

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
PATCHOGUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
January 12, 2016

PRESENT: Janice Taraskas, President; Harold G. Trabold, Secretary; Ann Marie Monte, Treasurer; Thomas Ferb; Joel Furman; Brian Kearns; Dennis A. Smith; Adrian Fasset; Richard Braile; Karen King; James McPeak, Jeannie Daal

ABSENT: Lorice Belmonte, David Vigliotta, Michael Kelly.

GUESTS: Marian DiNicola, Krystle DiNicola, David Kennedy and Michael White of Greater Patchogue.com.

President, Jan Taraskas called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. The minutes from the December 8, 2015 Board meeting were discussed and

On motion of Adrian Fasset, seconded by Brian Kearns, the Minutes were approved as submitted.

Ann Marie Monte presented the Treasurer's Report: December expenses amounted to \$16,895.87.

On motion of Thomas Ferb, seconded by James McPeak, the Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

Dennis Smith then presented the Voucher Report which included the Raleigh program for 2015 which Dennis reported had been negotiated down from \$4,510.00 to \$4,335.00. However, he indicated that next year this would increase because of the addition of the Christmas Tree to the decorations. There is one addition to the Voucher Report, service to the church street camera in the amount of \$179.00 bringing the total Vouchers to \$9,105.88. On motion of Thomas Ferb, seconded by Brian Kearns, the Voucher Report was approved.

Thomas Ferb then reported on the Trustee meeting the fact that the dates requested by the Chamber of Commerce except for the Car Show had been approved. The Village is also proceeding to demolish the second property on Church Street. Tom indicated that there had been extensive discussion regarding the payment of \$316,000.00 to the Ambulance Company. Some consideration was being given to finding a method whereby the Ambulance Company

could bill for its services. Discussion ensued regarding the impact of billing and possible waivers for people without insurance. The concept is to recover monies that might otherwise be available to fund the Ambulance Company operation. Joel Furman inquired of Tom whether the Village was considering any ordinance to permit advertising on the second story in the retail district. He advised that an applicant would have to make application to the Village Architectural Review Board for any such approval. Joel indicated he had a tenant that had made such application and was denied and was requesting a review of the ordinances regarding signage.

David Kennedy then reported on the Chamber of Commerce and reported, in particular, that the Midnight on Main Program had been extremely successful drawing approximately 6,500 persons. He thanked the BID and EOC for its support as well the Village and the Mayor. He indicated that this was a quiet time for the Chamber. However, they were gearing up for the Valentine Day promotions and the St. Patrick's Day events including the parade and the passing of the sash.

Dennis Smith reported that all of the Christmas decorations were down and the Rileigh program for transportation and refurbishing of decorations was going to aggregate approximately \$4,750.00 for the year 2016. He also reported that the garden maintenance program was under review and it was anticipated that a quote letter would be circulated sometime during the last week of January and it would include the Roe Walkway. He indicated that the planter adoption program was under consideration and would be discussed at a subsequent meeting. There was some discussion that we had usually taken an ad in "Wit and Wisdom" for the theatre but since the Theatre was under renovation, it was felt that it was not necessary to take the ad at this time. He indicated the next CFA funding from the State would be at the end of March and he proposed submitting applications for grants to landlords for dividing large spaces particularly in the area of West Main Street and Ocean Avenue but that would require commitment from building owners. He indicated it was time to commence budget preparation of the next year and that as far as the park's initiative, the Clemente Field is on hold until the beginning of March, weather permitting and the other fields would probably be re-graded for drainage but no further work done during the current season. He indicated there would be a meeting with the Cornell Engineers on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30 a.m. One of the major considerations is the Shore Front Park and the

issue is moving to a more passive grading and removal of the bulkhead. Discussion was held regarding the impact of removing the bulkhead and the fact that DEC would probably never allow the bulkhead to be replaced once it was removed. He indicated a new camera had installed on Main Street and Four Corners and East Main Street and the cost was mostly covered by a \$10,000.00 grant from Senator Croce, the total cost be \$11,500.00.

Under quadrant reports, Joel Furman reported that in the Church Street Parking lot there was a problem with the dumpster gates being left open which inhibited the flow of traffic.

On the issue of the budget, a committee was formed consisting of Tom Ferb, Brian Kearns, Lorice Belmonte and Jan Taraskas.

Krystle DiNicola then reported on the Website that as of December, 2015, over 1,000 visits with Facebook being about the same. Jan Taraskas suggested posting the video of the Grucci Fire Works on the website or at least a link to the Grucci Fire Works video. Krystle indicated she had met with Dennis and Jan establishing a protocol after the last meeting and that minutes of the meeting would be posted on the website by the end of the week. She indicated that she was still looking for new blog posts from board members.

There was a discussion regarding the Gardening Club and it was suggested that a meeting be set up with Paula and Karen to pursue discussions regarding the nature and extent of their work and how the Board can provide assistance to them.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold G. Trabold, Secretary