairs, are you going to have to police them, do they have to wear masks except when they swim, is that all going to be part of it?

PAUL BLAKE: Yes, we have been informed that we can use our existing furniture and we are now working out a diagram to set the decks up, we have to maintain social distancing between chairs and tables. The guys were out there yesterday working on trying to figure out how to maximize the deck space. We will be putting out our furniture, we do have to enforce wearing a mask if you are in a group or closer than six feet. Masks cannot be worn in the water, they can only be worn out of the water, and just like anyplace else, groups of 10 or less and if there's more than one group of ten they have to be at least six feet apart and we have a group of CDC guidelines and Health Department guidelines as far as cleaning and disinfecting. Your furniture has to be cleaned, all of your handrails, all of your ladders, the steps up to the slide.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I would recommend you try to get those guidelines out as soon as possible before people have to sign up so they know what they're getting into.

PAUL BLAKE: We have them printed up and ready to go.

TRUSTEE HYER: When are we going to open the pool?

PAUL BLAKE: We're hoping to have the pool open the week of July 6th, we're aiming right now for Friday the 10th, if we can open it the 9th or 8th we will, but we're running into some supply issues, COVID has caused problems in getting things as pedestrian as pool paint. The company that manufacturers pool paint has been closed since March, most of the existing inventory was already bought out, we've located a couple of gallons out in a store out east, but these are the kinds of things that we're running into. But we are working at the pool, they've opened up the pump rooms, they've started working on the mechanicals, we're hoping to fill the Adult Pool, Pool #2 on Tuesday of next week. We're hoping to get the Main Pool filled Friday of next week and get the water circulating and we should be in good shape and ready to go.

TRUSTEE HYER: Why can't you have it open for July 4th?

PAUL BLAKE: I don't think it's possible to have it opened for July 4th and secondly, I'm not sure that I'd want to open with all of these restrictions and changes on what could potentially be an incredibly hectic day at the pool. I think I'd rather have a soft opening and make sure we can manage the crowds, get them in and out, make sure the procedures that we have in place are going to work and the people have a good experience at the pool. The last thing we need is to open the pool up, get overwhelmed, have a rotten first weekend and leave a bad taste in everyone's mouth.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: How many chairs do we anticipate we can fit at the pool?

PAUL BLAKE: We're not 100% sure yet, Trustee Makrinos, but we are figuring that around the Kiddie Pool they went out yesterday and they were able to space out 110 chairs around the Kiddie Pool, and they were out today marking and counting around the

pools. It may not be 640, it might be, but that remains to be seen. The beauty of the pool facility is that if we do need additional space for chairs, we have that gorgeous beautiful grass area and we can set some chairs and tables up out there if need be. Remember, we do need to social distance everything, so the chairs are not going to be the issue, the tables aren't really going to be the issue, it's the chaise lounges because they have to be six feet away side to side and they have to be six feet away front to back, so they're going to take up a lot of space.

TRUSTEE HYER: But if you're ready by the 26th, I'm still not clear why we wouldn't open for the July 4th weekend?

PAUL BLAKE: We're not going to be ready by the 26th.

TRUSTEE DELANY: You're not going to be ready by the 26th.

TRUSTEE HYER: He said the pool's going to be filled.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: No, Mark, they're doing the one pool, then they have to do the large pool. They have to get the chemicals, they don't have the paint, they have to arrange the chairs, plus on top of all this, we have to mail out the memberships and we have to have all the people sign up.

TRUSTEE HYER: So the pool won't be ready by the 3rd, the weekend?

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Can I make a suggestion. Sorry, just along the operational idea, could we just nix the chaise lounges because they're probably the most underused thing and they're taking up a lot of seat space. I would just go with table and chairs and kill the lounges this year.

PAUL BLAKE: We planned on leaving the chaise lounges in one small area, we do have a small, vociferous group that enjoys the chaise lounges, let us play with the placement.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Would you like to tell us who they are?

PAUL BLAKE: Not on your life, Trustee Daughney.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Paul is the president of the chaise lounge committee.

PAUL BLAKE: Let us play with the Monopoly toys on the deck and we'll work out a good seating pattern.

TRUSTEE HYER: Again, we're talking about opening up on the 6th.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Somewhere around the 6th to the 10th.

PAUL BLAKE: The 6th to the 10th, that week.

TRUSTEE HYER: So, we're not even sure it's going to be the 6th.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: No, he said somewhere between the 6th to the 10th.

PAUL BLAKE: We're targeting the 10th, but if we can open on the 8th or 9th, we certainly would.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Before I ask my questions, could we as a Board, would we want to agree to reduce everything by the additional 13% and then this way, right across the Board, are we in agreement with that?

TRUSTEE HYER: Yes.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Yes.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Paul what about the programs that are being run at the pool and unfortunately with the Pandemic I'm sure that there are certain things that we can or can't do.

PAUL BLAKE: It is not going to be a typical Garden City Pool summer. There will be no swim team, the Nassau Swim Conference has disbanded for the summer. There most likely will not be swim lessons, too much close contact.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Really, no lessons?

PAUL BLAKE: It's going to be difficult because the lifeguards have to come in physical contact with the children and they can't wear masks in the water and we're still working with Red Cross to see what might be possible. It's not a definite 100% but the likelihood is there may not be lessons. There won't be any movies, again the social distancing, and special events will probably not happen. We are planning on bringing in a couple of bands and disk jockeys because those we can set up and people stay in those little places by themselves. That's pretty much it.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: What about working and coordinating with the food service John Parks?

PAUL BLAKE: We have already received a plan from D&J Refreshments detailing what he is going to do to get his facility open in terms of cleaning it and prepping it. The State Health Department is allowing the concessions to open for takeout only, which means you will not be able to sit in the nice indoor dining room that we have, that will probably be used as an adjunct Staff Room because we don't have adequate space in the Staff Room there on the deck to maintain social distancing amongst our employees. John also has a plan in place for service to the public in terms of gloves, masks, sanitizer and disinfecting and cleaning different times during the day. He submitted that to us, it looks good and he's raring to go in there.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: How are we handling the amount of guests that we will not allow in, with all the restrictions we have on numbers, I don't know if we can handle that.

PAUL BLAKE: The Commission decided and recommended that for this summer guests not be allowed in the Pool. We want to take care of our residents, we want to give them the best experience that they can have, we want them to love the Pool as much this summer as they have every other summer and we want to take as many of them in as we can.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Yes, that's consistent.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Going back to the chairs, how are you going to deal with families? The family has one chair, the kids are going to be six feet away.

PAUL BLAKE: No, the six feet away rule is for people who do not live in the same house. If you're there with your four people, you can put four chairs together so long as you're all related. It's groups that are not living in the same house that have to be separated by six feet. We're setting the tables up in different number groups, we're not just putting chair, chair, chair, chair, we're doing two, three, four, we're getting a little creative down there.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Unless your family Steve doesn't want you sitting with them then they would be six feet.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Or I don't want to sit with them.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: There's some Italian and Irish families that need a lot more chairs, I got you Steve, I'm with you, I'm one of them.

PAUL BLAKE: Thank you for all the good comments and questions and good advice, we do appreciate it. The Commission met for about an hour and forty-five minutes the other night, it was a good and spirited discussion, everybody contributed good

positive thoughts. We're happy to get the Pool open, it wouldn't be right, it just wouldn't feel like Garden City without the Pool.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Paul, I know I said one last question but I have another one, you did say there were multiple facilities on Long Island that are choosing not to open, isn't that correct?

PAUL BLAKE: Yes, there are, some of them have backtracked off that, but the Town of Babylon, Huntington, Islip and Smithtown have all decided not to open their pools this summer. Some of the other ones are opening, and again, just like us, Floral Park is doing two sessions a day, no programs other than coming in to swim, Valley Stream is talking about two sessions a day, no programs other than coming in to swim. We're feeling our way through this, the restriction and the regulations as I mentioned earlier we haven't gotten them from the County yet, we hope to get them in the next six or seven days, it's going to be an interesting experience for the first few days I would say, but we're ready for it.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: The slides are going to be closed or open?

PAUL BLAKE: The slide will be open, but we're going to have to clean and disinfect the stairs, the railings and the handgrips during the day. The slide itself with the chlorinated water running through the channel will be fine, it's the stuff other than that.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: You have special approved cleaners?

PAUL BLAKE: We do have chemicals that can be sprayed and wiped and don't have to be rinsed. As a matter of fact we bought two systems, they're called Wizzy Washers and they go on a garden hose and they use a calcium hypochlorite tablet and they give us three hours of spray time and it disinfects, it's COVID-approved and it does not have to be rinsed, so for cleaning large amounts of chairs and tables this thing is ideal. We hook it up to a garden hose and off it goes, and that's actually what we used to clean the playgrounds in the five neighborhood parks this week. We disinfected and cleaned the playgrounds and the fellows that used the machine said it was wonderful. It's going to be a fun summer.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Good, clean fun.

RALPH SUOZZI: Good evening, Mayor and Trustees. Item Number 5 on the Agenda tonight, there's a resolution on here that's a resolution requesting that the Board, the future hires, promotions and even transfers if you wish, should be brought to the Board on an agenda item even if they were approved during the budget process. This is, promotions have been a long standing thing for three years, the new hires was questioned during the budget process, so this resolution seeks to clarify and solidify the desires of the Board in this area and so it's there for your consideration this evening.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: If we pass a budget, each Department Head says this is my budget for the year, and unless there's something fiscally that happens to where the Board of Trustees needs to address this, in other words if said listen, we want to pass a resolution that says that any person that hired above and beyond what is in the approved budget, I can absolutely see the Board of Trustees approving that. But if all of a sudden Joe loses two sweepers, or we have an officer who retires and now we're going to maintain our force at 52 or whatever the number is, every single hire that we're going to do in this Village now has to go to the Board for approval, to me this is micromanaging. If we pass a budget, this is the manager's budget for the year, this is the personnel you're going to use in there. If Irene has three accountants and one of the accountants decides she's going to take a job someplace else, now she has to come to the Board to get the accountant approval again. I don't agree with this at all, this is micromanaging, again, anything that was approved above and beyond the budget I agree 100% that if we want to add, all of a sudden like if Irene said listen I wanted to add in a fourth accountant or something else like that, absolutely then you have to come to the Board and you have to justify why you want to add that position, but to

me, in my opinion, to all of a sudden to say to maintain the staff that we have that now every single hire has to be done, personally, I'm not sure about the rest of the Board, I'm not in favor of this.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I agree with Trustee Bolebruch, I can't possibly vote for Number 5 without it being changed, perhaps we should take it off the agenda and redo it, and I agree with Trustee Bolebruch that if we're replacing somebody, that's micromanaging, and this Board does not have the time to do that.

TRUSTEE HYER: John, I agree with that as well. I don't think it's necessary to do that, if it's approved in the budget, then I'm good with it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I agree.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: My only concern is the biggest component of our budget is labor, labor represents I think 60% of our budget and we all talk about the need to be mindful of expenses, especially during COVID and the impact potentially on the budget. I kind of view that as an extension of it and that's something that we should definitely keep an eye on and maybe we tweak the wording of it but we're not talking about a lot of turnover in any given year, maybe we're talking about a handful of employees that get added on in any given year, again I see the merits of it on the basis of COVID and we can debate whether or not we can tweak it or make other modifications to it.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: You're talking about a potential reduction of employees, you're not talking about replacing, that's two different things. So what you're saying is that in the event because of COVID or some other situation, that the Village makes the decision that we need to address the deficit or the problems that we have and we need to reduce personnel, that's different than what this resolution deals with. This has nothing to do with that.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: No, I'm not saying that. I'm saying if we have a budget where over 60% is labor, if somebody leaves and we need to replace them, first of all we don't have that many people leaving in a given year.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Well, that's not true.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's absolutely true. Second, if I could, if you all would just read the transcript from the conversation it was very clear, everyone here said it, I sent it to you, you all have the language, this is not new. I don't know why we needed to formalize it, but it became apparent from conversations that we did, but it's in the transcript of April 8th, I sent it to everyone, it was very clear, you all agreed.

TRUSTEE HYER: No, don't say we all agreed, that's not true.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Sorry, Trustee Bolebruch agreed, Trustee Makrinos agreed, Trustee Delany eventually agreed and the rest were silent. Read the transcript, I sent it to you.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I read the transcript and if we are dealing with in the budget then, yes I agree, but to be saying now as we go through the fiscal year that now every single Department Head has to come to us because I want to replace someone that's retired, whatever, they have to be able to work within the budget that they have. So that's all I'm saying, again this has nothing to do with adjustments that have to be made because of fiscal restraints or anything else like that. That's not what this is, that's where I come on this.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Courtney, if I may, how many people have we replaced, let's go a year ago, in 2019, the open head counts that we have for the last budget year.

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: Replaced due to retirements?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Correct.

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: Off the top of my head, probably about 10 at the most and there were several open positions that remained open through last fiscal year and into this year that are included in the budget again as open positions.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: So probably about 5% open positions of our workforce?

TRUSTEE HYER: Steve, if somebody wants to increase their head count, come to the Board, get approval, if somebody's just maintaining a level of service because of the amount of people they have and it's already budgeted, why would they come to us again? To me that doesn't make sense.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: One of the things that we've done over the year, and again, this has been mentioned many times, is that we have many different expenses that we have. Why do we have to constantly approve every single expense, this has been mentioned in this Board room umpteen number of times. If in the event we approved it, we shouldn't have to reapprove it four, five or six different times, this is doing the exact same thing.

TRUSTEE HYER: I agree.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I don't. I do think that we need to look at people as they come and go. We're getting monthly reports, every month, deciding what our expenditures are, what our revenues are, because of the COVID situation and this is going to go on for another six or eight months. I'm not opposed to revisiting it after six months, but I do think we need to know about new hires and if somebody retires the department maybe not fill it based on what our economic status is. Just because it was budgeted doesn't mean you're going to continue with it and that's a reasonable thought given the conversation we had earlier this evening over revenues.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: The problem that you're faced with there, Trustee Foley, is that every single time you have a potential replacement, now we're going to debate do we really need to have a second sweeper? You know what, a Police Officer retired, do we really need to replace that Police Officer? Do we need to replace that Police Officer, now we're going to get into, do we need to replace them with a Cadet, do we want to replace them with a seasoned person, now we're going to get into that? I'm just explaining to you, to me in my opinion, with the budget's passed, as long as you stay within the numbers of the budget, and then you want to add someone above and beyond what was approved in the budget, then we have to vote on that.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: But at the time we had that conversation we were not hit with COVID. The conversation originally initiated because some departments had an egregious amount of overtime and so we need to decide as a group if we want that overtime to maintain the standard in the Village, or we might have to tighten our belts and that is a more relevant conversation since we've been shut down for three months.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: This is exactly what I just said to Trustee Makrinos. If we have financial constraints or something that affects the Village, then we have to make adjustments in the department. But exactly to your point, there are certain departments that have overtime, exactly, so this becomes a weaponized vehicle against a particular department that, you know what, their overtime is too much and I'm not going to approve an additional person being hired or something else. We can't go down this road, I mean we can as a Board if this is what you want to do, but this is micromanaging, I do not agree with this.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: You agreed to it three months ago. So you're changing your mind.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Yes, I have changed my mind, As I've thought about it more and more, I realized it's wrong.

TRUSTEE DAUGNEY: I would have forced the issue more during the budget time if this compromise wasn't the compromise.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Then let's decide as a Board, that's it, do we want to approve doing this or not, we'll vote, that's it.

PETER BEE: I just think in whichever way the Board decides it would be helpful for both the minutes and going forward for the Department Heads, let's keep in mind there are full-time, part-time, seasonals, there are promotions, there are transfers, there are a number of different categories. The way the resolution was written was to cover as much as we could and then the idea that the Board could choose to go with everything or chop it down. For example, also on the agenda this evening is the hiring of seasonal employees for the Pool, so I just want to alert the Board that there are many different categories of filling a position and the Board should indicate to staff which direction and how many of them, all of them or only some of them, that it wants to bring back to the Board. Thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Can I see by a show of hands how many people would like to keep this on the agenda.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's on the agenda, it's whether someone takes it off and we vote separately on it.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I would make a motion that we take this item off the Consent Calendar.

TRUSTEE HYER: I'll second it.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: You don't want to vote on this now, you want to table this, we're going to have the entire discussion and now you want to wait until we get to the Consent Calendar.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's on the Consent Calendar. Take it off, that's normal, that's what we do.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: While we're doing this can I make a motion then to take Number 6 off?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Number 6, I agree with that.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I agree with that.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Adoption of the tiered payment plan, can we take that off too.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: When we get to the Consent Calendar we'll do that.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Are there any questions or comments that will be made by the Board of Trustees. I know that I have one for this evening. Something very, very nice happened this week. On Monday, very early in the morning, I had a call from the County Executive Laura Curran and she asked me if it would be alright with me if she offered Commissioner Jackson a seat on a new initiative, a new panel that she's forming, it's called PACT, and it's Police and Citizens Trust, and what is happening there is that she noticed during the meetings that a lot of people were trying to talk sense but no one was listening. She said that she noticed Commissioner Jackson in a previous meeting he had been at and she had been at, and that he had put some good stuff out on the table. I said I think that would be absolutely wonderful. I think that we should give him a good round of applause because this is a great honor and he is a member of this prestigious PACT and I think it's going to improve our relationship with the police and vice versa and I think that it was very, very nice that he was selected, so I'd like to congratulate him. Is there any other Trustee that has a comment or something they would like to question?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: The one thing is I welcome Commissioner Jackson's involvement in the PACT because I think having a Police Official, community leaders and activists sitting across from each other discussing these issues that are impacting the community. It will hopefully help drive some positive changes. I think that it's a good thing.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: We'll move on and ask for citizens comments on the agenda. Is there anyone on Zoom who would like to speak? No? Now we'd like to approve the minutes of May

28, 2020, which was a Special Meeting, the minutes of June 4, 2020 and of June 9, 2020 which was also a Special Meeting and may I have a person to make that motion.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I make that motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Daughney, and a second.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I second it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Makrinos. All those in favor, AYE. Is anyone opposed? That motion passed. Moving along, (no audio).

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Three in favor, that's it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: That motion carried.

TRUSTEE HYER: It didn't carry.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: That motion was removed, Number 5 was removed.

PETER BEE: That motion failed passage.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: In favor of passage was Foley, Daughney, Makrinos.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: For Number 6 we're making a motion to approve this or not. So who wants to approve this or not, anyone who wants to vote?

PETER BEE: All those in favor of the motion should signify by saying AYE. Those in favor of the tiered payment plan.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It was just a thought should this be something we should do for the larger projects under the theory hopefully it pushes some of them along, mostly at the moment 555, but I'm, not wedded to it, it was just to have a discussion on it. We have large projects, Sears, 555, possibly Adelphi stuff, who knows what goes on with Lord and Taylor, that was the only reason. I'm not wedded to it, I'm fine with not having it.

PETER BEE: Just want to make a procedural point. The item that I have being taken off the Consent Calendar at this time a Trustee can move the item or no one moves the item and it simply doesn't appear for vote.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: The only reason I think we should at least discuss it, we are faced with our own revenue shortfalls right now, and while it's great to offer support in that way I just don't think we can afford it right now. Big projects mean big revenue for us, I think we should pocket it while we can, quite frankly, a lot of these projects are going to get cancelled, that's just the way of the world, so I think they make an application, they got to pay just like everybody else, they got to pay like the guy doing his kitchen on Whitehall, they got to pay just the same as everybody's got to do it, so that's why I wanted it off so we could talk about it. I'm not in favor of anything like this, but that doesn't mean that everyone can't have their own opinion.

PETER BEE: Does any Trustee wish to move the item. Hearing none, the item does not even appear for vote.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Mayor, before we go to citizens comments I had one item I wanted to address which I forgot before, I apologize. I also understand and either Ralph or Courtney if you would want to address this, I also know if you want to make the residents aware that we're going to be opening up Village Hall to residents coming in so if we could possibly explain what the procedures are going to be and what the time is and if you both could comment on that I would appreciate it.

RALPH SUOZZI: I'll ask Courtney to go through the details of the plan, but we've been working on this since we left back in mid-March when the Pandemic hit, we started working from home and working with the 50% except for essential workers. Courtney's been spending a lot of time attending webinars, discussing things with our labor counsel, updating me and the Board and the public. Last weekend there was a question asked about when we would be opening, and we still had some Plexiglass barriers that were being fabricated by the Mechanic Shop, who by the way did an excellent job of locating Plexiglass and measuring things and installing it, working with the Department Heads, I want to thank them, and Joe, your team. When things came back together, this Monday they were installed, we wanted the Board to approve the plan verbally, approve it, and then start on a fresh week and Monday was chosen, and then we anticipate having a full staff, by the 24th. If the Board is in agreements then I'll notify all the Department Heads in the morning or actually now. Courtney, maybe you could go into some more details about what to expect as far as residents coming in as well.

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: Village Hall will reopen its administrative offices to the public as of Monday, June 22nd between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. What that means is there will be the availability to conduct in-person business in the Business Office which includes the Clerk's Office as well as Finance, so for paying taxes, getting permits, dump permits, dining permits, and anything else you might need you are welcome to come into Village Hall to conduct that business. There will be one person allowed in the inner office at a time, there are lines on the floor denoting six feet social distancing, there are masks and there is a log-in book so everybody can sign to maintain our contact tracing for the Department of Health. The Building Department will also be open to accept permits and applications for projects as well as the DPW administrative questioning area will also be open, and they will also be limited to one person at a time. Please abide by what the instructions are that you are given by the receptionist when you come into the building so they will make sure that you have a mask on, they will make sure that you sign the log-in book and that you maintain the six feet of distance. Thank you.

TRUSTEE HYER: Courtney, is all the Plexiglass up?

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: Yes, there's Plexiglass barriers up at each one of the receptionist desks.

TRUSTEE HYER: Do we have any idea what's happening with the Library?

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: The Library opening plan has been presented to the Library Board, and they will be opening up in steps.

TRUSTEE HYER: When?

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: I don't know, they're opening up to the public in accordance with the Governor's Phase Four dates which is after the second week of July. But I think they are working on opening up for some public services before then, they still continue to do virtual programming for the residents, so you should check their website.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Will they have any occupancy restrictions after Phase Four?

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: After Phase Four that depends on what the Governor does with his orders. As of right now the businesses that have reopened are all at 50% of occupancy, but even at 50% of occupancy they should be fine. Giuseppe and I went over last Thursday and walked through the entire facility with Marianne to look at how everything is spaced out and what barriers they might need to protect their employees as well as the residents. So the Study Rooms rather than having six people in them, they might have four people, and we also advised her that doors to the Study Rooms have to remain open at all times, they cannot be closed. Things like that are in place or will be in place I should say.

TRUSTEE HYER: Thank you.

RALPH SUOZZI: Just while I have your attention, I'd like to thank the employees and the Department Heads, because during these last three months we've been working alternating schedules, working from home, we had the technology in place to do that, I want to thank Marc and the Total Technology Solutions team getting us on line within 24 hours in some cases or less. I'd just like to thank the employees who have been rotating or alternating, I want to thank the essential workers who have been here throughout. It's been a very uncertain time, but we've worked through it very well and we worked as a team, so I just want to thank everyone. I want to thank the Board for their support too.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I'd like to open the floor to citizens comments on non-agenda items and your time is limited to four minutes and please give your name and address. Is there anyone in this room or in the Zoom situation who would like to speak.

STEVE ILARDI: When you discussed Item #5 on the Agenda, your computer was muted and no one could hear the discussion, so can you please review what took place.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: That item was removed.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Is there anyone else who would like to speak?

DENNIS DONNELLY: This is Dennis Donnelly. I'd like to discuss the outdoor dining in the Village, which was cancelled for this weekend, which was a terrible shame, it's Father's Day weekend, a huge day for restaurants. When we met last at St. Paul's I think the Board was in agreement that we were going to work out details and be ready to go. Obviously, that didn't happen and there seems to be some significant disagreements as to what the rules are. For the last 15-20 years the Village has had Outdoor Dining Permits which permitted restaurants to operate on the sidewalks in the Village. Under this new program for streets and parking lots I believe it's covered under Section 99d of the ABC Law and I believe there are two exceptions to the ABC Law that are mentioned which are if a restaurant has a municipal sidewalk café permit or a Management Agreement from their landlord the restriction as to being on the sidewalk to the left or the right of their establishment is waived, as it has been in the Village for those amount of years. Certainly the guidance that was provided about the new in street and in parking lots I believe it also says within that guidance that a restaurant can apply for an extension of their license to a street which is directly in front of, in the alley in front of their restaurant and if they set up to do so they would have to file a plan with the state within five days after doing that. The Chamber provided the Village with a mechanical drawing of every business on Seventh Street and on Franklin Avenue with plot plans of where tables would go and I think we've cancelled a very big weekend, then what I'd like to have happen is I'd like to be able to sit down with someone and go over what this Village is trying to accomplish in either helping or hindering these restaurants from being able to expand. This guidance only deals with restaurants that have liquor licenses, for those that do not, like Food for Thought or The French Workshop, Starbucks, Go Greek, TCBY, they're not part of that at all, yet they can appear in the street because they don't have liquor licenses. I think it's important that we try and get this approved as soon as possible and I would just add the Board's guidance in being able to get that done. Thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you, Mr. Donnelly.

PETER BEE: Mr. Donnelly, I have repeatedly offered to make myself and my office available to consult with you on these matters and I just renew that offer in this point and time. We have, as you should be well aware, been working diligently to prepare the various documents necessary, those have included Agreements with each one of the restaurants. My understanding from Mrs. Altman is that 30 of them have gone out and four of them have been returned. But whatever has happened we find ourselves at this point in time, I renew the offer that our office will make itself available to you to consult and work with you to make this process work.

DENNIS DONNELLY: I appreciate that, Mr. Bee, and I have been working with Steve Martir from your office and we were awaiting a revision of the document because the document is different between Seventh Street and the other locations on Franklin and it was only one document provided, so the restaurants on Franklin didn't want to sign something that limited them in what they were allowed to do based on the closures of Seventh Street which didn't affect them. I'll be happy to work with you, hopefully tomorrow.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Dennis, and I guess this could be a question for Peter too, I think you know we're doing everything we can to help, but I heard a tidbit of information before that struck me as odd, but, you were saying that of the businesses that were going to be utilizing this service you'd received how many of the completed applications?

PETER BEE: Mrs. Altman, would you indicate how many of those had been received?

KAREN ALTMAN: Four.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Four out of how many?

KAREN ALTMAN: 30.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Four out of 30, Dennis we got to do better as a community, we have to do better, get the paperwork in so we can get it done. It hasn't been cancelled I think maybe we were too ambitious with the timeline because people needed time to do the paperwork, but I think everyone still supports it, everyone is still ready to go, but we have to do better to get the paperwork in so we can get this started.

DENNIS DONNELLY: Just as a point of information, the paperwork was delivered to the restaurants on Thursday after 4:00 in the afternoon which required them to sign it, it was fairly extensive paperwork, it was to be notarized and delivered back to Village Hall.

PETER BEE: My understanding is the paperwork was delivered on Tuesday and Mrs. Altman had volunteered to notarize documents that came back to her office by the restaurants that brought them.

DENNIS DONNELLY: Tuesday is two days ago and after 4:00.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Dennis, my comments weren't meant to spark a he said/she said, let's just get it done so that we can start this next weekend. I'm as anxious to get out there as anybody, believe me, let's just get it done.

DENNIS DONNELLY: That's all I'm trying to get done, thank you.

TRUSTEE HYER: Dennis, four only coming in is not getting it done.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Will the next person come up to speak please.

CHARLIE KELLY: Charlie Kelly, 211 Kilburn Road. I'm very disappointed that there's no agenda item for the monster poles over here in the Merillon Avenue neighborhood. All the little problems with the ongoing construction fester, the illegally parked cars here all day, garbage from their meals and breaks, but at least those problems are temporary, we know they will continue but they will end at some point. However, the monster poles seem more permanent every day and with this Board failing to take any court action months after they declared it in breach by their letter, it seems like the Board of Trustees will not do anything to assist us in a timely manner. Every day our case is weaker because a timely assertion of rights is paramount in cases like this. Believe me, LIPA and PSEG know this and revel in the Village's delay. There is no way for a Village taxpayer to know why you would spend over \$100,000 in legal fees to fight against a few handicap spaces on Seventh Street but won't bring an action for what you termed a breach of the Memorandum of Understanding that has harmed hundreds of Village taxpayers and endangered their health and safety. LIPA, PSEG, MTA, no one gave us the required notice under the Public Authorities Law, no one

did a SEQRA Study after switching the location of the monster poles to be within striking distance of homes, yet this Board does nothing. One of the many inferences from this illogical chronology is that the Board and the Village has conflicts that militate against proceeding against LIPA, PSEG and the MTA. Why, for example, is one of the highest paid Village employees, the Village Administrator, allowed to serve as Chairman of the Long Island Power Authority when we are told they own the monster poles. How can he possibly administrate dealings with LIPA, and there are many, not just this, on behalf of Village taxpayers in the interest of Village taxpayers. Isn't it a clear conflict of interest and a slap in the face of taxpayers that our taxes pay the salary of the person whose poles sit near our yard, not in his yard, of course, but right here. On LIPA's website it says that the Board of which he is Chairman sets LIPA's vision and values and oversees contracts. What values are shown by erecting monster poles so close to homes they can fall in children's bedrooms? What vision is shown by failing to follow the Public Authorities Law and give the required notice to nearby homeowners and put up these poles during a shutdown? Are those the values and visions this Board wants in a full-time Village employee? How can someone who has pledged to do what is in the best interests of LIPA and oversee contracts such as this have any interest in removing the monster poles? The monster poles are a contract boon to the utilities, they save the utilities construction time and money in not having to bury the lines. Of course, that money came right out of our pockets as our homes have lost between \$50,000 and \$250,000 in value, but that money, those millions, went right into LIPA, PSEG, MTA's pockets on saving in construction and are a great benefit to LIPA's Board of Trustees. This Board well knows the power, prestige and benefits that a volunteer trustee position has.

- MAYOR TROUVÉ: Excuse me. Sir, we thank you for your comments, but you are up to four minutes, you're past it.
- CHARLIE KELLY: I don't think I did, not by my clock.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: Is there someone else who would like to come to the microphone and speak.
- PATRICIA CUNNINGHAM: Patricia Cunningham, 67 Hilton Avenue. I'm wondering about the parking permits that we've had that are expiring at the end of June, will they be renewed for those people who have them or for anyone else who would like to get a parking permit in Parking Lot 7N?
- IRENE WOO: Yes, those permits will be renewed.
- PATRICIA CUNNINGHAM: Will the renewal be sent by mail or will we have to do it on our own?
- IRENE WOO: We will mail those out to the existing permit holders.
- PATRICIA CUNNINGHAM: Very good, that's all I needed to know. Thank you.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Mrs. Woo, in regards to those permits, most of the other permit renewals that we have in the Village I believe is in September. Is there any way that we could possibly make the renewal from July to September of next year so that this way starting a year from now all our renewals will come at this exact same time this way we're not dealing a the staggered time? I was just thinking it would be a good time for us to have the renewals at the same time.
- IRENE WOO: It's a lot of renewals that we handle so it was nice to have a little break to do those.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: That's fine if you keep it in July, that's fine, that's no problem.
- TRUSTEE DELANY: That's why I think we originally agreed on July, to stagger it.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I didn't remember that.

PATRICIA CUNNINGHAM: May I ask additionally will the fee remain the same as last year or as current year?

IRENE WOO: Yes, the rates will remain the same.

PATRICIA CUNNINGHAM: I appreciate that, thank you.

JOHN CANTWELL: John Cantwell, 215 Kilburn Road. A little more specific question than Mr. Kelly. I'd like to know what the Board has done to address these large steel utility poles. Best I can tell as a resident, the Board wrote a letter on April 8th, received a response on April 30th that basically said don't care from the MTA. Then nothing was done until people came here to complain on May 21st. A couple of you claim to be doing something and wanted us to believe that you were doing something but weren't very specific with what that was. Then the Board needed to figure out what everyone knew and when they knew it and to get the facts and that you would go to executive session on the 28th which led to a decision that you needed to retain a law firm. Then on June 4th nothing had been done other than \$25,000 allocated to the law firm and you've asked us to be patient, but what actions is the Board taking and for how long are we supposed to be patient? How can we be kept informed without coming here and asking especially since we can't come here and ask again until July 16th?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: We are doing things. Peter, go ahead.

PETER BEE: The Board will recall that it authorized the retention of a law firm, Beveridge and Diamond, to look into this matter and give us advice as to the legal options and the Board is also anticipating hearing from Counsel in an Advice of Counsel Session later this evening, so following this Board meeting, there will be what is commonly referred to as an Executive Session, more technically it's called Advice of Counsel, and you will hear from Beveridge and Diamond later this evening. The Board will hear, not the public, the Board will hear because it's an attorney/client privilege.

JOHN CANTWELL: Understood. But how can us as residents be kept informed because all I keep hearing is something, I'm not hearing anything very specific.

PETER BEE: The Board, I would anticipate, would not make a decision to act or to not act until after it hears from the attorney, so I would not expect the Board to make a decision one way or the other until after you've heard from the attorney and then I'm sure you'll want to reflect on what he said before you make any determinations. At this point, since we haven't yet heard from them, we don't know whether he's ready to give his recommendation or whether he's just giving some preliminary information about what he's discovered to date. We won't know until we hear from him.

JOHN CANTWELL: I understand that these things take time, but there's a communication problem, we as residents aren't hearing anything and it doesn't sound like there's any way to stay up to date between now and July 16 and we just sit and worry.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: We'll make sure that you are thoroughly informed. Right now, as Mr. Bee explained, we are waiting to hear from the attorney. As soon as we can, we will share some information with you.

JOHN CANTWELL: Understood. Are you, Mayor, and Mr. Minuto, are you still angry? Just tell me that you're still angry about it like you were on the 21st.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I'm always angry. To be clear though, what you're outlining into a timeline of all that we did and all the actions that we took and then you punctuated with you have taken no action. We have taken lots of actions. We have hired an attorney, we're looking into what our legal options are, I think we've been very clear, but I think you could appreciate whether you're on that side of the Zoom or you're in this room here, you got to know the facts, you got to understand what is possible and then we'll make the appropriate decisions. Obviously at which point everyone will be made aware of what the options are. But right now, we've done everything we can do in the sense of we've hired somebody, they're looking into it, they're going to give us

our options. We're doing it after this meeting is done, we'll be in hearings and stuff, so I'm looking forward to it. You're asking if "I'm angry", has my resolve changed at all, no it hasn't.

- MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you for your comments.
- KATHLEEN AURO: Kathleen Auro, we could not hear any discussion whether Item Number 5 was removed from the Consent Calendar, was it decided on, could you give us information, we could not hear any of you.
- TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: It was removed, and it was not approved.
- PETER BEE: Item Number 5 was not approved.
- KATHLEEN AURO: Just as a point of information, many people have asked publicly about the yellow wires or the covering on the wires on the power lines, and that is insulation to protect the workers when they go up in their very, very large cranes to do work.
- KAREN ALTMAN: Thank you, Mrs. Auro. Would anybody else like to speak?
- JUDY COURTNEY: This is Judy Courtney. I have a lot of questions, since Village Hall is opening, is there a plan, maybe you still have to put it together, for opening up these particular meetings. It feels like you guys are all together, I assume you're at Village Hall, most of you, so is there a plan to open it up so the public could attend as well?
- TRUSTEE DELANY: Judy, we will open it up as soon as the Governor and the Phase allows us to. Right now, Courtney, when is that going to be? July. As soon as the Governor says we can have a meeting in public, we will. Unfortunately the meeting that we had in public, the Tuesday before about Seventh Street, we found out after the fact that we should not have had that meeting in public, so we will have the public meeting as soon as we are allowed to, right now we cannot.
- JUDY COURTNEY: So, there are gatherings of up to 25 at this point, are public meetings different, I just don't know.
- TRUSTEE DELANY: Yes, as far as I know, public meetings are different, and the occupancy of the room. But public meetings we cannot have yet. Public meetings are different from the meetings that other people can have.
- JUDY COURTNEY: Great, thank you for that. My request then is for this, as this has been a very difficult meeting, I think I will speak for most of us, there were plenty of times people couldn't hear you guys, you all were on mute and you didn't know it, could you at least open the Chat function so when there are problems somebody can put in the Chat we can't hear you, because it's very frustrating.
- TRUSTEE HYER: It's frustrating for us as well.
- JUDY COURTNEY: But the Zoom has technology that we could use to help with it, so if we could look into that it would be great.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: Next person.
- STEVE LAROCCA: This is Steve Larocca, 164 Wellington Road. I wanted to know, in light of Mr. Kelly's comments how the Mayor is going to address these serious concerns about a conflict of interest and what the Board thinks is an appropriate remedy if in fact these conflicts are true.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: Is this regarding Mr. Suozzi?
- STEVE LAROCCA: Yes, it is, the Mayor, I'm sorry, the Administrator, I stated incorrectly, I apologize.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: As soon as we have information, we'll share it with you.

STEVE LARocca: What does that mean?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: That means as soon as we get information or have information on that topic, we will share it with you, that's what it means.

STEVE LARocca: Let me restate my question.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I understand your question.

STEVE LARocca: I understand but what's happening is once we have more information what does that mean, does that mean you're investigating what's being stated, and once that's investigated you can report back to us?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: It's under consideration.

STEVE LARocca: What is going to be done with this potential conflict that's affecting many of our neighbors?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Honestly, I don't think that's reality, I don't think that's factual.

STEVE LARocca: Then I think your job is to investigate what Mr. Kelly is saying and see if that is in fact untrue. If it is, I think you should be reporting back to the residents.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you. Next person, please.

ROBERT OROSZ: Bob Orosz, 28 Grove Street. With the opening of Seventh Street who would be responsible for overseeing that these businesses and residents are following State Law and CDC guidelines in order to protect everyone from the spread of this devastating disease. If they don't, what would be the penalty for non-compliance and how would these penalties be enforced?

PETER BEE: Both the Garden City Police Department, the Garden City Building Department, the Nassau County Police, the Nassau County Fire Marshal's Office and the New York State Troopers are all empowered amongst others to enforce the restrictions. The primary responsibility, however, will fall to the Garden City Police assisted to whatever extent they need by the Garden City Building Department in determining the precise boundaries of the lanes in which people must stay on the proper distancing.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Isn't it also the restaurant owners, Peter?

PETER BEE: The restaurant owners themselves are at risk from the State Liquor Authority revoking their liquor licenses, so yes, each of the individual restaurants even those without the liquor license will be responsible for their own permits. They risk their permits being revoked by the Village as well.

ROBERT OROSZ: So, on any given night it's the responsibility of the Garden City Police, is that what you're telling me?

PETER BEE: I could not hear all of your words, Mr. Orosz, but Commissioner Jackson, am I correct in that your office is taking primary lead on traffic and crowd control and assuring that the Executive Orders are followed?

COMMISSIONER JACKSON: Yes, we will be monitoring and enforcing the laws and there might be times where the Fire Marshal or the Building Department or the SLA will have to be called in.

PETER BEE: As is typical in these situations it is understanding is compliance is the primary goal, whereas penalties are certainly an available option, but they're not the first choice. The first choice is to remind people of the rules and to secure compliance.

ROBERT OROSZ: I think people would say they wouldn't want to see the thing open and in two weeks later close because of non-compliance, so I hope everything goes along smoothly.

TRUSTEE HYER: So do we, thank you.

RYAN MULROONEY: Ryan Mulrooney, 147 Hampton Road. What I would really like to do is give Charlie Kelly another four minutes if it was in the rule but I know it's not. That was one of the most thoughtful and powerful statements I ever heard at a Village meeting. But I just want to address the monster poles in the sense that the many reasons that they give in putting them up we all know the main reason is increased revenue because they can lease out the poles to various things, wireless companies, etc., and the fact that it is a revenue generator and our Village Administrator is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees I would really like the Board to address this potential conflict of interest of our Village Administrator being on the Board of Trustees of a company that has licensed out these monster poles to increase revenues.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you for your comments.

RYAN MULROONEY: So, you're not going to address it?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I'm not going to comment on it, we're going to move on and when we get information and that's important to you on this issue and the poles, we will share it with you, and that should be in a relatively short period of time.

RYAN MULROONEY: I just want to make the distinction that there is the issue of the poles themselves, and there is the issue of the conflict of interest of our Village Administrator and also being on the Board of Trustees of the company associated with these poles. There are two separate issues, and I want to make sure the Board, and you Mayor, with all due respect, are addressing that issue as well.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you for your comments. Next speaker.

RYAN MULROONEY: Is that a yes?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you for your comments. Is there a next speaker?

RICHARD CORREA: Rich Correa, 197 Meadbrook Road. Recently at an Estates Property Owners' Association Zoom Meeting, Representatives from the MTA as well as Third Track Consortium were on that call, they indicated in sum and substance that approximately from October of 2019 through about February of 2020 the item of movement of the monster poles from north side to the south side of the track was in essence deliberated. My question to the Board is basically who was the first among you to find out that the poles were being moved to the south side and approximately when?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: We didn't know that the poles were getting moved to the south side until after they were already in place. We were not informed in advance, if you read the letter that's on the website we actually state that very point.

RICHARD CORREA: Were any members of the Board involved in any negotiations for placement of the poles as they stand where they are now?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Not from where they stand now. The original placement of the poles were in the EIS and subsequent movement of the poles to the south side was done without our knowledge or permission.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: The website has material from them where they state that, they didn't ask us, they didn't tell us.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you for your comments. Next speaker.

MICHAEL RYDER: Mike Ryder, 59 Fairmount Boulevard. This meeting was scheduled and unless this Board is quite naïve, you had to anticipate questions on these giant poles. Why wasn't that meeting with the attorney scheduled prior to this meeting and not afterwards tonight when we'll all be in the dark for another month?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: You know I had difficulty hearing you can you repeat that question?

MICHAEL RYDER: Yes.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I think you're a little too close to the microphone or something.

MICHAEL RYDER: I believe Peter Bee stated that the Board will be discussing with the attorneys hired to look into the giant poles after this open meeting tonight. My question is, why wasn't this meeting held prior to this meeting so all these attendees would have some knowledge, it makes no sense.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Mike, I can answer your question.

MICHAEL RYDER: How about let Peter Bee answer the question, he's the attorney, isn't he handling this?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Well I can answer it anyway.

MICHAEL RYDER: Well I'd rather hear from him.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I'll speak and if there's something else Peter Bee wants to add, he can. What happened was the Board two weeks ago made a motion to set the funds aside to hire the attorney. Once we did that, the attorney had to have the time in order to do his investigation. As soon as the attorney told us that he was able to talk to us, it was a scheduling issue, and we were unable to talk to him until after today's meeting. He was not able to talk to us earlier or before today because he had not completed his work. That's the reason why, there's nothing that we're hiding or anything else, when we hired the attorney he said tonight is the earliest that we could have been able to talk to him, that's when we're going to speak to him, after the meeting.

MICHAEL RYDER: Did you tell him that there was a meeting scheduled for tonight and that it would have been to our benefit to do so before.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: It had nothing to do with it, Mike. We had a Board meeting scheduled at 8:00, earliest that we could speak to him was after the Board meeting, that's it.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Mr. Ryder, it's 10:30, I doubt that we would try to hide something by scheduling a meeting after this meeting.

MICHAEL RYDER: I think you're putting words in my mouth, Brian, and I didn't say about hiding. I said it would have been a smart move to request the attorney, he could have done this last night. But I don't think you guys did, I don't think you put any pressure on them at all. We're the client, the Board is the client, should tell him we need this before our meeting. It doesn't pass the smell test to me that it just so happens right after this meeting this item is discussed. To me, it doesn't pass the smell test, sorry.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: You're right, we like to stay here until 11:00.

KATHLEEN AURO: Kathleen Auro, 4 Merillon Avenue. Just two observations about the very large poles. When I take my walks my walking friend and I will question the workmen, you find a lot of information from the workmen if you ask nicely and they are very gracious to answer my questions. I asked why near Weyford Terrace, the very first large 93-foot pole has support wires connected from it to the ground. I thought these poles were supposed to be up to standards that they would even meet Sandy-like destruction and force of winds. The workman said, if I were to go to the last pole, I would also see supporting wires from the poles to the ground. You probably won't have that answer but I would like to know if someone could give me that answer,

and another question, you probably don't know the answer to this also, not only do we have these 93 foot steel poles, we have exceptionally large wooden poles and then we have shorter wooden poles and we were told some will remain and some would disappear. Why do we need all the poles just ruining our landscape, it's bad enough we have to look at all this stuff, wait until all the vegetation and leaves that fall off the trees, the few that are left, and it's an eyesore, that's all I have to say. And it would be nice if the Third Track Committee could perhaps give us an answer eventually about why some of these other poles have to remain.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you for your comments. Is there anyone else who would like to ask a question?

SUSAN LAROCCA: Susan Larocca, 164 Wellington Road. My comment is at the last Zoom Meeting we had with the Estates Property Association the Third Track Committee was able to speak but the residents were not and it was controlled by Tina DiMino, the President, and I guess her daughter was doing the Zoom for her, and we had a little chat with the residents on the side and Tina said just keep asking the questions, because we're not allowed to speak ourselves and she was going to pick the questions and ask them herself. Well I was asking a lot of questions and so was Tom Ryder and somehow they decided that we should be kicked off the Zoom Meeting, which I was furious at, and I believe that Charlie Kelly wasn't even allowed to join the meeting, which is, New York State Open Meetings rule was definitely not followed. I was furious, I tried to contact Tina, I know I sent an email to Trustee Daughney and to Colleen Foley and to the Mayor and I got no response from anyone and I'm just disgusted and I actually know Tina DiMino from school, when our kids were small and I just think it's absolutely ridiculous. I even said if we were in the meeting would we be kicked out, escorted out of Stratford School, why are we not allowed to speak? She gave such softball questions to these Third Track people that they were very easily answered, and none of the questions that were important to the residents were even offered and I think that we need to be able to speak ourselves and ask our own questions to the Third Track Committee.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I answered your letter.

SUSAN LAROCCA: No you didn't, I didn't receive it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Yes, I answered your letter, I'm sorry, I'll see what happened.

SUSAN LAROCCA: Since being kicked off the Zoom, no I have not received anything from anybody.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I sent you an email.

SUSAN LAROCCA: I will check my Spam file but I know no one answered me. Can you forward it to me again because I would appreciate an answer and I also think that the President of the Estates should answer when a resident asks a question. I have no idea why I was kicked off and neither did Tom Ryder, it was absolutely ridiculous.

TRUSTEE HYER: You should probably address that with her.

SUSAN LAROCCA: I tried, I called her, left a message, I emailed her twice and she did not answer me and that's when I emailed all of the Trustees involved and as far as I know I've gotten no answer. I've also emailed Trustee Daughney before and he's never answered me either. I'm just so frustrated with this whole thing.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Let's hope for the best. I thank you for your comments. Is there another person who would like to speak?

PETER BEE: If not, Mayor, is there a motion to move into executive session?

TRUSTEE DELANY: I move that we move into executive session.

TRUSTEE MINUTO:

I second that motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Motion made by Trustee Delany and seconded by Trustee Minuto to recess to executive session for the advice of counsel. All in favor "AYE, that was unanimous.