

INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF GARDEN CITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
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PRESENT:

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Irene Woo, Village Treasurer  
Joseph DiFrancisco, Superintendent, Department of Public Works  
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Thomas Strysko, Chief, Fire Department  
Paul Blake, Chairman, Board of Commissioners of Cultural and Recreational Affairs  
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MAYOR TROUVÉ: Good evening and welcome. Our meeting will now come to order. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. Now a moment of silence for these difficult times for first responders serving during this COVID-19 Pandemic. We will turn to comments by Department Heads and we begin with Irene Woo.

IRENE WOO: The Treasurer's Report for the Month of March shows an impact to Village Revenues as a result of COVID-19 as follows. The Building Department is seeing a decrease in overall building applications and fees since the closure of the Village in mid-March. The Police Department recorded less court revenues due to less traffic and parking tickets as a result of the Governor's orders and the social distancing and the closure of many businesses, so that's resulted in less volume. We typically send on a monthly basis all the revenues received from the tickets that have been issued to New York State and they break down the amount that's due to the New York State versus the amount that's reported as revenues for the Village, but we have not yet received the invoice for March so the numbers we're seeing here, the \$100,000 most of that is related to the revenues from the fines and fees from state was an estimate, an accrual, based on a reduced number based on the lower volume of revenues that will be received. The Police Commissioner has informed us that for the month of April it was significantly lower so we'll be seeing reduced revenues, the full year budget of \$1.6 million will be impacted due to COVID due to the less revenues that will be received.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Irene, quick question, 555, wasn't that also in the '19 budget, that was moved to '20?

IRENE WOO: That is correct, that was with the original owners and then it was pushed back to '20 and then the plans changed again. Per my conversations with Mr. Giovanniello, he anticipates that the project will move forward sometime in June or July of this upcoming summer, which falls into our next fiscal year.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: If you could remind me, for full year '19 how close did we get to budget on Building, Police, Recreation? Did we get 100%, did we exceed the budget?

IRENE WOO: I'll get back to you on that.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: That's okay, obviously we're trending favorable to last year with Building and Police, I was just curious to see if we've exceeded what we had budgeted in '19.

IRENE WOO: I'll look at that during the meeting, I'll let you know.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS:

Or tomorrow is fine, no rush.

IRENE WOO:

The next department, Recreation, so obviously you know with the closure of the facilities and cancellation of Recreation Programs, rentals of fields and facilities and fees have been greatly impacted. We have taken a \$41,000 reduction out of revenues and we have set up a liability, these are funds people have paid in advance for programs that were anticipated to occur or facility rentals that were anticipated to occur in this fiscal year that are now being deferred until a future date, therefore the reduction of the revenues was \$41,000 for those cancellations. That is going to greatly impact the full year budget for Recreation as well, as you can see compared to the prior year this year Recreation has only received 64% of its budgeted revenues versus 81% last year. For DPW, the reduction we're seeing the revenues are much lower than budgeted, only 22% of the budgeted revenues have been received this year versus 76% last year at this time, but that's actually due to two major projects that were anticipated to be reimbursed, one of them is the Business District Paving Project and the other was the Nassau Boulevard Train Station Project, both those projects were budgeted as Capital Projects as well as the reimbursements were budgeted here under DPW, but these projects have not yet been started, therefore it's not anticipated that those revenues will be received this year, and again, these were also budgeted for next year.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY:

Both of those will be a wash though, right? Expense and then we get reimbursed.

IRENE WOO:

For the most part, yes. The expenses have not been incurred and neither have the revenues been received as well. Under other revenues, the majority of this category includes the Real Property Tax that's about \$51 million, and then it includes other categories such as taxes, gross receipt taxes, franchise, it also has state aid, interest earning, this category it seems like we exceeded the budget, 101%, most of that is due to forfeiture of deposits, as you know that the Building Department has had a project over the last year or so, based on the new Local Law the Village passed regarding deposits that have been held and exceeding a period of time the Building Department has reached out to have a certificate of occupancy completed to return those deposits and be within the time limit. So we received \$300,000 this year in forfeited deposits and that was not budgeted so that was an increase to our revenues. We've also received about \$60,000 more in parking revenues due to one of the parking lots that were started this year as well as the sale of non-residential parking that was more than budgeted. Under the Enterprise Funds, the Pool for this past season came in under budget, although the revenues did not exceed the budgeted expenses. The Tennis Fund is greatly impacted due to the COVID-19, obviously the Tennis facility has been closed and programs had to be cancelled for it beginning in March and are continuing through the current month and again we had to take out the revenues and defer those revenues for people who had prepaid for services and that totaled about \$58,000. The Water Fund is coming in lower than budgeted due to lower consumption that's being seen despite a 5% water rate increase in this fiscal year, consumption has been lower. If you look at the current month it's \$302,000 of revenue versus last year in this period of \$366,000. The next two months are expected to have higher revenue into the season but it still probably won't be enough to cover the full year budget. The next slide has some additional commentary by the Department Heads, if you'd like we can let each Department Head talk a little bit about their budget points or if you have questions specifically we can answer some of these questions.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY:

I'd like to hear from the Building Department, from Giuseppe. We have two large projects, 555 and Sears.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO:

That's correct.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY:

Is Sears already in the budget or wasn't in the budget.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO:

Sears was not in the budget, not knowing that Sears' application would be as far as this dramatic, but due to I guess COVID what they're actually doing to that building

there's actually going to be an increase in revenue in the Building Department with that aspect, but I have not yet seen anything come in as far as a payment on that as far as the applications. I received a plan but we're still waiting for them to submit the paperwork.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Based on the draft plan or whatever you want to call it, we're thinking well into the several hundreds of thousands of dollars.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Yes, by the estimated cost of construction as far as the applications coming in, it's going to be well over which will put us over our expected the revenue for this year. I'll actually be receiving two fairly large projects this year which is 555 and the Sears building which will bring me up to more than anticipated for revenue, which will hopefully make up for all this difference.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I don't know what you're hearing, but I'm hearing anecdotally from some of the contractors in town that we're projecting to be swamped.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: We're going to anticipate getting slammed because I see the increase and everybody wants to get back out there and get to work, we are ready for it, Building Department is running as normal, so we're ready for it.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Do you think you have the appropriate level of staffing to deal with the onslaught of applications that are going to come in?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: We're handing everything coming in right now with the anticipation that the guys are ready to handle it. I do have as approved in my budget an extra two employees once all the paperwork gets through we can hire the other employees and they can handle everything coming in.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Where do we stand on getting those two employees, what do we have to do between you and Courtney?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: I'm working together with Courtney to come up with a plan, basically we're speaking to Civil Service and we're trying to come together as far as bringing us a list with the CS-4s and it's a time lengthy process but we are working together, with Courtney's help we are trying to get a list together as far as getting somebody in here, so it does take a little bit of time but she is working hard and trying to get everything together for us so we can get our two employees as far as to help out. Other than that, everything is pretty much status quo with the Building Department.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Sounds like you have it very well organized, Giuseppe, very good job.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Appreciate it, thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Giuseppe, when will the Marriott over in Roosevelt Field open?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Mayor, they're actually open, they opened as of yesterday, they actually had their first people coming in, they had their grand opening yesterday and I believe they are getting and receiving residents in there due to the Third Track Project, I believe they're going to take about 10-15 people, contractors that will be willing to stay over for this project, so they're hopefully it gets built up.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: So that increases your revenue, doesn't it?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: No, that project was in the '19 General Budget.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: We don't get anything from hotel operations.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: From the Building Department process that already took place, I believe it was the 2018-2019 budget. Actually I have their final CO on my desk which I'll sign tomorrow and they'll be done with the Building Department aspect.

TRUSTEE DELANY: That was in the 2018-2019 budget.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Correct.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Mr. Blake, how about Recreation.

PAUL BLAKE: As noted we are being impacted by the cancellation of a lot of the youth leagues, as you know we get a participation fee each child that is enrolled in soccer, lacrosse and baseball, we are not getting anything from them this year because they have cancelled all of their Spring programs. We are anticipating seeing some Little League play possibly after June, that has not been confirmed but we did have had a conversation. We are also losing out on Fieldhouse rentals, Island Garden basketball typically rents a lot of weekend time in the Fieldhouse, they are not renting that right now. They have indicated they would like to rent once the pandemic restrictions are lifted, same thing with the organizations that rent the fields at St. Paul's, none of them have cancelled, they have all asked to move their tournaments and events to later weekends in the summer, while the revenue will not be impacted, we will not receive it in this year's budget, it will be deferred into next year's budget. Same thing with the rental at the Senior Center, the building is closed and we're not doing any rentals, one group that has cancelled, again the rest asked to move to later dates when the restrictions will be lifted. In terms of the swimming pool, unfortunately I have no concrete news to report, however, I did have a phone call today from someone close to County Executive Curran who indicated that she may be requesting Governor Cuomo to allow recreation programs to be moved from Phase 4 into Phase 3 of the State's reopening plan. That would give us an additional two weeks, we might be allowed to open a little bit earlier. As of right now, it looks like the earliest we might be able to open would be either July 1 or July 7, that's if the State and the County hit all of their benchmarks for opening on the Governor's Phased Plan. Tennis, as noted, we've been closed for 10 weeks, no revenue coming in. We did give credits instead of refunds as Irene indicated, and contracts for the next season are going out next week so hopefully we'll have a better idea after June 1<sup>st</sup> for the next few weeks.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Paul, does it make any sense to start doing work at the Pool to get it ready for opening or are we better off waiting to see what happens.

PAUL BLAKE: I think I'd rather hold off just a little bit, Trustee Delany, until we get an idea of what our timeframe would be. We have ordered in certain supplies that we need and we may not be able to get them later in the spring so we're pretty much ready to go. We do have a couple of contractors that as soon as their work restrictions are lifted will be in to do some minor repair work and finish up some projects from last year. We anticipate needing about three to three and a half weeks pre-pool to get everything up and running, we're also holding off a little but because we are hearing that they may not allow us to put out our pool furniture, chaise lounges and tables. There may be a move to have people bring in their own chairs to hopefully stop any kind spread of the virus, so we're kind of in a wait and see pattern right now.

TRUSTEE HYER: Paul, what's the hold up with doing last year's fixes, why aren't they doing that?

PAUL BLAKE: Honestly because one fix is deemed non-essential, his business has been shut down. He's got about two days of work, minor patch work on the big pool and they just can't work right now. The other one is finalizing the installation of a switch in the Pump Room, that is about a half day job and same thing he's restricted to emergency type work only, he can't come in and do that yet.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Paul, I have noticed that at the parks, I've seen your guys coming in on the weekends. My family and I have been going there, we play tennis and I've been around several of the parks and I saw that they are definitely cleaning up and they are definitely maintaining it because one of the things we're doing is we're getting a lot of activity in the parks itself even though the playgrounds are closed, but we're having a lot of children and families who are going in there. The concern that I have is that I saw

in a couple of Facebook posts today and if the weather is nice and we're going to have more and more children of all ages who are going to the parks. The concern that I have is before we had maybe a handful to 10, 15, maybe 20 of these families, now you're seeing 20, 30 people in the parks, a lot of groups of kids, is it at a point to where we should consider having some type of employee supervision at the parks from a safety point of view because to have a facility like that open without any supervision, I'm starting to get concerned about that.

PAUL BLAKE: We've actually had some discussions internally in our office and we need to speak with Courtney at length about when can we start bringing people back in. As you know the folks that typically work at our parks are part-time and seasonal employees and I'm not sure where we're at a point where we can bring them in yet. We may have to take a look at staffing some of our full-time employees, perhaps some of our Maintenance employees, we have to have everything a little below a percentage point, but we will certainly have that discussion with Courtney in the coming days.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I think that if we have that much of an increase of young kids there I think we have to maintain some level of supervision if we're going to maintain the parks open.

TRUSTEE DELANY: We're going to have more and more people in the parks, so if we can hire seasonals let's do it so we can protect ourselves.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Let's have that as part of the discussion that we are going to have later.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Thanks, Paul.

PAUL BLAKE: You're very welcome.

IRENE WOO: The next slide we're looking at, "Village-wide Expense", is by department. Overall we are seeing that our expenses are pretty much in line for each department. We did start seeing some expenses related to COVID starting in the month of March. There were expenses to sanitize and clean Village facilities and the vehicles. The Village has incurred about \$97,000 through April in cleaning Village facilities and vehicles, purchasing of safety supplies about \$25,000 and expenditures related to COVID for technology to allow employees to work from home and support that effort. We are currently in the process of working with FEMA to get the process in place to start submitting reimbursements. We're following their guidelines and process and we should have a better update of that at the next meeting. On the next slide, slide #5, there are other challenges and impacts due to COVID so if the Department Heads would like to address their bullet points.

PAUL BLAKE: I think I pretty much hit mine, we're kind of in a waiting period.

CHIEF STRYSKO: I'll respond on the Fire. We had to cancel our induction dinner for the officers and chiefs, we also planned a 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Fire Department, we had to cancel that. Also every week we have hands-on training, we had to move from physical hands-on training weekly and department clean ups weekly to online Zoom calls. That has significantly affected our training program, but we're continuing with online classes to promote training and it's worked fairly well considering the circumstances.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: In Public Works we've incurred some additional overtime, some overtime in Sanitation as they've been working as scheduled but obviously we've had some employees needed to take some time off so we've had to cover for some open shifts. We have incurred some additional expenses in regard to supplies in terms of gloves and masks, something we wouldn't have normally done in the past, but as Mrs. Woo mentioned we're going to hopefully try to get reimbursed for some of the expenses that we've incurred. Also the cleaning expenses as she mentioned earlier but other than that, this is probably the main additional expense that we've incurred so far, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I have a broad question for all the Department Heads. Are we sourcing everything we need, are we short on anything?

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: I can actually answer that question because I've been working DPW as well as in constant communication with the Police Commissioner to make sure that we have enough inventory of the PPE that is needed by all the departments and when they request, we are able to fulfill their request. We are doing okay on PPE, we are still trying to identify additional sources for masks and gloves but Commissioner can elaborate on some of the donations he's received and avenues that he's been able to explore to garner the proper PPE for the Police and Fire Departments. But as a whole we are doing okay, there are still a lot of things that are on backorder and a lot of orders that have been cancelled, but we continue to find additional sources and make sure we get what we need but right now the inventory is sufficient.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Thanks, Courtney.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Are we planning to put up the plexiglass in the front of desks and public areas and so forth? Who's in charge of that?

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: Yes, actually the Shop Department is going to be in the process of manufacturing plexiglass, to place in between the workstations that are downstairs in Finance and Purchasing as well as protectors for the Front Desk counters in the Business Office as well as in the Building Department and the little window by DPW.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Wouldn't you need rubber gloves, certain things also?

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: Yes, and each department has ample supply of gloves and masks and hand sanitizers and disinfectants.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: Courtney, I have a question. In reading some of the Health Department guidance do you see us tapering off of gloves because there's appoint where gloves are going point to point to point without being changed in between contact, just spread things, are you getting any of that?

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: Absolutely there is concern about cross contamination for gloves, for masks, for all of it, so people have to be diligent about using them. We do have some employees who prefer to use them, and as I said there's ample supply of them in each department so they have the ability to take a different set each day and also, the hand washing is forever the best, and there are lots of signs that I put up.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I guess that's my question, not to put on a pair of gloves and wear it all day.

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: Right, we can remind employees that they need to change them and better yet they should just be going bare hands and washing their hands.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: And sanitizing.

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: Yes, and sanitizing, we need a reminder.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Could we ask the question as part of the agenda items and let Irene get to her Treasurer's Report?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Are we moving to the next page?

IRENE WOO: Yes, we'll move on now to slide #6, which was requested by the Trustees to see a monthly update on overtime. All the departments are within their budgeted overtime, they're kind of in line to how they were in the prior years. The only department that is running kind of close to being over budget is the Water Department. As you know, they've been utilizing some overtime to cover four open positions, so the funding for that overtime is being funded through the salary lines. Finally slide #7, in addition to revenues and expenses there are certain Capital

Projects that are impacted as well due to COVID and a couple of the departments highlighted some of those projects and we have them here, perhaps the department heads can talk about those as well.

PAUL BLAKE: For Recreation we have the Edgemere Park Safety Surface that is ready to begin, we've received signed documents, insurance and bonding from the contractor, as soon as he is given the green light to resume operations he will be in to start that project. We just received our initial design on our Shade Structure for St. Paul's, we had problems getting people in to do site work and evaluations, we finally got a couple of representatives in last week and they've come up with a couple of very good designs. Equipment is difficult to cover with traditional shade structures because it's so tall, the shade structure would have to be quite large and it would be a wind tunnel. We just received the initial designs this morning, we believe it's available off of state contract, and we will be moving on that just as soon as we can.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Hey Paul, before we put that thing up could you show us what it looks like?

PAUL BLAKE: Absolutely. What we've done is we've done kind of a freeform sail design that will give us a nice look and not look like a just a big blue cover over the playground. I will be happy to send that out.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Thank you, Paul.

PAUL BLAKE: Senior Center Floor Repair, as soon we can get some people to come in and give us estimates, they seem to get a little hinky when I say Senior Center, but as soon as we get them in and get some estimates, when working resumes we'll get that program fixed as well.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: How about calling it the Community Resource Building?

PAUL BLAKE: You know, that's a good idea, I probably shouldn't be calling it the Senior Center.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I have no problem calling it the Senior Center.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Building Department.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANIELLO: In the Building Department we had two Capital Projects which are now slightly delayed due to COVID, the Tyler Software, we were supposed to do Tyler in office training with the inspectors and everyone, but due to COVID we actually have postponed that, the in service training probably to sometime in July. Right now we're just basically training either by Zoom or conference call on the software. I would recommend them coming in for in service training to guide us through the mobiles for the pads for the inspectors and also in the office so that's on delay right now as per COVID. The other Capital Project is the Digital Scanning Project that we've had ongoing, due to staffing in their facility, they actually called and said they're running behind schedule due to COVID and having limited staff in the office so hoping that we can continue with that and hopefully be done with that stage of the project before the end of the year, and that's all I have.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Irene?

IRENE WOO: That's it, Mayor.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Irene I just had a question on the last part of the Library. It says there on the last line that other installations PCs, printers, etc., by the IT Staff, not completed, not working on site. Being that we don't have any employees there, why aren't we taking care of personal computers, and printers and everything else, we have nobody else there so wouldn't that be the perfect time to get this work done?

IRENE WOO: I'm not sure if Marianne's on the call or not, but they do have their own IT Staff, and from what I hear they do not have any Staff for the most part.

MARYANN MALAGON: When I discussed staffing with Courtney we had originally determined that because other departments had more essential needs, especially you know the most essential services of the Village, that the shift in personnel was leaning more in that direction and that our IT operations that we were trying to perform, were for example not necessarily work from home operations, like the Administration Department completed so that people could work at home. These were just projects to move forward and the bank of computers that are around the Library and the server virtualization project which has multiple components, so we deferred those projects because they were not critical and actually that employee who does the IT installations, he was in the process of getting a lot of our Library Programs online on the website setting up other features for the staff to engage with the patrons and so on, so he was involved more in essential work for the Library to serve the community than setting up our server virtualization project which he could do once we start working in the building at the next phase.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I understand that, but if we don't have any employees in there and we need to put in new printers and new computers, within the Library itself, the IT people could go in there. Your IT staff is what, two people, three people?

MARIANNE MALAGON: It's one and one part-timer, so as of now it's one.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: You're talking one and a half people, I'm just saying that once they finish the virtual stuff, I don't know how long they've been working on this, but we've had two or three months of this already. You should be able to have the tech guy go in there help people so when they go in all the computers are up, the printer's connected, everything's done.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Now's the time that should be done.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Maybe you can coordinate that with Courtney. I'm just confused why, once they get done doing whatever virtual work they're doing, why don't we get that done before the people come back.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I believe it was the Library Board decision to what Marianne just went over, but maybe she could follow back up with her Board and see if they can get them in there.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Absolutely, now's the time to do that.

MARIANNE MALAGON: Thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Now we're going to go back to comments by Department Heads so we can cover the agenda items, so we would start then with Police Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER JACKSON: Thank you, Mayor, I have nothing on the agenda except I just want to remind everyone with the holiday weekend coming up please drive carefully. There are more motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians on the road and we are asking everybody to be cognizant of that. Also we will be deploying grant funded DWI Patrols over the weekend, so I wish everybody a safe weekend. That's it, Mayor.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you. Giuseppe did you have anything further do you have anything on the Consent Calendar?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Thank you, Mayor. No, I don't have anything on the agenda this evening. Any questions, I'd be more than happy to answer any questions, thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Chief Strysko, did you have anything further?

CHIEF STRYSKO: Thank you, Mayor. I have nothing on the agenda, I'd just like to make one announcement if I may. On Memorial Day at 11:00 a.m., in the area, Volunteer Fire Departments will sound their sirens, sound their airhorns as a show of honor of our Veterans on Memorial Day, so I just wanted to make that announcement.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Very good. Joe DiFrancisco.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Thank you, Mayor, A few items on the agenda this evening, Item #11 is a change order authorization to ratify a change order to the Pine Street Water Main, this will close out that project. This project was originally budgeted at \$1.9 million, the bid was awarded at \$1.6 million and even with the addition of this change order the final cost of this project is going to end up being about \$1.49 million, so it's a job well done by the contractor bringing it in under budget and the project is completed.

TRUSTEE HYER: For that item, for that change order, I understand National Grid closed a bunch of those change orders.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: There were some mark outs that were incorrect where a gas main wasn't identified correctly, and I'm not sure if it was National Grid themselves or the company that they use to do their mark outs, but a gas line was incorrectly identified and was hit by a contractor digging the water main, which caused a delay in the work and obviously a safety issue, but that's one of a few of the items that in that change order. I will speak to National Grid about that and see if we can work out an arrangement to see what we can do about an error on their part.

TRUSTEE HYER: That's where I was going, if we have any recourse with them, we should pursue it.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: I will speak to our liaison about that. Item #12, the Water Department, as was authorized by the Board back during the budget sessions, effective June 1<sup>st</sup>, the water rates will be increasing 10%, the new rates will be posted online, I can get them up online next week. Lastly, Item #13 is a continuation of our agreement with Covanta for Waste Disposal Services, the contract with Covanta expires at the end of May but the bid process for sanitation is an arduous process, it's not a normal bid process, there are public hearings involved, it's a very long process so at our previous Board meeting we contracted with D&B Engineering to assist us with this process. This item on the agenda this evening is just to continue the contract with Covanta on a month-to-month basis until we're able to go out for a formal bid and award a new contract for Waste Disposal Services for the Village. I also have three award of bids on tonight's agenda, first one is Leaf Picker Parts, this is a renewal of a contract from last year an additional year on the contract, a two year contract, these are parts for leaf picking bought on an as needed basis. Item #15 is the Nassau Boulevard Railroad Parking Lot Rehabilitation. Just to give you a brief history of this, the MTA as part of the Third Track Project, has authorized or has granted us funds to reimburse us for the cost of redoing this parking lot as part of the Community Fund. We applied to the Community Fund to be reimbursed, we were approved for the reimbursement, the bid was structured so there was options for the Village in terms of what we wanted to do with the lot, the option that I chose and put on the agenda this evening is to remove all the existing bricks, save whichever bricks are able to be reused, dispose of the ones that couldn't, and have the new bricks bought that are the same and kind of the ones that are there in terms of making them look uniform. The project also includes improved lighting and improved drainage, the low bidder on this project was Gorilla Waste and Contracting but they actually rescinded their bid as they did not think they could do the work despite being the low bidder, they rescinded their bid so we would like to award the bid to the second low bidder which is Pioneer Landscaping and Asphalt at a cost of \$899,000.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: So they have bricks that are the same color, the same size and so forth?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: They are required to find bricks that match in kind to the ones that are there. For all of the ones that can't be reused we would like to maintain these bricks I believe they're 100 years old we'd like to reuse as many as we can, we don't know how many can be reused until we actually go in there and start pulling them out, but that's part of their contract, they should be reusing whatever they can and matching bricks in kind to replace the ones that they can't. In addition, they are required to put it back together exactly the way it was with the herringbone pattern and the bricks on the side, it's a very nice look in that parking lot.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Do they have experience with similar type projects that we can see?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Yes, they have. That's actually one of the reasons the low bidder, after thoroughly vetting the bidders, the low bidder realized that this was just not something that they were capable of doing, so the second low bidder Pioneer is somebody that we vetted and we feel comfortable with them doing the work.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Does that \$899,000 include a contingency, if they're over?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Yes it does. The Railroad actually approved us for up to \$1.6 million for this project, so it came in well under what we were approved for. Any leftover funds not applied to this project will go back into the Community Fund which could be used for other purposes as part of the Third Track Project.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Joe, two questions, what about the wall?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: That's a separate project, which we're going to have to bid that out separately, Railroad will not reimburse us separately for the wall as part of the Community Fund so that's an expense that the Village will have to incur ourselves.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Any idea what the cost of that would be?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: I don't know yet, I couldn't give you a number now, no.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: The second question is, on the south side there are bricks there and everything else on the north side of the track, on the south side of the track there are also lots there where cars park and those lots are in pretty bad shape, so are we paving those as well, is that a separate

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Those lots are part of the 2020-21 paving budget.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Does the Railroad reimburse us for that being that it's blocked for the Railroad?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: I could apply and see if they will, but I've included it as part of our paving budget for this coming year.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: We are going to use a lot of money for landscaping along Third Track Corridor, that's the plan. So whether or not we want to approve this until we do that, I don't know, that's up to everybody else. So remember, \$2.5 million was earmarked definitely to improvements in landscaping once we get to the Third Track people.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Let's do the landscaping first before we go and ask for money for the parking lot.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Does this include the curbs, Joe, in this parking lot?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Yes, it does.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Does this have an irrigation system and so forth, in other words is this a total job?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Yes, it is. Level the surface of the lot, improve the drainage, improve the lighting, curbs, concrete, the aprons, the whole thing, yes.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Joe, can you go back to #12 in regard to the rate increase for the water, could you give a little bit more of an explanation of how you came up with the 10%?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: When we sat down, as everybody's aware we've spoken to ad nauseum about the contaminants, the Village has committed to almost \$50 million of emerging contaminant expenditures, bonding, as part of the process to prepare the budget this year I took a look at revenues, and took a look at expenses coming into this season, this year as Mrs. Woo mentioned earlier in the Treasurer's Report, our revenues were flat despite an increase in rates last year, our consumption is slightly down,

revenues remain flat. In addition, last year we had other income which increased our revenue other than water rates. So when I took a look at the budget this year, looked at our expenses I realized that there was going to be a shortfall because of the amount of money that the Village needs to pay back in terms of the bonds that we issue for the work being done on the water contamination project, somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1.5 million, I believe they are called BANs, Mrs. Woo can explain them a little bit better than I could, with the increase in water rates along with the slightly lower consumption the decrease in revenue year over year of non-water rate revenue plus the addition of expenses due to the bonding in order for the Water Department to meet its expenses and remain viable the numbers worked out to 10%.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: So our increase last year was 5%, correct?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: That's correct, yes. No, I'm sorry, it was 2½%, I proposed 5%, the Board knocked it down to 2½% if I'm not mistaken.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: So 2½% was last year's increase.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Yes.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Joe, any update on the AOP and the AOP+?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: The two AOP Projects have started, we had two projects that were awarded at the last meeting, we have contractors bringing equipment on site now, one at the Clinton Well Site and one at Well #7, Water Works. At the same time we are concurrently doing an AOP+ Pilot Program to test the system. This morning the Health Department was out at the site monitoring the second round of testing with the AOP+ System. We have finally gotten some pricing out of the company who does the AOP+. I was not happy, I think they could do better on pricing and I'm going to speak to them about that. Ultimately, I can't wait on this, I need to move forward, the State Health Department, obviously because of everything going on, the decision about the new regulations hasn't moved as quickly as was planned, it was actually expected to go into place now. It looks like it's going to be pushed off to the fall, which is a positive for the Village, it will enable us to get through the summer high volume months, I still need to move forward with the other system. We started on two projects and we're getting ready to start on the third AOP Project.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Remind us again from a reimbursement perspective, when will the state reimburse us for some of those costs?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: We were awarded two grants in the last go around, the second go around is supposed to be in September, the state has committed to reimbursing us for the first round of grants, that they already awarded us and as of now we are scheduled to apply for the remainder of the grants in September. I have not heard if that's going to be put on hold or not, we're hoping it's not, a lot of the money is coming from federal sources so we don't think it will, but we'll see in September. We're ready to apply, we just need to wait for the window to open for us to apply.

TRUSTEE HYER: Joe, talking about reimbursement, the paving stones on Franklin, Seventh, New Hyde Park Road, are we still expecting to be reimbursed for that?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: That's Item #16 on the agenda, to reject a low bidder Sasco Construction, they did not meet the requirements of the bid specifications and award the bid to Graci Paving, this is for paving stone reimbursement in the Business District. We have started sending notices out to the businesses in the district and if the Board awards this contract tonight, we'll start to get to work as soon as possible.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: What's the difference between what Sasco bid and Graci?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: It was about \$250,000 but they didn't meet the bid requirements so that could be one of the reasons why their bid was so low.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: On the Nassau Boulevard bid on the parking lot, how long is the bid good for?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: I believe it's 60 days but Peter Bee might be able to answer that better.

PETER BEE: Depending on the bid, the bidder must hold their bid for either 45 or 60 days following its submission.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: So we don't have to do that tonight.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Why wouldn't we?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Because I want to make sure we're using a lot of money for landscaping along the Third Track.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: That money was given to us for the parking lot.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: No, that money was part of the Community Fund, \$2.5 million, you asked if we could use some of it for the parking lot if we wanted, they acquiesced as a favor, but we always planned on the bulk of it being used for landscaping.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Who's we?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: The Board, in prior discussions.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I don't remember making that arrangement and I remember all the conversations we had about this parking lot.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: We did discuss that we wanted to make sure that yes, we could use some of the money for the parking lot, but we wanted to make sure with the landscaping and everything else that was going to be done that we set aside enough money particularly when they put up the wall and everything else along the Railroad that we would use it for the landscaping, and that was always a priority.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Anything further?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Actually, I have just one other item that I want to mention that is not on the agenda. We have started taking receipt of the recycle bins, they started arriving today down at the Yard and we're going to be distributing those, we're not going to do it next week because of the holiday, but we'll be sending out notices, I'll be trying to put something on the website, get something in the newspaper, but look for new recycle bins coming in the next few weeks.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Is it a case where residents come pick them up or are we dropping them off?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: No, we'll make the effort to, no we don't want large crowds of people congregating at the Yard picking them up so we're going to work out a plan where we'll try to deliver them enroute while we're picking up the old ones.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I was just going to say why don't we have a second truck that goes behind the guys and when they turn around and take the recycling they leave the new bin.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: That's exactly the plan we were talking about today, Deputy Mayor Bolebruch.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Mr. Blake, are you finished, you don't have anything further or do you?

PAUL BLAKE: We have nothing on the agenda, Mayor, but I would ask that the residents keep their eyes out for our tree plantings and if they have a new tree planted in front of their house please help us out by giving it a little water in the next couple of weeks.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Mr. Suozzi, how about you?

RALPH SUOZZI: Item #9 on the agenda is for the re-engagement of professional services by Total Technology Solutions. TTS has been our big IT partner for the past three years, they have successfully helped us move our email server to the Cloud, they have provided us robust disaster recovery and cyber security protection and they are in the midst right now of building our virtualization server program and are in the cusp of finishing that. During this Pandemic when we had to get people out of Village Hall and into their homes to remote work, they accomplished that within 24 hours if not less. It's been a great partnership. This engagement is to sign them up again for the same services they provided in addition to three new services. One service will be testing our employees with test Spams, to train people about protecting themselves and their environment from Phishing Spams. They will also be monitoring the dark web, the dark web as implied, there's no light shining on it, it has a mischievous connotation, but they'll be protecting us by monitoring dark web activities, which is like shadow internet. The third thing, I explained to the Board in an email last week, technical services, we will have 12 hours a week for 50 weeks this year following our IT person around, documenting, building knowledge, learning all because of the environment we are currently institutionally in, our person, his brain, to create the knowledge base of multiple technicians and this way TTS can perform any function that our IT person can perform down the road.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: How about today, the first day starting to open up the office, how did that go?

RALPH SUOZZI: Village Hall is still closed but I was there myself today and checking things out. Mrs. Rosenblatt mentioned earlier about the plexiglass, we had our mechanic up from the Mechanic Shop, he went around to all the specific workplaces that needed attention for plexiglass and measured it out. We found some additional supply in the Village and that will be worked on, and I think at the next presentation at the end of this evening Mrs. Rosenblatt will go through the other plans that we have in place for ramping back up to a full workplace presence.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Mayor, excuse me, I misspoke earlier, I just want to make a correction. The water rates did go up 5% last year, not 2½%. Deputy Mayor Bolebruch had asked how much the water rates increased last year.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I thought it was 5%. Thanks Joe.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Are there any questions from the Trustees?

TRUSTEE DELANY: When is Mrs. Rosenblatt going to speak about coming in to work? At the end of the agenda or now?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Returning to normal operations is towards the end of the agenda. If there are no questions or comments from the Trustees then we will have citizens comments based on agenda items only. Is there anybody here who would like to ask a question?

JUDY COURTNEY: Hi, it's Judy Courtney. Could someone give me a little bit more detail, I am not aware of what the plans are for the Sears building that we just discussed previously?

TRUSTEE DELANY: We don't have any plans yet. Does Giuseppe have that?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: No, they have filed plans. The Sears building is going to be a medical office, it's outgoing patient medical offices. It's under a big renovation project.

JUDY COURTNEY: Could you elaborate on that a little bit just so we know how large it's going to be, what kind of medical offices, what's the anticipated time to open.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: This is not an agenda item, Judy, can you wait please.

JUDY COURTNEY: You talked about it before in terms of fees so I thought it was an agenda item.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: You'll have a chance to talk about it toward the end of the meeting. So now what we are going to do is have a public hearing and first I would need a motion to open the public hearing for a proposal of a local law to Amend Chapter 12 of the Code in Relation to the Code of Ethics. May I have that motion.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I make that motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Makrinos, may I have a second?

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I second it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: All those in favor, AYE. Any opposed? That motion passes unanimously. The next thing we want to do is have Mr. Bee speak, do you have a few comments on this.

PETER BEE: This is actually somewhat in the nature of a technical correction. The Board will recall that there were substantial revisions to the Code of Ethics and the Constitution of the Board of Ethics a few months ago, and in doing so one of the determinations the Board made was that they wished to have the makeup of the Code of Ethics not officers of the Village. However, in eliminating the authorization to have an officer or employee be a Member of the Board of Ethics, I think potentially inadvertently we overlooked that the Village Justice is a Member of the Board of Ethics and technically an officer of the Village, though an independent member of the Judicial Branch, therefore, I think it makes sense to continue the Judge on the Board of Ethics since that is not a person that is subject to the direction and control of the Village Administration or Mayor and therefore, I have drafted a proposed Local Law that would authorize the continuation of the Garden City Justice on the Board of Ethics. That is the only change being made here.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Would any members of the Board of Trustees wish to speak on this issue.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Peter described it well. It was a mistake in drafting, I think we did a pretty good job of revising the Code of Ethics and made it applicable to 2020. I want to thank the Members of the Ethics Committee, Dick Silver, Valeri Rothschild and Judge Mathers who helped with a lot of the drafting, and Peter obviously.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Is there anyone else on the Board of Trustees who would like to speak? Any residents like to speak. May I have a motion to close the public meeting?

TRUSTEE DELANY: I make that motion to close the public hearing.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: And a second?

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I'll second it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: All those in favor, AYE. Any opposed? Since we all seem to be in accord with this decision do I have a motion right now to enact that local law?

TRUSTEE DELANY: I would move that.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Delany, and a second?

TRUSTEE HYER: I second.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Hyer. All those in favor, AYE. Any opposed? That passed unanimously. I would like a motion please to approve the minutes of May 2, 2020. May I have a motion.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I'll move it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Delany, and a second?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I'll second it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Makrinos. All those in favor, AYE. Any opposed? That passed unanimously. I ask for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Can I ask a question first? Does the Consent Calendar include #18, or is that external, that's not Consent Calendar? 18 is closing Seventh Street.

KAREN ALTMAN: Yes, that would include unless somebody would like to remove it for discussion first.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I would like to remove it.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Also remove #5 please, the Tax Lien Sale.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Would you like to explain why?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I need to know more about it, is the Village stepping to buy the liens, are we buying the liens from ourselves? I want to understand the process.

IRENE WOO: Originally, the Village holds the tax lien sale typically every March. This year, obviously it was cancelled due to COVID and the closure of facilities and the Governor's order to not hold public meetings. Due to the fact that we're approaching our fiscal year end in order to close our books, we are proposing now to hold the tax lien sale on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, however, rather than having a public sale it is the intention of the Village to purchase all the outstanding liens this year.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Do you have any further questions, Mr. Makrinos?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I'll follow up with you separately, Irene.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I think that we are down to discussion, discussion regarding the process of the Village returning to normal operations.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Mayor, I think that we first have to vote on the Consent Calendar minus the items that were removed.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: And before we do that, I'd like to remove #15, the Parking Lot from the Consent Calendar.

TRUSTEE DELANY: So we remove 15, 18 and 5, right?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: No, I'm fine with 5.

TRUSTEE DELANY: 15 and 18 are off the Consent Calendar.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: We have to vote on that, don't we?

KAREN ALTMAN: You can vote on everything but 15 and 18, Mayor.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Can I have a motion to approve the Consent Calendar for everything except 15 and 18?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Will somebody move that motion?

TRUSTEE DELANY: I make that motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Delany. Who was the second?

TRUSTEE HYER: I'll second.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Trustee Hyer. All those in favor, AYE. Any opposed? No. Were there any opposed to that, everything except 15 and 18? No, so that moved 8-0. Do we want to have further discussion of 15 and 18 now?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Yes.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Who would like to take 15? Nassau Boulevard Railroad Parking Lot.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I asked for it to be removed from the Consent Calendar, I just want to make sure we all understand what we're thinking. Originally we had about \$2.5 million from a Community Fund, it's not guaranteed money, but it's been allocated for use "related" to the Third Track. We thought one of the things we might use it for was landscaping related work, whether it was for Nassau Boulevard or Stewart Manor, because those stations at least theoretically were going to get used more while we were doing Merillon and Third Track stuff, so that's how this idea started and maybe we can do it with the parking lots since that will probably be the most expensive portion of the lot to do and we were thinking of how to keep it brick. Do we want to commit now to use \$1 million basically out of the \$2.5 before we finalized landscaping?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I had conversations with Andy Krauss about landscaping and because of several things that happened that were upsetting parents and so forth, he said that we would get very good landscaping and I would believe him. He said they wanted to do an extra-special job on the landscaping and I felt very confident with his offer. I personally think we could pass the \$899 tonight for a job that really is in sad shape, it needs to be done, and there are people in the Estates who want to see that done the way it looked originally. It seems that we have a good contractor, it seems that we have the money right now I would suggest that we move on it and pass it. Let's take a vote.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Can I ask a question?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Yes, surely, go ahead.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Procedurally, if we were to go ahead and do this can we reimburse ourselves after the fact? Can we essentially fund this out of surplus or out of any other account and then reimburse ourselves down the road after the landscaping has been completed or does it have to be paid and reimbursed at time of construction.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: Or completion.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Or completion, yes.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Aren't we going to spend the money and get reimbursed?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Yes, that's the way it would be.

TRUSTEE DELANY: So if we don't get all the money for it, it would be out of our pocket, and we would have already paid for it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Have they stiffed us yet on money?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: No.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Where is the fear coming from?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I don't have a fear. I'm just saying we're making sure we have enough for our goal of doing landscaping. Do I believe that the landscaping plans as they're being discussed and approved are going to work out great? Absolutely, they are going to spend more than they actually have to do contractually. What I just didn't know is whether we wanted to encumber basically \$1 million of it at the moment until all those plans are settled.

TRUSTEE DELANY: But the concern is we may not have enough money to cover the landscaping that's required plus the parking lot, that's it basically, right Brian?

TRUSTEE DAGHNEY: Right.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: We have to spend the money first on Nassau Boulevard.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Yes.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: That project has been submitted and approved, Joe?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Yes, they have approved, up to what dollar amount, Joe?

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: Up to \$1.6 million.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Up to \$1.6 out of the \$2.5 if we wanted to.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: And the fellow's bid is \$899.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: But if we chose not to use the Community Fund because we wanted to redirect it to landscaping, do we have that option?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: We have \$2.5 million to use for whatever they will approve. If we came back and said we're only going to use \$900 for the lot, that would leave \$2.5 minus \$900. At the end of the day everything is subject to their approval, so is there a risk they could because of fiscal issues cut back on what they promised people, that's theoretical, I don't believe that's going to happen, no one has said anything like that, but they certainly have said make sure you get your wants in soon because of the fiscal crisis.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: It seems to me that, what did you say we were promised \$1.9 or \$2.1, something like that?

TRUSTEE FOLEY: \$2.5.

TRUSTEE DELANY: The \$2.5 is total.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: That was a promise, not definite.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I spoke to Andy Krauss, we talked about money, and he always seemed confident.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Andy's no longer there, by the way.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I'm aware of that. Jim is there, I've had problems getting access to the Community because of the illness, so I think we should do this right now. I think it's a good idea, we have the money, it's been in very poor shape, and for a very long time, and I feel the opposite, that we're going to have tons of landscaping all over the place and we won't be able to take care of the parking lot. It seems to me that \$2.1 is an excellent amount of money, and we can easily do a lot of landscaping.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Just to clarify, that \$2.5 for planting is for along Merillon Avenue as well, so I think the reason why there's some pause here is that we want to make sure we divert as much as we can to make sure that the plantings down Merillon are up to par.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It wasn't just landscaping. The way it's supposed to work is they allocated funds for you in case of DPW issues, police issues, traffic control, landscaping, lots of different things were plausible uses of the \$2.5 million. We've been lucky, we haven't really used much in terms of anything, especially as a lot of the construction on New Hyde Park Road has gone on during the COVID, so we haven't incurred a lot of police expense or traffic or DPW or things like that, so in a way we've been lucky the way it played out. I'm just asking we should make sure in our heads we understand if we're using this \$900,000 or \$1 million roughly, that leaves a \$1.5

million for other stuff, we had barely any other expenses and we always envisioned that obviously we would use a lot of money to make sure the landscaping along the Third Track, Merillon, Cow Pasture, all along there came out well. They are already committing to use their own money aside from that so I'm saying whether it's \$600,000 or \$800,000 isn't going to be fantastic in conjunction with what they're going to spend, I just want that understood.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I'd like to make a comment on this. When we first were talking about the lot on Nassau Boulevard the first number that we had talked about was \$700,000. I understand that Joe has gotten approval from them up to \$1.6 million but if we just use \$900,000 of the \$1.6 million that means that we're taking 36% of the money and allocating it towards this lot. I'm not saying that it's not a bad or good use for the lot, but when you look at this massive project that's going on, with this \$2.5 billion project, the largest part of this project is not even completed, and that is New Hyde Park Road. When we look at the largest part of the project not even completed, we don't know it, and I agree with Brian, we've been lucky to this point to where we haven't needed to use the funds for other things that we were anticipating that we might have to spend it on up until this point, but when we have that largest part of this project that hasn't even been completed yet, and when you look at it, no matter what the Long Island Railroad says to us, what they consider to be enough planting and enough vegetation, and what we would consider or what our residents would think is enough is something different, and remember they have to put up the wall, they were doing work on the track and all that planting and all that stuff has to be torn away. We have an unknown which again is New Hyde Park Road and what other expenses might incur. So that's what gives me pause on going up to \$900,000 or even \$1 million. My feeling is if you said to me we're going to allocate \$700,000 towards that lot and you know what if it costs more and the Village has to throw in another \$200,000, I would feel more comfortable with that simply because it's such a large project and the people who live there, who are looking at the walls, who are looking at the Railroad the whole time, we have to make sure that we put enough planting and everything else in there.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: We don't have to charge the \$900,000, we can ask for reimbursement, whatever we want, we've been approved up to x. Just as a side note, New Hyde Park is scheduled to be done, Steve, at the end of July, is that right?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Definitely sooner than what was originally said.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: A lot sooner than we thought.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I'm willing to go along with the \$800,000 some odd, as long as we understand the back of our minds that we may not get reimbursed for the entire amount or we may have to use money for landscaping in order to satisfy ourselves and our residents with the wall, along Merillon, etc.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I just want to make sure we're on the same page. When is our next meeting for?

KAREN ALTMAN: June 4<sup>th</sup>.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: June 4<sup>th</sup>. We may be done and negotiating with them in terms of their landscaping plan, what they're going to do we're pretty close, what day is today, 21<sup>st</sup>.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: So why don't we just approve this item in June, then?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I was just saying we definitely can wait two weeks that's why I asked Peter how long these bids are good for.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: We'd only wait if we weren't going to do the project, if we didn't get the money from the Long Island Railroad, which I don't think is the case. We're doing the lot anyway, right?

TRUSTEE DELANY: Yes.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: It's not whether or not we're going to be reimbursed out of that fund or not, and to John Delany's point either we do it with our own buck and then pitch in for more plantings and landscaping later, or vice versa. Either way, it's likely we're going to have to chip in some dough either now or later for landscaping. But it's not as if we're not going to do the project we got a great bid, it looks like it's going to be what we wanted, it will be the original brick or close to it, it's not going to be a blacktop parking lot. I think Joe did a great job, we should approve it and move on and the decision we make later is whether or not to tap the Fund or not.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I guess that was my question, this project was in our budget for 2020/21 right?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's budgeted as an offset, we do it but we get paid or reimbursed at no budget effect.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: That's how we budgeted it, but we always said it needs to be done is my point.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: We just have to figure out how to do it, yes.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: We have the flexibility to submit this to the Community Fund or whether we take that money.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Knowing the downside, I'm willing to vote in favor of it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Louis are you voting in favor?

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Yes, I would.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Anyone else who would vote in favor?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I vote in favor.

TRUSTEE HYER: I'm in favor.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Brian's in favor, Mark Hyer is in favor. Do we want to have a vote?

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

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I ask for a motion to approve Item #15, can I get a motion on that?

TRUSTEE DELANY: I'll move it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Delany will move it and who will second it?

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I'll second it.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: All those in favor, AYE. Anyone opposed? That motion passed 8-0. Going on to #18, who was the person who asked to have it removed again?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I did, I think actually a bunch of us did.

TRUSTEE DELANY: While I am in favor and I think it's a great idea, I have a problem approving it through October. I would like us to approve it for six weeks and if there's any problems we can revisit it. I think October to let people so that the Chamber as well as the restaurants realize that we're approving it on a part by part basis.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Why don't we do it from Memorial Day to Labor Day?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Could we have the Chamber explain to us how this will work.

DENNIS DONNELLY: If you read the beginning of my letter which was you know the restaurants and shops in town are really hurting as they are everywhere, so in order to try and ease them back and give them a shot at survival, we propose closing Seventh Street and doing so in a manner that would not require police presence really, it would block the street completely from Hilton to Franklin. All the stores on the street have back entrances, other than Leo's, and Leo's is fine with the concept anyway. This would allow the restaurants to set up outside on the street and not have to move tables back and forth, similar to some degree to what we do for the promenades, only we're not talking about entertainment or anything like that, this is strictly a dining experience for people, no large tables, tables of six or less, and I think we've put a plan out to take care of the three residential buildings on Seventh Street that have underground parking. I'm no architect, so that was a hand drawing I did to explain how it would work. Basically reversing the driveway between Dunkin Donuts and Key Food to go from the parking lot into Seventh Street where we would have to barricade a one lane road from that driveway down to the following driveway where we would push the cars back into 7N and that way we'd have a loop, a one-way street that they could utilize for the people who live in those buildings and have cars there. The reason we didn't run the lane all the way to Hilton was so that no one at night or whenever would make the mistake and come up that lane so that lane doesn't go all the way to Hilton. The reason I said October is I didn't want to have to come back to the trustees, that does not mean we would have to run it to October, I would certainly like to run it without doubt through September, you know, again, I don't envision this as a mass event, it's just we can space the tables, I think there's a way to work out the sanitation to keep the street clean and then in the retail sector to allow stores like Chico's, Coquette or Madison's Niche, the ability to put some segment of their wares outside hopefully in like a pavilion type tent with no sides and more length than width so that maybe people could browse a little bit and pay in the store if they're nervous going in.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I also have a concern about emergencies, how are we going to get fire trucks and ambulances there?

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I do too.

DENNIS DONNELLY: That would be accomplished by the same driveway that is available. We usually use that driveway for the fire vehicles that are during the promenades we usually park the fire trucks in that same driveway on Seventh Street.

TRUSTEE DELANY: How are you going to move those cement barriers?

DENNIS DONNELLY: You're not going to move the cement barriers.

TRUSTEE DELANY: You're going to block Seventh Street 24/7 until October?

TRUSTEE FOLEY: How is the fire truck going to get to the apartment buildings if there's a fire because they're not going to be able to make a turn in that chute between Key Food and Baskin-Robbins unless they swing out into the street wide and maybe Chief Strysko could chime in.

DENNIS DONNELLY: I've seen the fire trucks do that many times, you're talking about moving a police barricade in that case.

CHIEF STRYSKO: I'm just concerned we have fire hydrants on Seventh Street, you are going to have people in the streets, most likely going to block fire hydrants, block access to buildings, we can't, if we have a fire at 99 Seventh Street or a false alarm, we get multiple calls there throughout the month, a lot of false alarms, burnt food and stuff like that, we would have to get the fire trucks in front of the building. How are we going to get through a crowd of people at a moment's notice when the fire trucks enter Seventh Street with it being closed and so many people, children, whatever is going to be there all set up?

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I don't know that there's going to be crowds of people we're just talking about restricting vehicular traffic so that we can allow the people to spread out. By the way, I think it's a great idea and we should go over a safety plan if that means people that we have to clear areas in the front of the hydrants, in front of certain areas we can mark them off. I'm sure we could do it safely, it's not going to be a promenade situation, it's going to allow the businesses to spread out so people feel a little bit safer to shop for things on the street. I'm not envisioning this to be a promenade type crowd every day of the week.

TRUSTEE HYER: I'd like to know what you're going to do for the restaurants all along Franklin Avenue, where are you going to put seating there, and how are you going to close that off?

DENNIS DONNELLY: Well, I know that we can't close Franklin Avenue. What I proposed on Franklin was to allow the restaurants to spread out, if they can, to utilize more of the sidewalk than they normally do. In a lot of cases the sidewalk is wide enough that they could have another set of tables. But then there are restaurants who can make accommodations with their next door neighbor, for example, Revel on one side pretty much has the bank, and if they can make an accommodation with the bank to get a couple of tables that are not by the doors of the bank but next to the bank they would do that. Additionally, behind in some cases of the restaurants on Franklin allow them to set up behind their place, so on Franklin and on New Hyde Park Road for that matter, it's just a matter of letting them as few tables extra out on the sidewalk that they can. I know Uptown Grille, Mike Sweeney, he would like to get a couple more out, especially in the beginning, people are not going to be comfortable, overly comfortable, inside restaurants, and this will just give everybody a shot at getting back.

TRUSTEE HYER: I'm not opposed to that, I just think we need to see a plan before we give it a blanket approval. I'd like to see where they're going to put the tables, and if they're part of the parking lot, I'd like to see a bit more before we approve this plan.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I think Mark's right, I think we're all in favor of it, I'm speaking for a few of us, I think it's a great idea but I think Commissioner Jackson, I think the Fire Department need to weigh in, make sure that we've got all the right safety plans worked out and I think away we go. I think it's a great idea, some real ingenuity to help the businesses in town as much as we can.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I agree with Lou but I just want to make sure there's a safety plan when you have two apartment buildings that are multi-story there has to be a way to get a fire truck down the street safely.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Agreed, and I think there are things like whether it's the hydrants, or clearances either we mark it, we rope it off, whatever we have to do, make sure all the safety precautions are there, everybody wins.

TRUSTEE HYER: Right. Why don't we agree to it first and we get a plan in place?

TRUSTEE DELANY: Why don't we agree to this subject to a plan to be approved by Fire, Police and DPW?

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Agreed.

TRUSTEE HYER: That's all I'm saying, we need to have a little more.

TRUSTEE DELANY: We're all in favor of it, let's get a plan in place, we agree to it subject to a plan that's approved by Police, Fire and DPW.

TRUSTEE HYER: You're talking about retail stores, I would want Commissioner Jackson's input on putting merchandise in the street.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I'm not in favor of merchandise in the street, I'm in favor of the restaurants only.

TRUSTEE HYER: That's part of this approval, John.

DENNIS DONNELLY: No.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: The whole point of this is Dennis also wants to give the retailers an opportunity to where right in front of their stores they can also put merchandise and stuff there. Anyway, here's one of the things. I went down to Seventh Street today and I was taking a look at this and Chief Stryko, correct me if I'm wrong, but the biggest concern that you would have on Seventh Street would be the apartments, correct?

CHIEF STRYSKO: That's one of them, you have all the commercial stores as well.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I understand that, but what I'm saying to you is you're in the aspect that if in the event that you get false alarms, you have to be able to put a truck in front of the apartments, correct?

CHIEF STRYSKO: At least one, if not more.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: This is something we've never done, let's try to figure out solutions rather than obstacles. Here's my thought, if we took the barriers instead of putting them right on Hilton, on the west side of Seventh Street, take the barriers down Seventh Street and take it to where the first entrance and the exit of the lot is. In other words, if you look at that first street there, opposite of the apartment across the street, except for the deli there is no stores there whatsoever. It's all banks, there's the one restaurant there, if you move those barricades down you'd be able to then give total access coming in and out of behind and you would also give the ability to move any fire truck in front of the apartment building which is there and that would take away many of your major problems. Then if anybody pulls in there, they could easily either go through the lot or they could go through either lot to exit and come back and it would make the flow a lot easier.

TRUSTEE HYER: Bob, those are all great ideas, but let's not approve this right away without getting those plans in place.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I didn't say to approve it Mark, I'm just throwing out an idea that as we're talking about it, I think that it's something that we all want to do to help, let's figure it out and if we have to coordinate between Fire and Police, let's figure out solutions of how we can get this done and help the businesses.

TRUSTEE HYER: I agree and that's what everybody says.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I think we also need to figure out how long we want to do this for. Is October the right amount of time is it September, is it August, is it Labor Day, we should try to figure that out as well.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Well I would hope by Labor Day that the restaurants would be in better shape.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: We could do some sort of a thing where every month we throw it on the agenda and renew it for a certain time period or something like that.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I think that would be a good idea.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: That's a good idea.

TRUSTEE HYER: That's a good idea, Lou.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Something to go hey, this is working, let's keep it up type of thing.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I've seen on tv and in other states and also in New York where they open up a beach and everybody floods out into the beach and there's no distance concerns at all, they just get there, they're talking to everyone. You would have to have a police presence there so that should people have a drink and start relaxing and start standing in a cluster you have to be able to, I think it's a good idea, I really do, but I don't want us to get caught up in something where we can't control the folks and I think that we have to have the police there and the fire, and it's going to take time and thought but I think that we could pull that off.

DENNIS DONNELLY: I would first like to say, first off, I'm representing the Chamber, we always want everything to be safe, don't get me wrong, I'm all in favor of having a plan that outlines both safety and access for Police and Fire. I'm happy to sit down with Commissioner Jackson, Chief Stryko and whoever the Village designates to work out a plan of exactly what we're planning on doing.

TRUSTEE HYER: I'd also like to see Calogero's and Primehouse and all these other places how they would consider doing it.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I agree, I think we should be fair and make sure that all can participate.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: They have a lot of space in the rear.

TRUSTEE HYER: They're in the parking lots, Bob.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I think we have to go in towards the back, we have to make accommodations for them.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Yes, we would have to deal with them on the back side where maybe we could block off potentially more of the sidewalk and/or the parking spots that are closest to the restaurant and give them more space there. Those are things that we can work out with those establishments.

DENNIS DONNELLY: I agree 100%, I'd be happy to do that, I planned on, with the concept kind of approved by you guys, I'll have meetings with each of the restaurants to go over how they could take advantage of the concept to begin with. Now as far as the retail stores, it was to put merchandise directly in front of their storefront, not in the street.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Exactly, this way residents don't have to go inside.

TRUSTEE DELANY: May I recommend that we defer this item to June 4<sup>th</sup>, by that time Dennis will have an opportunity to put a plan together with the Fire Department, the Police Department, whoever else has to be involved and we just revote on it June 4<sup>th</sup>.

TRUSTEE HYER: Check with the stores as well, I'd like to see what they're going to do.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Two weeks, get things going.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: And the other people that you have to talk to is Joe in DPW.

TRUSTEE DELANY: DPW, Police and Fire.

JOSEPH DIFRANCISCO: And Sanitation, absolutely.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Agreed.

TRUSTEE HYER: I think the plan is a good one, I think we just need a little more.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I think it's a great idea, let's figure out how we can do it.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I move we defer this, Mayor, to the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I second it.

KAREN ALTMAN: I think we lost the Mayor.

DENNIS DONNELLY: I appreciate everybody's time and support.

KAREN ALTMAN: Deputy Mayor Bolebruch, do you want to take over, I think the Mayor is not on, she must have had trouble.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: As far as the motion we said that we wanted to move Item #18, we'll move it from this calendar and then we would move it to next meeting which is June 4<sup>th</sup>. Is everybody in favor? That motion passes. The Board of Trustees wanted to have the discussion regarding the process of the Village returning to normal operations. Go ahead Courtney.

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: Good evening, everybody. I'll give you some background, some points related to discussion of returning the Village back to normal after the Governor's orders are lifted and so on. I'll start with some background. Throughout this health pandemic the Human Resources Team has been diligently monitoring Governor Cuomo's, Executive Orders as well as the New York State Department of Health and CDC guidelines that are relevant to the Village's economy, residents and employees. All decisions that have been made by the Village thus far have been in compliance with these guidelines and have been made after careful consideration regarding the impact on the Village's operations and after consultation with among others, Labor and Legal Counsel and the Board. I just wanted to give everybody a little education in terms of the businesses that we were just talking about along Seventh Street and the office buildings along Franklin Avenue and throughout our Village. Those are governed by Governor Cuomo's Executive Orders as they relate to New York Pause and his phasing in of reopening those things. Those businesses will open in accordance with his Executive Orders related to the reopening of industries for that, however, the Village staff returning to the workplace is governed by Governor Cuomo's Executive Order regarding the workforce limitations. Workforce limitations expires right now as of June 6<sup>th</sup>, we do not have any indications regarding whether these limitations will be extended. These current Executive Orders limit on site employees to no more than 50% of the total workforce at any one time, not including supervisors. All on site employees are also required to comply with social distancing guidelines. We are developing a workplace safety plan to ensure that the employees return to work to a safe environment that continues to comply with the Governor's orders, and CDC and New York State Department of Health guidelines. The plan will include guidance related to the following topics and I'll go over them but I just want to mention that the Village has remained open, we have had staff coming into the buildings and facilities and executing their tasks throughout this entire time.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's been open not to the public but it's been open.

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: They haven't been open to the public but they have been providing services to the residents.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: The other thing I'd like to have clarify by Courtney is 50% of the non-essential.

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: It's 50% of the total workforce.

TRUSTEE DELANY: The non-essential workforce.

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: Yes.

TRUSTEE DELANY: The essential workforce is 100%.

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: It's technically, Peter was just about to chime in, it's technically 50% of the total workforce which includes essentials and non-essentials at any one time. The first

aspect of the workplace safety plan that we're going to talk about is social distancing and the interaction with public. While the Village facilities remain closed we have continually communicated with the team on ways to maintain social distancing when on work sites. The plan will also include how staff interacts with the public once the facilities are opened again. Use and supply of protective equipment, the Village began its identification in garnering supply of personal protection equipment to its employees prior to closure and continue to provide throughout the organization. The employees other than Police have access to masks, gloves, hand sanitizer at every site. The Police and Fire Departments also have what they need and continue to safely assist the public which includes the PPE items and more. Hygiene and cleaning of areas, like the PPE we began to identify and source cleaning products that meet the CDC guidelines at the start of this event. We've also identified and utilized a cleaning restoration company to disinfect Village facilities and property. Communication, posters have been up in common areas since prior to the closure and continue to be updated as new guidance is issued by the CDC and New York State Department of Health. Posters are located in the common and lobby areas of the departments and in the restrooms. Screening, the development of a daily health screening process is underway. This might include temperature taking, but most likely will include a daily questionnaire that the employees will have to complete each day. Contact tracing, the Village is creating a visitor management system to capture contact information for visitors to our facilities. We will be called upon by New York State Department of Health to provide this information in the event that there has been notice of a positive case that involves the Village. The items above are in varying stages of completion but the emphasis continues to be to roll out processes to protect the workforce and the public as they are identified and solution/precaution is defined. This is a work in process, this continues to be very nimble as new orders and guidelines are issued by the CDC and by the Governor and by the New York State Department of Health. We continue to monitor it very closely and are making sure that we're making the best possible decisions for all peoples involved.

- TRUSTEE DELANY: Courtney is 50% of the workforce back yet?
- COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: We are at about 43% is my calculation as of this afternoon.
- TRUSTEE DELANY: Can you give my any idea when the other 7% will be back?
- COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: That depends on the tasks, we have to make sure that the people we are bringing back are coming back to perform essential tasks at this moment, that's where the essential/non-essential labels come in.
- TRUSTEE DELANY: Let me ask this, as far as Deputy Mayor Bolebruch raised the issue of the parks, does Paul have enough people back to help you to keep the parks the way they should be?
- COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: Paul, can I just chime in here for a second?
- PAUL BLAKE: Sure.
- COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: Paul and I were speaking this afternoon, we've been proactively having conversations with Civil Service in terms of the processing of seasonal applications for our employees because many of the staff at the parks during this time of year are seasonal employees and to date they have not been approved through Civil Service so we contacted Civil Service and said we're going to be doing this fast and furious because we don't know when the Governor's going to be lifting these limitations and they are all on board and they are ready so Paul has instructed his team to send out the letters of interest to the staff members with of course a cover letter saying we are not guaranteeing anything. We're going to wait and see.
- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: John, was that a question about maintenance of the parks?

TRUSTEE DELANY: Primarily maintenance, do we have enough people available now before the summer help to maintain the various parks because they are being heavily used, not the playground equipment but the tennis courts I saw people hanging out in the park, it is someplace to meet. Do we have enough people to take care of that now?

PAUL BLAKE: Yes, Trustee Delaney, we do. Every day we have a crew assigned to the East parks and a crew assigned to the West side parks as well as a crew assigned at Community Park and we are able to stay on top of things as of right now.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Other than dogs.

PAUL BLAKE: Our maintenance people have been instructed to remind people that dogs are not allowed in the parks, the cooperation level ranges from partial cooperation to no cooperation. We have seen quite an increase in dogs throughout the Village parks and greenspaces and until we get back to having someone in the parks, every single day it's going to be an issue.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Courtney, I wanted to first say thank you because I know you and your team have been working tirelessly on this and this is a challenge because again, the regulations that you deal with as we saw yesterday alone with CDC changing the way they view certain things, it's like standing on sand, your foundation is constantly changing. My question is from a Board point of view, is there anything else that your people need from the Board in order to help you go down this road?

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: No, thank you very much for those kind words, by the way. The team has been doing an incredible job managing everything. Right now we are continuing to get through things and process them and having lots of discussions, as we need the Board's assistance we will certainly reach out and ask for it, we're not shy about that so I appreciate your support.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: If I could, one of the things we talked about a little bit, is should the Village go out and buy masks and have them available maybe we can give some out, I don't know how people feel about that topic.

TRUSTEE DELANY: You're saying give them out to employees, Brian?

TRUSTEE DAUGHEY: We can give them to residents, we can give them to residents, we can have them handy when things start opening however we want to do it. We can go to Seventh Street, give a bunch out to restaurants, people pull up, forget they don't have a mask.

TRUSTEE DELANY: I'm not in favor of it other than our employees, people can get their own.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: One of the things that happens is in the event we have people coming into the Village Hall or whatever, I think to Brian's point we need to have supplies available.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Yes, Village Hall and the Police.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: If in the event that people come into Village Hall, the Police Department or any type of facility as we begin to open up the Village, again the same thing too is we would gradually open up the Senior Center or other facilities that we have, I think it's important for us to have enough supplies and enough masks so that this way we can hand them off because we don't know what the regulations will be, but I'm pretty sure that that requirement for masks is going to be here for a long period of time so I think that Brian's point of making sure that we have enough supplies is a valid one and actually maybe what you could do is you could look at those potential scenarios coming up and maybe coordinate with us and give us an idea of what PPE stuff you think that we would need in order to supply our Village personnel.

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: That sounds great, I started looking at that this afternoon. I got an email about another source other than the one that Trustee Daughney had that was brought to our attention so I will continue with those calculations and we'll get them back to you.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I agree with John as far as the restaurants and those other places that's going to be their responsibility, our responsibility is to make sure we supply everything for our people and for the residents who come into our facilities.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Absolutely, I agree with you Bob, absolutely.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Anybody else, anything else for Courtney?

TRUSTEE DELANY: Thank you, Courtney.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Thank you very much.

COURTNEY ROSENBLATT: You're welcome.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Peter Bee, did you want to speak about something?

PETER BEE: Mayor, I did have information that I wanted to bring to the Board's attention. I was with Trustee Daughney planning to do that just before we adjourned but if you prefer that I do it at this point in time, that's fine.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I think that this would be a good time too.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Please remember before we adjourn we have to set a meeting, just remember that before we adjourn.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: That's the topic.

PETER BEE: That's what I was just discussing. I was in touch with the Board's Legal Committee which consists of Trustees Daughney and Delany, and also spoken with you Mayor, that late last week we received a correspondence from the County of Nassau's Office of Community Development and pursuant to HUD regulations they have notified us that the next three year cycle begins for participation in the Nassau County Urban Consortium and Trustee Daughney, I believe you wanted to just briefly speak to that but I think that this Board needs to make a decision as to whether or not it does or does not wish to go forward with another three year cycle. I'm not suggesting that you make that decision this evening, but I think Trustee Daughney has a suggestion about how and when that might be done.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Yes, as Peter mentioned we got the letter I guess last week, maybe a week and a half. I'd like to have a meeting solely to deal with that topic, it's obviously important and I'm suggesting we do it let's say next Thursday maybe 3:00 in the afternoon or something, have a discussion, we also have to notify the Fair Housing Compliance Officer that we would be dealing with this topic and we can decide then.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Brian, can Peter Bee contact Jim Ryan so that he can contact the Fair Housing Compliance Officer?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Yes, whoever it is, I don't remember if it's Karen who officially does it or it's Jim.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Well whoever does it and Karen has to publish notice of the meeting for next Thursday at 3:00.

KAREN ALTMAN: Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup>?

TRUSTEE DELANY: Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> at 3:00.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: That works for me.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: What room will that be in? Will it be a conference call or what?

TRUSTEE DELANY: Zoom.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Again, a special meeting just to deal with that topic.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Before we move on I have a point that I wanted to mention to you and it's about the contract authority of the Mayor, that I'm authorized to select a vendor, negotiate terms, execute contracts for matters that were approved already in the adoption of the budget and they are limited by certain restrictions for example, everything for \$50,000 and lower, and so we wanted to also bring this back to you every once in a while so that we're all clear on what's been happening with the money and that's what this new Section 12 is, it is not a part of the agenda, we will not be voting on it, but it's something that you can read and it can update you on those situations. I just wanted to let you know that. Now we would turn to Citizens Comments on Non-Agenda Items. I think that we have limits on these discussions, each person can have about four minutes and can I ask you to give me your name and address.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Judy Courtney asked a question, I think she goes first.

JUDY COURTNEY: John, thank you so much. Judy Courtney, Three Tremont Street. I just wanted to know if someone could give an update as you were talking before about the Sears building, I wasn't aware that was, what was plan was, etc.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Giuseppe?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Yes, with the update on the Sears building as I mentioned earlier the plans just came in I believe it was early last week. No applications, just plans, and just a glimpse and starting to look at the plan itself it appears to be office buildings at the moment. So the great interior alteration is basically outgoing patients, basically offices. Not too much façade work, just the cleaning of the façade, some restoration of the windows, big mechanical equipment is going on the roof, and basically just a major interior alteration to the building.

JUDY COURTNEY: And the parking stays the same I guess in the back, that will not be altered?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: The parking lot in the back, the first floor is going to remain the same, just updated and a lot of cracks in walls and so forth, they're going to maintain that, and the top deck of the rooftop parking, I believe they're going to create some kind of garden area up there with the parking and the rest of it will remain the same.

JUDY COURTNEY: What are the tax implications for the Village, I know there was a lot of discussion a long time ago about who owned the land versus lease and all, how is that supposed to work?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: That's a question for hopefully Irene can answer that. I'm not sure if I can answer that as far as the tax rolls.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Judy, the Legal Committee is considering how best to preserve the taxes on that building.

JUDY COURTNEY: So that's still a TBD right now.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Yes, still to be determined.

JUDY COURTNEY: Then what is the process for approval, does it need to go through approval of the Board, how is that discussed?

TRUSTEE DELANY: I think it's zoned commercial now, isn't it, Giuseppe?

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: It's zoned business commercial right now, so it doesn't go to the Board, it actually just needs to go to the Building Department for code review and compliance.

TRUSTEE DELANY: It would have to go to Architecture Review if they made any changes on the building

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Already done.

TRUSTEE DELANY: That's been done already.

GIUSEPPE GIOVANNIELLO: Right now it's in my possession for review pending I get the applications.

JUDY COURTNEY: Thank you very much.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Next person.

MATT HESS: Matt Hess, 205 Wellington Road. I just want to comment on the enormous steel utility poles that have been erected along the Third Track Corridor. I think they have absolutely no place in a highly residential area and ruin the aesthetics of our town and destroy property value. In an effort to gauge concern among other residents and to share their views publicly on the steel poles, I started a petition on change.org to gain support in the removal of the poles in the exchange for a more favorable, acceptable option. In just over 24 hours over 900 people have signed the petition in support of this. Over 900 supporters in just over 24 hours is a remarkable number that cannot be ignored. As many of the comments on the petition suggest, residents are furious that this has happened in our town, many voicing concerns about aesthetics, health and safety, property value, etc. Most importantly, no one seems to have been notified, which understandably has created an increased level of frustration and anger. The residents of Garden City need help and support from the town's leadership and Trustees in addressing these issues immediately. Thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you for your comments.

MATT HESS: I would also encourage anybody to go to visit the petition to review all the comments, there's quite a few.

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

STEVE ILARDI: Steve Ilardi, Meadow Street, President of the Eastern Property Owners' Association. I just wanted to thank Paul Blake and his crew, we donated four benches to the Village and his crew installed two at Community Park and two at Grove at the playgrounds. They can't be used right now, but once the playgrounds open I think it will be a nice addition to the park and I just wanted to thank Paul Blake and his crew for handling that as well as Karen Altman for procuring the benches as well as the plaques that are on the benches. Thank you.

PAUL BLAKE: Thank you, Steve, but I'd be remiss if I didn't pass that compliment over to Joe DiFrancisco, the actual installation work was done by the Street Department, so give credit where it's due.

STEVE ILARDI: Thank you Joe.

MATT LOCHE: Matt Loche, 142 Brixton. I wanted to chime in on Mr. Hesse's comments on the utility poles and just wanted to add my support and reiterate it's probably worth everyone's consideration and time just going down and taking a look at the size of the poles and just thinking about is this something you think is appropriate for our town and it's probably worth sort of putting together an effort to remove or replace or find an alternative and just wanted to add my comments, that's all. Thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you.

MATT DAVIS: Matt Davis, 219 Wellington. I just want to piggyback on that as well. This has been a huge problem when I speak to many of my neighbors everybody has the same sentiment and I actually had family members and friends that have drove by and more than one of them actually asked me, why are they putting high voltage power lines on the corner of my street which is probably one of the scariest things if anyone is ever shopping for a house, I can't see how the property values in the long term

would not be impacted and I've heard that other towns have been successful in having them changed and take them down, so I'm willing to do whatever to support what Matt is saying and the other Matt, actually three Matts, it's pretty funny.

MAYOR TROUVÉ:

Thank you for your comments.

ENIS MEHMET:

I'm not a Matt, I'm Enis Mehmet, I also live on Wellington Road. I would love to have some feedback from the Trustees I know we had a Third Track Committee, why were the residents never informed of these monstrosities, I don't care what amount of money you can spend on landscaping, you're not hiding 93 foot steel. You can spend \$2.5 million, you can spend \$5 million unless we are bringing in some redwoods from California, you're not hiding these things. Why were the residents never informed of this and why was this allowed?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS:

I can start off and if anybody else wants to chime in, please do. So this was actually in the EIS when this project was first proposed to the Village and the difference was that initially it was the north side of the tracks. However, the contractors that are working on this project were not able initially to put the poles where they were supposed to be which were on the north side of the tracks which is why they put them on the south side. But they were always in the original plans, so that's not something that's new.

ENIS MEHMET:

It's a very big difference, though, from where they are now it's a huge, huge difference. It's 93 feet.

TRUSTEE DELANY:

Let Mr. Makrinos finish, please.

ENIS MEHMET:

Yes, John.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS:

So essentially that's the thing, again, it wasn't like we knew didn't know in advance, it wasn't hidden. We knew the poles were coming in, it was just the location of the poles had changed and with a project of this complexity that's something that just came up and I agree with you, we were surprised that they were put on the other side. We had discussions with the contractor about that, the difference here again this is MTA property, it's Long Island Railroad property, I know there were some references made about in Northport, a pole being taken down, again the difference there is that it's public land versus private land, right, so again it's a little bit different. We are having ongoing dialogue with the contractors, so I just want you to know where we are on that.

ENIS MEHMET:

What's the end goal, then, with the subcontractor?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY;

If I could just jump in, if you look on the website there's a letter we wrote and previously there were lots of oral discussions with them as well. It lays out a lot of the problems that we've had with the project, it's under the Third Track Information tab, that would be helpful for people to see, we sent that to them on April 8<sup>th</sup> and again that was after many verbal discussions. Our goal is to try to modify, nullify as much as we possibly can, but as Steve said this is their property, they don't have to ask us for the okay, those are the facts. We don't have a lot of leverage, we are trying, we are using whatever we can, they keep saying they're acting in good faith, if you believe that, again, our goal is, if I could please, at the moment, they're not offering to take the poles down.

ENIS MEHMET:

Are we pushing, are we pushing to get them down, then?

TRUSTEE DELANY:

Of course we are.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY:

Yes, we are.

TRUSTEE MINUTO:

The good faith they have is BS, okay, a minor change of putting something from the north side and putting in on the south side is BS. They're not good partners, I always

found them to be condescending when they explain stuff, I have to be completely honest, and I think we should fight them every step of the way on this. I don't even care, you can say it's not on our land, you can say it's their land, whatever, we cannot just take this on the chin. I think it's a bad, bad precedent to set. Remember, this is only the very beginning of the project, this is just making way for the tracks. This isn't even in the track project, so already they're starting with funny business, we should not allow this. If you were having your kitchen done and you're expecting the stove to be on the right side of kitchen and the contractor put it on the left while you weren't watching, you'd make them replace it. It's no different, they can't do stuff that they didn't tell us about. Even if they feel like they don't have to, being a good neighbor or being cooperative with the community is important, and this is only in the beginning. It can only get worse from here.

- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Lou, this is not the beginning, it's almost over.
- TRUSTEE MINUTO: No it isn't, Brian, they're just laying the space for it. They're not even putting the tracks down yet. This is another ten years.
- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: It's not true, Louis, it's not.
- TRUSTEE MINUTO: Brian, it is true.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: You know I think what Louis said I think is on the right track. I was shocked the first time I saw them, they did not tell us in advance, they certainly should have done at least that. I do think that they should have put them on the other side of the track in the commercial area. That whole area there is commercial.
- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I'm not disagreeing with that, no one's disagreeing with that.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: Well, then what you have to do is keep pounding on them until they change their mind. I am shocked because PSEG has other projects going on in our Village and they're going very well, this was a shock.
- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: This is not a PSEG project.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: It's an LIRR PSEG.
- TRUSTEE MINUTO: I believe it's the Railroad, it's neither here nor there. Either way I think it would be important for us all to pull in the same direction here and I think we need to push back very hard on this.
- MAYOR TROUVÉ: I actually think they would give, I really do. I really think that if you had that many people sign up.
- ENIS MEHMET: That's in 24 hours, ma'am, that's in 24 hours.
- TRUSTEE DELANY: Please, four minutes are up.
- JUDY COURTNEY: I have a question. Is there a possibility to have another because I know they've had several public community meetings again with the LIRR and bring this topic up and then people with the petition could attend? The pressure from the Trustees is appreciated but I do think there's a different reaction if you have, I don't know, five, six, seven hundred people there voicing a united concern and so they can't hide behind a couple of letters and that kind of thing. Can we request that meeting, can we do that?
- TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: How are you going to do that, you can't do it now, maybe a Zoom meeting.
- JUDY COURTNEY: Well then have that, have something. You can't hide behind this, I don't know, maybe you can have a Zoom meeting, I don't know, do something.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: We are doing something, we're doing a lot of things.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I think what Brian is saying is that the Third Track Committee is attempting to negotiate with them. Is it a surprise that they did this, yes, it's a design-built project, so they made a change and to the point that they don't have to ask us anything. So what I would say is that we have a relationship with them so that we can use this, whatever little leverage we have, because they don't have to talk to us. If you go to other communities just two or three miles down the road, they are not talking to them, and it's much worse than what's going on here.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I don't know that us just being steamrolled over by like one of the most poorly run organizations in the world makes me feel really awesome about the way this project is going to play out for us, I have to be honest. Saying its design-built, listen I'm in that industry, saying its design-built and things happen, we have to make changes, is the biggest line of crap I've ever heard, I've got to be honest with you. That is like an excuse for poor planning and that's it, that's all that is. I'm sorry, I get a little upset with this stuff because it's total like GC jargon that they want to put their problems on us and the fact that they just say, hey man, we can make this real bad for you so you better just shut up and take my poles, I don't know that I'm comfortable with that.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: Louis I don't think that we're saying that. We want to have a dialogue with them.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Why would you make a change without even giving me the courtesy of understanding what it is?

TRUSTEE FOLEY: They don't have to.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Listen, Colleen, that doesn't make it right.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I'm not saying it's right.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: We're not saying it's right.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Saying they don't have to doesn't excuse their crappy behavior.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: I don't think it's right that they did it, I don't think that they're a good partner in doing it, I think we should have a presence there three times a week, four times a week, to make sure that we can monitor what's going on since they're not forthcoming. I think we should have someone from our Village go there every day for the sole purpose of making sure they know we're going there every day. But the reality is I don't know how much we're going to be able to do in this situation. I want to use it to our advantage.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I think we should call the Railroad and ask for a meeting and get it someplace out in the field, maybe St. Paul's field in good weather and have a big conversation.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: That's a great idea.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: Mayor if I could make a suggestion. There's been a lot of things that have been presented on this, there's a lot of things that residents have said in regard to other poles that have been taken down. The difference between County property and Long Island Railroad property, there's a lot of items here. My suggestion as I made earlier today is I think what we should do is we should have an executive session amongst the Board with our attorney to be able to sit down and go through what the facts are so that this way if we understand this as a Board we can then know what in a sense where our strengths are and where our weaknesses are. Because right now there are a lot of people who are expressing their feelings on this, there's a lot of emotions, and if in the event we're going to be successful accomplishing anything we need to know what the legal facts are, that's my opinion.

JUDY COURTNEY: Why would that need to be an executive session?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I think that we should meet with a whole group of people, have a discussion and come up with something.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: It would be because I think there are things that we need to cover with ourselves and with the attorneys so that we understand liabilities and everything else, that's the reason why.

JUDY COURTNEY: I would like to be sure that that has to be in executive session. Peter can weigh in on that.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: It's an advice of counsel so that qualifies as executive session.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I think that's it, there could be room for the Trustees to hear from Peter in terms of what our legal options are and all that other stuff and then have an additional public meeting.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I agree 100%.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I understand that there's a feeling that people want to get involved, I think that's good and we shouldn't discourage it, but there may be a need for a session with Peter but I also believe there's a forum for a public meeting as well.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: This way when we do have a public meeting we then will be able to have all the facts and the information that we can discuss instead of just well I believe this is the case or I'm not sure, I'll check on that, that's what I'm saying, that's what's important to me. I'm not looking to hide anything, Judy, I'm simply saying that I think it's important that the Board be able to get all the facts and everything together of what we can or can't do and what it is and then sit down and have a public meeting, that was my point.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: How about having that meeting that you're talking about, Bob, right after the meeting we're having on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I have no problem with that.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Once we discuss one aspect of what we have to get accomplished, then we'll frame something out. But I do think there should be a meeting with a lot of people, with a lot of high up people and a large group of Garden City residents who live right in the area. By the way, I have spoken to people who don't even live in that area and they think it's unbelievable that people can do this to you. They did not tell us they were coming to do that, all the other people who have said they were slowly building it secretly and the poles were the last thing that went up and the Memorandum of Understanding is like a joke and I think that we should pursue it.

TRUSTEE HYER: Guys I also think you should get your petition to the Third Track people, they need to see it as well.

ENIS MEHMET: Jim Green, the PR agency for the Third Track, he just has a cookie cutter response. That's it, so can I just say on behalf of the residents it's great to actually hear some passion coming from Trustees that we're not on this alone because it feels like a lot of people have emailed, a lot of people have mailed and are waiting responses, this is why everyone on social media, like 940 supporters now, by the end of the evening we'll probably have 1,000 in 24 hours. There is the desire there to have this solved and it's great to hear the kind of energy that Louis is giving, you guys don't want to sit there and take this, so I thank you, let's get this done.

TRUSTEE HYER: On the other hand, there's a lot of people that feel the same way and are pushing this, so I don't want you to think we're not doing anything, that's why we have a

Third Track Committee, that's why they're there going to meetings trying to do these things. So, the Village is doing what the Village can do.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: No, but it's reached the time now where we really all have to get behind this.

TRUSTEE HYER: I don't want them to think that we're not doing anything here, because we are.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: What are you doing?

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I don't think that's the implication at all.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: No one is saying the Board is not behind looking at it, all I'm saying is we need to be able to sit down and understand the facts of what our choices are and what our challenges are because we can't move forward unless you understand what you're dealing with.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Alright so we agreed on that meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Yes.

TRUSTEE BOLEBRUCH: I think it's a great idea, set it up.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Let me also clarify something. I'm not judging the Third Track Committee or any of the other Trustees or anything like that. All I'm saying is, I don't agree with the way we've been treated here and I understand it's going to be an uphill battle, but I got to say that it's just wrong, and if we're supposed to be partners in it, I just don't see how this kind of stuff can go on with the excuse of it being "design build", I mean that's a load of hogwash. So I think we're all doing the right thing, we're all saying the right thing, let's get together, let's look at what the options are and how we can present the united front and try to get something done.

ENIS MEHMET: One last thing, as a resident of the Estates I really don't want to hear that we're leveraging utility poles to get Stewart Manor, more money from Stewart Manor. That does nothing for me and my neighbors in the Estates, or for the Village, but it's an unsightly scene for the entire Village, not just the Estates.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Mayor, can we agree that we will have an executive session after the early 3:00 meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> and then after that executive session we could make a decision to have the public meeting that you're talking about, can we agree on that? Can we agree that the Third Track Committee and the Trustees have been doing something on this issue over the last couple of weeks, we have not sat down and done nothing.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: But we haven't had, we're not getting anything from them.

TRUSTEE DELANY: We understand that.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Let's find out who the person is that we have to speak to.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Mayor, let's make sure.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: I think other people want to speak.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Can we have the next speaker please.

LESLIE MESNICK: Hi Mayor and the Board and the residents, this is Leslie Mesnick, I'm the Community Outreach Manager for the Long Island Railroad Expansion Project. Before I start speaking to this topic it's very good to see all of you and I'm glad to see that you're all healthy and believe it or not, I miss these meetings in person very much and look forward to the day when we can get back to meeting in person. I volunteered to come tonight to listen, we have been receiving a number of inquiries through the contractor's hotline about the poles. We are very, very aware of the

unhappiness of the residents at the new poles. We have read the change.org petition, I appreciate the energy and the effort that went into that petition, I appreciate the stark change in view that some of the residents are experiencing from their front lawns, and I'm very aware of the vegetative clearing that's happened, the construction at Merillon Station, the new poles, I know what a big difference that makes in the view. I do have to say it is false to say nobody knew about, this nobody knew about these poles, we have been out there since 2016 talking very transparently about the project, about the components, we do have regular construction updates. I understand moving the poles from the north side to the south side effects this Village more than any other, I do understand that, we are not hiding behind anyone, we're happy to talk through the logic further, you know we helped the Village upon the Village's insistence and the Third Track Committee's insistence, what is going here, we don't understand this. We helped prepare a Frequently Asked Questions document to explain the poles, the change, why Three TC decided the change was needed.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: To whom did you give them?

LESLIE MESNICK: It was posted on the website.

TRUSTEE FOLEY: It was on the website.

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: Theresa, you've had that for several weeks as has everyone else, it's on the website.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: After it was done.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Does it show giant 90-foot poles in the renderings?

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: You're not listening, Louis.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Louis is listening.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I'm sorry, when you came to talk to the CPOA, now I'm talking to the Long Island Railroad, you didn't say please have a look at our fantastic renderings, our ADA elevators and our 90-foot poles, I'm sorry guys, it's not in the renderings, it's not there.

LESLIE MESNICK: It is in the renderings and the Village, to its credit, hired an outside independent engineering firm to review the Environmental Impact Statement and one of the requests of that highly esteemed firm was we think your final EIS needs to include more renderings that show these poles, we don't think the residents really comprehend what these poles are going to look like. We listened and we added that, how many people read that book, how many people on the Zoom call read that book, I can't speak to that how many people read our construction on their vacation, but we showed those renderings.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: What's the date of the change of those renderings?

LESLIE MESNICK: That was 2017.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Right, so what I think you're missing is, in the inception of the project we were shown drawings, renderings and things, that went around to all the CPOAs, to the POAs, etc., they went around. The third party I guess said that you guys were not being clear on certain things, right, then things are added, things are taken away, blah, blah, blah, and again I still suspect that the look of the poles in the renderings was not captured, but I'll look for that and we'll get back to that one in a minute. The idea though that they were on the north side the whole time and then someone decided you know what, I'm going to go ahead and put them on the south side because this is design build, is not acceptable. No one is going to say you know what, that's great, how many things in your life get put on the opposite side, upside down, or where you weren't expecting them and you're just kind of okay with it, it's

really unacceptable. The kind of behavior you're talking about, especially in the construction and design industry, is bush league stuff, I got to tell you. I don't think that there's any acceptable excuse for it. Not to mention that they're 90 feet tall and going to be carrying high voltage wires. Please, it's really an irrelevant argument. But what we'll going to do, we'll go back and we'll take a look at what our options are in getting these things removed, at least that's my idea.

LESLIE MESNICK: If I may, we are happy to go to as many public meetings as you would like. I'm happy to stay on the phone until 1:00 this morning, I'm happy to come back tomorrow, I'm happy to be on a Zoom call with 600 people instead of 46 people. I don't think that's going to change, it helps people get their emotion out, or helps, my hope would be it would help more people understand why this change was made, I hope more people would understand 69kv voltage is going somewhere and is somewhere right now, so there are existing utilities being moved, these are not all new utilities, but I don't think that gets to the end game that Trustee Bolebruch was trying to get to which is what are the options as of now.

ENIS MEHMET: Why were they not buried, why did you not bury them?

LESLIE MESNICK: When we talk about not burying them, we should clarify that there are a number of utilities that all have to sit in the right-of-way. Some utilities were buried, and I want to make that clear, so it's not one utility that either goes above ground or below ground. There are utilities that service all of you, there are utilities that service the Railroad, there are communication utilities, there are signal utilities, there are PSEG utilities. So we have multiple utilities, some are below ground, there's not a heck of a lot of space there for all utilities to go below ground, we would have to acquire property and that is a very significant tradeoff here.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: You know I think that sounds like a scare tactic, eminent domain, you have to do that, is that what you're talking about?

LESLIE MESNICK: No, we're talking about if all of them had to be underground.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I think we should have a formal meeting and first talk to Counsel and then we'll schedule a proper meeting and we'll go over all the documentation, the date and the timelines of when things happen. I don't know that we want to stay on the phone hearing about possible eminent domain or the fact that there's not enough room for "underground" wires.

TRUSTEE HYER: I think the woman needs to speak to these things. Let her say what she needs to say.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: She spoke, I get it.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Just like an added comment, I don't think she was referring to eminent domain. One of the commitments when this project came out, was that it would happen without the need to acquire private property and that's all that she was referring to. Again, as somebody who's been involved with this from the beginning that the point she was trying to get at.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Then why wouldn't you come to a Board session and tell us this might happen?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: I'm sorry?

MAYOR TROUVÉ: I said why didn't you come to the Board sessions and make an update report of what's going on with the MTA/LIRR and so that we would have known that this thing was coming?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: There wasn't anything that was being hidden.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: What was the date you started talking about those poles at those meetings?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: The letter that we copied you on that we sent to the MTA was when we found out and we complained about the fact that the poles were moved from the north side to the south side.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: What was the date of that?

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: The letter is dated. . .

TRUSTEE DAUGHNEY: April 8<sup>th</sup>, but we were talking before that, a week or two before.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Like I said I think we got to go over the whole timeline. I'm also looking at the renderings and if you think that you're going to convince me that you can tell the scale of these from these renderings without putting some kind of a scale marker or something on it, I mean, you're nuts. It's a visual game we're playing here with these perspectives, so I've seen kind of all I needed to see but it's fine, we can ping some questions at call-in User 1 if we'd like or you know we could take this off line meet with Counsel and formulate a plan on how we go about this, but to say I'm not happy is probably an understatement.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Is there another person that came to speak?

STEVE ILARDI: Yes, I'd like to just say is these poles going to be installed on the full 9.8 mile corridor, because I see wooden poles being installed in New Hyde Park area. I ride the Railroad still into the city and I look out the window and I see all the construction going on and I see some wooden poles being installed, so is the plan to put these 93 foot poles through the whole 9.8 mile corridor?

LESLIE MESNICK: That's correct, there are also wooden intermediary poles, but yes New Hyde Park also will be receiving the tall field poles and they are just as upset about it as you are.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Is there anyone else who needs to speak tonight?

SUSAN LARocca: Susan Larocca, I live at 164 Wellington Road and I've been listening to everything and I agree that this is really a travesty. I feel that we should, if there were some Trustees that were aware of this, they should have made all the Trustees aware of it and you should have made the residents aware of it before these poles went up. You're destroying people's property values and it's not right and there's going to probably be, you know cell phone things going on and it's just not right and I think we need to speak to Counsel, we need legal action and we have to fight this and we have the residents that are willing to fight it. So I appreciate your PR, but it's not working.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: The next person who'd like to speak?

TIFFANY SCOLA: I have a completely unrelated topic, it's not a hot button topic, Giuseppe had recommended that I come to this meeting today. My name is Tiffany Scola, 114 Willow Street, and it was simply something related to COVID-19 and the fact that I'm not having high hopes that the pool is going to be open and a lot of us have children who are going to have a very tough summer and I know that there are pool restrictions in Garden City and I had called the Building Department to ask if any of those would be lifted to put smaller than a toddler pool but not a huge pool, like a 10 x 30 inch just something for children to be able to play in, with a pump more of an inflatable pool but more structured, if perhaps that was something that Garden City was going to let us consider for the residents for this one particular abnormal summer? So that was why I came to this meeting today to bring that up.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you, we're trying our best to get the pool open and have these restrictions changed, but it takes time but we are sincerely working on that.

TIFFANY SCOLA: Yes, and Giuseppe, when I called the Building Department he recommended that I come to the meeting and bring that up so that's what I'm doing.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you for your comments.

TIFFANY SCOLA: Thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Anyone who wants to speak further?

TOM RYDER: Good evening, Madame Mayor and Trustees, this is Tom Ryder and I live on Kildare Road. Earlier today I sent you all an email, I would just ask that you take a look at it in the next coming days. It seems like you've all been asking for options and I think there's an option in my email, I don't really want to get into too many details with the Third Track spy on the line, but you could take a look at it and I would just ask you to direct Peter Bee to explore the options. Just based on my limited research it seems we have some options to go with there so if you please read my email, thank you.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Thank you for your comment. Someone else? Anyone else who would like to speak this evening? Alright, so you're not alone, we'll get back to you and we will see what's happening. Anyone else who wants to speak at this time? I'm going to ask for a motion to adjourn this meeting please.

KAREN ALTMAN: Can we wait one minute, Mayor? Peter Bee, do you want to come back into the meeting to say something? Peter Bee's audio is off and he's having an issue.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: We can wait a minute.

KAREN ALTMAN: I believe he had something to say. He's coming back in, let's just give him a few seconds. Peter can you hear us? He's having trouble I see.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: Peter, Seinfeld's almost on man, hurry up.

KAREN ALTMAN: Peter? Still no audio, he's texting me. It's up to you, Mayor.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Why doesn't he just turn it off, go out, and then come back in?

KAREN ALTMAN: He's done that a couple of times, he's going to try another device.

TRUSTEE MAKRINOS: Can he dial in directly as opposed to using his computer?

KAREN ALTMAN: I think he's going to dial in now.

PETER BEE: Hello Karen?

KAREN ALTMAN: There he is, yes, can you hear us?

PETER BEE: I can hear you through my cell phone but I was not able to hear you on the laptop.

KAREN ALTMAN: We can hear you, go ahead.

PETER BEE: I can be heard now?

TRUSTEE HYER: Yes, go ahead Peter.

RALPH SUOZZI: Through my cell, Peter.

PETER BEE: I've been cut out of the last five minutes of conversation, I've been trying to log on and off to get audio back so I don't know what has now been said, so my apologies but I was only trying to rejoin the meeting so I could hear it.

TRUSTEE DELANY: Well the meeting is basically over, Peter.

KAREN ALTMAN: I thought that you had something to say.

PETER BEE: No, my apologies, I was trying to say I can't hear anything.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: So in that event, let's have a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE MINUTO: I make that motion.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: Second?

TRUSTEE DELANY: I'll second.

MAYOR TROUVÉ: All those in favor, AYE. Thank you for coming to our meeting.