

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
PATCHOGUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
November 10, 2015

PRESENT: Janice Taraskas, President; Lorice Belmonte, Vice-President; Harold G. Trabold, Secretary; Ann Marie Monte, Treasurer; David Vigliotta, Joel Furman; Jeannie Daal; Dennis A. Smith, Executive Director, Richard Braile Jr..

ABSENT: Michael Kelly; James McPeak, Trustee Thomas Ferb; Brian Kearns.

GUESTS: Marian DiNicola, David Kennedy, Melissa Kuehnle from St. Joseph's College

President, Jan Taraskas called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The minutes from the October 13, 2015 Board meeting were discussed and one correction was noted.

On motion of Lorice Belmonte, seconded by David Vigliotta, the Minutes as corrected were unanimously approved.

Ann Marie Monte presented the Treasurer's Report showing expenditures of \$16,390.07 for the month of October. After some discussion, the Treasurer's Report was approved on motion of David Vigliotta, seconded by Lorice Belmonte.

Ann Marie Monte then made certain recommendations as to budget transfers, transfer to line 505 from line 804 \$505.00 and transfer to line 603 from line 804 \$2,400.00. On motion of Lorice Belmonte, seconded by Jeannie Daal, the motion was approved.

Dennis Smith then gave the Voucher Report with no additions. The total amount of Vouchers in the amount of \$10,071.93 was approved on motion of Ann Marie Monte, seconded by Lorice Belmonte.

David Kennedy, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce then presented his report reporting that the Fall Festival had been extremely successful particularly the Chili and Chowder portion and discussed the possibility of changing the name to the Chili and Chowder Festival for next year. This was under discussion. Also, the Halloween Happenings was successful. He then reported the holiday events including the Christmas Boat Parade on

November 21, 2015 pre-parade viewing from 5 to 10 p.m. being along the river and the parade itself would be November 22, 2015 at 6 p.m. with viewing at various points along the river. On Saturday, November 28, 2015, the Chamber is promoting Small Business Saturday. There will be special sales and special events with photo scavenger hunt followed by the Annual Christmas Parade at 6 p.m. On December 6, 2015 the Temple will have a Menorah Lighting at Capital One Plaza. The Chamber is also promoting what is being called a Holiday stroll on Saturday, December 12, 2015. The Chamber Holiday Party will be on December 16, 2015 and will be a progressive event traveling to different vendors. David also reported that on Veterans' Day at Four Corners at 10:30 a.m. there will be a Memorial ceremony. The next general meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be on November 24, 2015 at Meetball Place. He also reported that Midnight on Main was on schedule with the Grand Illumination Display scheduled for December 31, 2015 with the ball rising at 9 p.m. because Patchogue is always ahead of its time. On November 25, 2015 before Thanksgiving there will be an interfaith service at 7 p.m. at the Temple. Joel Furman asked if there had been any broken windows recently and the answer was no, although there was some discussion about a graffiti problem in the Village but we were told that the Fifth Precinct had matters in hand and were following leads to the perpetrators. Joel also asked about reimbursement for two broken windows he had incurred and apparently there is a claim pending with the Chamber's restaurant committee. Joel was informed by David that there would be a meeting tomorrow at 11 a.m. Joel provided copies of photos from the video showing the perpetrators.

Ann Marie Monte informed the Board that FEMA had approved the Blue Book (restoration plan) for the repair of Mascot Dock and that the Village would be proceeding with the reconstruction of the dock utilizing FEMA money, the Village must expend the money and then seek reimbursement from FEMA. David Kennedy reported that there was going to be free parking for the holidays in the Village Parking Lots.

Dennis A. Smith then gave his report including the fact the Christmas decorations had been received from Rileigh and would be installed by the Department of Public Works. Included was the 18ft pre-lit Christmas tree donated by Adrian Fasset of Suffolk EOC. Dennis also reported that rental space was not available for the Christmas Store in the Village and that Thomas Cornell Gallery will probably be closing after the first of the year.

Dennis also reported that the Village was a recipient of a Suffolk County grant in the amount of \$65,600.00 for expenditure in connection with a \$130,000.00 project for a park at the Carvel shopping center. The park would be 70' X 20' at the east end of the lot. Also, there will be some landscaping along the west side. Under the park's initiative, Dennis reported that the Clemente Field demolition had begun. The field needs to be completed by April and that in regard to the rest of the park's initiative, the Village was accepting comments on the proposed plans until November 14, 2015. Dennis also reported that the ad in the Theatre Journal had been consistent with prior advertising and it was agreed that all future advertising should either include the names of all Board members or not any names at all. Joel Furman asked about the possibility of a crosswalk on West Main Street and there was no information available at this time.

There was a discussion regarding Village street lighting and it appears that the Village employs one street light technician who works only part-time. The rate is \$30.00 per hour and the Village is looking for additional electrician to work part-time at that rate.

Under beautification, David Vigliotta reported that all the baskets were down and that the sprinkler systems had been winterized.

There was some discussion regarding the situation at the Railroad Station and a report by Jeannie Daal that with the removal of one exit for construction of the bus stops, there had been a report of some traffic congestion with cars exiting the field. It was agreed that this matter should be reviewed and watched.

Marian DiNicola reporting on behalf of Krystle DiNicola who was not present, reported that in October there were 109 visits to the websites and this averaged 35 per day. It was also reported that Flo's Luncheonette had a banner ad on the website and that all pages had been updated. She requested that any proposed additions or changes be submitted. It was also reported that a Board member, Ric Braille had submitted a blog to the website and everybody agreed this was very helpful. There was a discussion that the donation of the tree by Adrian Fasset should be acknowledged by sign or plaque at the tree. Dennis will explore with Adrian if this is agreeable to him and also how best acknowledge this donation. There was a discussion regarding a possible sponsorship program for the planters next year, further

discussion will ensue.

On motion of Lorice Belmonte, seconded by Richard Braile, Jr. the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Trabold, Secretary