

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
PATCHOGUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
October 13, 2015

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

ABSENT: Michael Kelly; James McPeak.

GUESTS: Krystle DiNicola and Marian DiNicola

President, Jan Taraskas called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The minutes from the September 8, 2015 Board meeting were discussed and several corrections were noted.

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

Ann Marie Monte presented the Treasurer's Report from the month of August showing total disbursements for the month of August to be \$10,905.69. On motion of Tom Ferb, seconded by Karen King, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. Ann Marie Monte indicated that after she does the September report, she will have recommendations for budget transfers as some lines are over spent.

Dennis Smith presented the Voucher Report with one addition for the Patchogue Chamber of Commerce Halloween Happenings in the amount of \$1,362.12 brings the total Voucher Report to \$16,762.66. On motion of Joel Furman, seconded by Lori Belmonte, the Voucher Report, as amended was approved.

David Kennedy, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce was not present and Lori Belmonte gave his report. The Chamber installation dinner is scheduled for tomorrow evening, October 14, 2015 at 6 p.m. at Mediterrean Manor and on Saturday, October 17th the Fall Festival will be held from noon to 5 p.m. with a costume parade at 2 p.m. On October 31st Halloween Happenings will involve trick or treating in the downtown area. Tom Ferb noted that the Chamber should be congratulated on the success of the St. Liberata Festival.

Tom Ferb gave the report of the Patchogue Foundation Committee which he attended. They are recreating the Cemetery Committee to engage fund raising to restore the cemetery and create an endowment fund for maintenance of the cemetery. They anticipate the grant committee will assist in obtaining grants in this regard. In a response to inquiry regarding the ownership of the cemetery, it was reported that St. Paul's Episcopal Church owns the large cemetery and the other cemeteries (5 in all) are owned by the Town of Brookhaven. St. Paul's apparently does not have the resources to maintain the cemetery it owns and the Town of Brookhaven has not maintained the cemeteries it owns up to the standards we would like to see.

Tom Ferb then presented the Village report and reported that the Theatre would be closed from January through March so that it could be refurbished with new theatre seats. As part of a grant from an anonymous donor, \$500,000.00 will be available to replace the theatre seats.

Tom Ferb also reported the crosswalk in front of the library has been installed with light in the crosswalk. There is additional work being done to decorate the crosswalk with some kind of mural depicting the Village of Patchogue. Dennis Smith reminded the Board that this was a project which was initiated by the BID. Tom also reported that thus far 17 benches have been installed. The Staudinger Arch footings have been installed and it is hoped that the arch itself will be installed within the next two weeks. The cost has been approximately \$8,600.00 for the arch and an additional \$13,000.00 to install. It was also reported that the crosswalk cost \$15,600.00.

Joel Furman questioned Tom Ferb regarding a possible crosswalk on West Main Street and also regarding the parking plan for Church Street. Tom also reported that there was a soft proposal for commercial buildings south of the Courthouse which would involve the elimination of a street and construction of approximately 500 parking spots. Joel also discussed the possibility that a small scale hotel was looking for a site in the Village. There was a possibility that if the County accepts the offer of Brookhaven Memorial Hospital for the Foley Center, that the Hospital Dialysis Center would be re-located and the hotel would be located on that site.

Krystle DiNicola reported on the website that there were 1,247 hits in August which amounted to approximately 43 a day and 1,719

hits in September which amounts to approximately 56 a day.

Dennis Smith reported that the Farmers' Market located on Main Street was over for the summer as of October 3, 2015 and should be removed from the website. Krystle also reported that there were two domains PatchogueBid.com and PatchogueBusiness.com which were up for renewal. Anne Marie Monte reported that the credit card information had been updated and both of those websites should automatically renew. Krystle indicated she would put information regarding the lighted crosswalk in front of the Library on the website and also update the list of vacancies.

Dennis Smith provided the Executive Assistant's Report and proposed that the BID join with the Chamber of Commerce and the Village and acquire a permanent artificial Christmas tree 14' high at a cost of \$3,995.00. This would add \$261.00 our annual charge with Rileigh for maintenance and storage. Lori Monte pointed out that we did not have funds delineated in the budget for such an expense and would have to come from our surplus monies. There was a discussion that the surplus monies were being rapidly depleted and Dennis Smith reported that there had been some additional expenses regarding the flags. Tom Ferb suggested that there was the possibility of getting some additional funds from the Village for the purchase of the tree. There was a discussion regarding the possibility of raising funds by advertising either at the base of the tree or on ornaments placed on the tree or boxes placed around the tree. The issue was tabled for further action by the Village and the Chamber regarding acquiring the tree. Dennis Smith also reported on the Suffolk County Coalition of Chambers and recommended that we consider joining.

On motion of David Vigliotta and seconded by Lori Belmonte, it was unanimously approved that we join the Suffolk County Coalition of Chambers.

Dennis Smith following last week's park's initiatives meeting stated that there were approximately 130 to 150 people present. The Village had received a \$5,000,000.00 donation from an anonymous donor which was available for park renovations less the \$500,000.00 that was going to be used for theatre seating. This leaves approximately \$4,500,000.00 plus \$120,000.00 that had been obtained from Senator Croce for the Ryder and Shore Front Parks. The Village has already expended \$90,000.00 with a contract with the landscape architect that developed the plans and another

\$10,000.00 for engineer with the likelihood that the engineering expense would increase to approximately \$90,000.00. The first priority is the baseball fields at Waldbauer Park which must be usable by the first week of May in 2016. A discussion regarding the Christmas Store still looking for location and options that were available.

Dennis reported that the Tap Room which had received a portion of the 2010 grant at 114 West Main Street wanted to renovate the premises to eliminate the upstairs apartments and convert it to a catering area. They will repay \$15,562.20 to the State of New York representing a portion of the grant money received for renovating those apartments.

Dennis reported that as part of the support of the theatre, the BID had placed an ad in the Theatre Journal. Dennis Smith asked David Vigliotta to arrange to remove hanging baskets before Halloween.

Under quad reports, Joel Furman reported that he had two additional broken windows and has not yet been to the restaurant committee relative to this issue but that there had been a total of 63 broken windows throughout the Village in the past year. It was reported that under beautification the Garden Club had completed the Fall plantings and there was a discussion regarding long term plans for maintenance of plantings and that we cannot continue to rely on volunteers.

Under new business, it was reported that the Rotary Club is sponsoring a breakfast with Senator Lee Zeldin on November 6th at 10 a.m. at the Burger Shack. This is not a fundraiser. Cost is \$10.00 per person.

On motion of Brian Kearns, seconded by Lori Belmonte the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Trabold, Secretary

P.S. After the meeting, Dennis Smith reported that BID member Adrian Fassett had contacted him and offered to fund the acquisition of the artificial Christmas tree.