

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

PRESENT: Janice M. Taraskas, President; Lorice Belmonte, Vice-President; Harold G. Trabold, Secretary, Trustee Thomas Ferb; Joel Furman; David Vigliotta; Dennis A. Smith, Executive Director, Brian Kearns, Adrian Fassett.

ABSENT: Michael Kelly; James McPeak; Anne Marie Monte, Treasurer, Jeannie Daal, Karen King, Richard Braile.

GUESTS: David Kennedy, Marian DiNicola,

President, Jan Taraskas called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. The minutes from the August 11, 2015 Board meeting were reviewed and on motion Tom Ferb, seconded by Lori Belmonte, the minutes were approved.

In absence by Treasurer, Anne Marie Monte, Dennis A. Smith, Executive Director presented the Treasurer's Report.

On motion made by Tom Ferb and seconded by Lori Belmonte, the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Voucher report showing voucher expenditures in the amount of amount of \$9,134.03, moved by Lori Belmonte and seconded by David Vigliotta, the voucher report was approved.

David Kennedy gave a presentation on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce reported that the Suffolk County Marathon would be held September 13, 2015. Montauk Highway would be closed from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m. Chamber has engaged a group known as the "Manhattan Bells" to perform at the Capital One Plaza. This is a local group that sings music reminiscent of the 1940s. The event is designed to be a tribute to Veterans for their service. Flag banners will be displayed along Main Street and North and South Ocean Avenues. The Farmers' Market will operate but the vendors will face to the sidewalk. Some restaurants will be offering food service outside and sidewalk sales in front of some stores. Friday and Saturday before the Marathon the runners expo will be held at St. Joseph's College and Blue Point Brewery will be offering shuttle service with a stop at the brewery and a stop in downtown Patchogue. David also spoke regarding the annual

meeting of the Chamber which will be held at Briarcliff College on September 15, 2015 at 1 p.m. for the purpose of electing new officers, directors and adopting a budget. David also indicated that a new member known as Lineal Solar will be holding an event on September 16, 2015 between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Meatball Place. This event is open to all. David also reported the Chamber having its annual cruise and dinner at the casino at Fire Island on September 24, 2015, ferry leaves at 5:30 p.m. from the Davis Park ferry terminal expected to return around 9:30 p.m. - the cost is \$60.00 per person. The Chamber is also promoting the St. Liberata Festival which will be held on September 26, 2015 including the bocce Tournament - there is a \$100.00 entry fee. Chamber will be having its annual installation dinner on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at the Mediterrean Manor.

Tom Ferb reported on Village matters and indicated that he and Dennis Smith met with State Senator Tom Croce at the time of his being at the library and that Senator Croce had indicated that there was a "bunch of money" for capital projects available. He has already given two grants to the Village totalling \$10,000.00 for surveillance cameras. Any organization with a 501C status can apply for program service funding.

Trustee Ferb also reported that it had been a relatively quiet summer and that the Alive After Five program had drawn large crowds with no serious problems in the Village. Unfortunately, until the last week when Blum's window was shattered. The suspect has been apprehended. It was reported that in an average weekend there were 20 open container and public urination citations issued. As part of the New York Rising program a parcel at the corner of Maiden Lane and Cedar Avenue will be acquired by the Village and that would developed as a pocket park.

Dennis reported that FEMA monies may now be available for restoration of the Mascot dock. Dennis also stated that the park renovation meeting would be held October 7, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Patchogue Theatre. Joel Furman asked about Church Street parking and Tom Ferb said that the parcel had been acquired but he had no specific schedule available at this time for demolition and redevelopment as parking but he would e-mail Joel Furman with the information in this regard. Dennis reported that the fourth camera in the Church Street park is now operating and that another \$10,000.00 grant had been received from Senator Croce for additional cameras. There is particular concern regarding making

cameras available at Father Tortora Park since there had been an incident at that facility. A discussion ensued regarding criminal activity including the vandalism at Father Tortora Park and at the Bowling Alley.

Dennis reported the Christmas Store was still looking for a location and he indicated that there was some interest on part of Patchogue-Medford School District for a facility for girls softball league.

Dennis reported that he is on the committee for the Suffolk County downtown redevelopment, his efforts hopefully will help with the Ryder Avenue and Main Street Park. It would be a small park approximately 72' x 22' and we would be receiving a matching grant nothing specific was reported under the quadrant reports except that Joel Furman reported that he a potential tenant at 8 West Main Street but he ran into a problem with the Village's fire code relative to requiring a sprinkler system if the building was subdivided. This was not consistent with the State code. Joel Furman also reported a problem with posters being posted on his windows at 8 West Main Street and other location. A discussion ensued regarding that the best recourse was to report such matters to Code Enforcement who would respond promptly.

Tom Ferb reported that the Staudinger Walkway Arch would be completed by the end of the month at a cost of approximately \$20,000.00. The Roe walkway would be the next project at an estimated cost of \$27,000.00. David Vigliotta spoke about beautification and apparently in conjunction with the work at the railroad station for the relocation of the bus stop there was a discussion they would have to stop work because Keith Landscape did not have a proper insurance certificate.

Marian DiNicola reported that she did not have information on the website. Tom Ferb reported on a part produced by ORCAM. He recommended that anyone should look into the product if they had visual difficulties. The product reads printed materials.

The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m. on motion of Lori Belmonte and seconded by Brian Kearns.

Respectfully submitted,