

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
PATCHOGUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
December 8, 2015

PRESENT: Janice Taraskas, President; Lorice Belmonte, Vice-President; Harold G. Trabold, Secretary; Ann Marie Monte, Treasurer; David Vigliotta, Trustee Thomas Ferb; Joel Furman; Jeannie Daal; Brian Kearns; Dennis A. Smith; Adrian Fasset; Richard Braile

ABSENT: Karen King; Michael Kelly; James McPeak.

GUESTS: Marian DiNicola and David Kennedy.

President, Jan Taraskas called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The minutes from the November 15, 2015 Board meeting were discussed and

On motion of Lorice Belmonte, seconded by Jeannie Daal, the Minutes were approved as submitted.

Ann Marie Monte presented the Treasurer's Report \$25,188.22 for disbursements during the month of November.

On motion of Richard Braile, seconded by Jeannie Daal, the Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

Dennis Smith then presented the Voucher Report showing total expenditures of \$4,626.72, proposed the addition of an additional expenditure of \$1,000.00 to the Patchogue Chamber of Commerce for its Midnight on Main Program (line 401) bringing a new total to \$5,626.72. On motion of Lorice Belmonte, seconded by David Vigliotta, the Voucher Report was approved as amended.

Thomas Ferb then gave the report of actions by the Village Board including new legislation to prohibit e-cigarette facilities in the downtown area limiting it to Waverly Avenue and Route 112; he also announced there is a six month moratorium on construction of any structure for four or more residential units. This is pending approval of Suffolk County Planning Board. He announced that the Village had acquired a second property on Church Street for a cost of \$425,000.00 which will be utilized to expand the Village parking area. He also announced that the Village had issued a bond for a period of fifteen years in the amount of

\$3,000,000.00 and had achieved a AA rating from Standard and Pours and received a 2.168% interest rate.

Joel Furman raised a question regarding signage on the second floor and the current legislation that restricts such signage and inquired whether or not there was any consideration to amending that legislation to permit signage for second store office space. Discussion ensued regarding this issue and Tom will bring it back to the Village Board for consideration.

Dennis Smith then presented the Executive Assistant's report and reported that all of the Christmas decorations and the new Christmas tree generously donated by Adrian Fasset of Suffolk EOC are up. He advised that the addition of the tree would add \$415.00 to the Raleigh bill for transportation and storage each year but he felt that there were some items to be negotiated with Raleigh regarding certain decorations that are now in storage at the Village maintenance facility and not being transported to Raleigh for storage. He also reported that there is money from Senator Croce that may be available to assist in acquiring two new cameras one to be located on West Main Street at the corner of North Ocean Avenue looking south one at the theatre looking toward Pera Belle and Public House, since these are areas that seem to encounter some issues. He stated that he had also acquired some figures regarding the proposed garden adoption program and will e-mail this to the Board members. The park's project is currently being reviewed for adoption of a Master Plan while Clemente Field is underway waiting for DEC permit approval.

There was a discussion regarding the proposed gardening sponsorship program and the concept is to keep Karen and Paula involved in more of a supervisory category and contract out the physical labor.

Tom Ferb reported that the Greater Patchogue Foundation had revived the Steve Gills Cemetery Committee and Ralph Wright was the Chairperson of the Committee. They received a grant from the Chamber of Commerce for \$2,500.00 in order to do various items including initial cleanup and most importantly a title search to determine the actual ownership. The Committee is seeking grants and hopes to create two funds, one for restoration and a permanent fund for maintenance.

Joel Furman commented on the Long Island Advance article regarding the issue of dividing larger store sites to accommodate

smaller stores. It was reported and discussed that the Village is seeking grants to assist landlords in dividing their stores and in the next New York State funding cycle will make application for a grant to address particular issue. It was recommended that attempts be made to contact Senator Croce and Assemblyman Garbarino for assistance in this regard.

Tom Ferb reported that there will be 135 new spaces on Church Street.

Jeanne Daal reported that she had a potential electrician to assist in the Village in street light repair and she provided the name to Trustee Ferb so that he could put Joe Dean the Village Superintendent of Public Works in contact with such individual.

David Kennedy reported on the Chamber of Commerce and the holiday activities including the Village stroll scheduled for December 12th where there will be ice carvings, entertainment, Santa Claus and Olaf. Also the Chamber of Commerce Holiday Party will be on December 16th at 5:30 at Fulton Gate and travel to other facilities for appetizers and meal ending up at Kilwins which is opening on December 12th for dessert.

It was reported that Midnight on Main is on schedule and there was a possibility of having News 12 involved. The committee is pursuing the possibility of having illumination from the Ackerly Building as well this year to provided better visibility. The event starts with street closing at 7 o'clock, 8 o'clock a DJ will appear and the elimination will be at 9 o'clock. Main Street from Ocean Avenue to Maple Avenue will be closed.

Under quadrant reports, Joel Furman noted that he had received reimbursement from the Chamber of Commerce restaurant committee for glass damage. David Kennedy commented that the committee was available at the creation of the restaurants to provide reimbursement to any claimant who provided documentation relative to glass damage. It was also discussed that the committee should consider the possibility of engaging someone to provide some cleanup of the Village particularly after big holiday functions as it was reported that after the Wednesday night before Thanksgiving which is apparently a big night for the facilities in the Village, that the Village needed substantial cleanup. There was a discussion regarding possible mis-scheduling on the part of the Department of Public Works and this will be reviewed.

Under committee reports, David Vigliotta reported on beautification that when we are preparing the bids for next year's summer program that we should include additional quotes for some additional facilities recommended by Karen and Paula.

Marion DiNicola reported on behalf of Krystal DiNicola regarding the website that there were 1,054 hits during the month of November which averaged 35 per day with the average viewer staying on the site 2 minutes 3 seconds. There were also 236 likes on Facebook.

It was also reported that the Dan's Papers now has a Patchogue Section.

The Board then went into Executive Session to discuss to discuss a personnel matter. The Board came out of Executive Session and on motion of Adrian Fasset, seconded by Lorice Belmonte, the meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Trabold, Secretary