

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
PATCHOGUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
OCTOBER 11, 2016

PRESENT: Janice M. Taraskas, President; Lorice Belmonte, Vice President; Anne Marie Monte, Treasurer; Richard Braile; Adrian Fassett; Trustee Tom Ferb; Joel Furman; Karen King; David Vigliotta; Dennis A. Smith, Executive Director;

By Proxy: Harold G. Trabold, Secretary; Jeannie Daal; Brian Kearns;

Absent: Michael Kelly; James McPeak;

Liaisons: Krystle DiNicola, KLD;

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm.

In reviewing the minutes, it was noted that there were two Treasurer's Reports approved at the September meeting with only the July report for \$18,141.89 being reflected in the minutes. The minutes will be amended to show the August report for \$11,114.14 as also being approved at the September meeting.

On motion by Lori Belmonte, being seconded by Trustee Tom Ferb, the September minutes were unanimously approved, as amended, by the group.

There was no Financial Statement available for consideration.

Dennis Smith reviewed the voucher report noting the total expense to be \$9,430.06. There is one addition to this total, that being \$1,677.89 from the Chamber's Promotions Committee for prizes to be distributed at the upcoming Chili & Chowder and Halloween Happenings events, making the new total \$11,107.95. On motion by Adrian Fassett, being seconded by Karen King, the adjusted voucher report was unanimously accepted.

Krystle DiNicola gave a web site update noting that the Kilwin's picture had been posted and the blog would be up and running by 5 pm this evening. Amazing Olive is ready to go for November and information is being gathered for Paradise Bridal, the showcase business for January 2017. Discussion turned to selecting future businesses. Perhaps the businesses behind the Dollar Store in the Terry Street parking lot should be highlighted.

It was decided to send the current list of potential businesses to be showcased to Dennis so that he could forward that list to the entire board for future consideration. Krystle also stated that web site traffic was steady.

Vice President Lori Belmonte gave the Chamber report noting a list of upcoming events; Saturday 10/15 – Chili & Chowder Festival w/ 2 pm costume parade; Sunday 10/16 – Public Lands Clean-up / Patchogue River, 10-3 pm; Wednesday 10/19 – Chamber Installation Dinner; Monday 10/31 – Halloween Happenings, 3-6 pm Main Street & Ocean Avenues. Collect tokens to redeem for prizes at Roast; Saturday 11/04 – Dia de los Muertos / Cemetery Restoration Gala.

Trustee Ferb congratulated the Chamber on a very successful St. Liberata Festival and Saturday Breakfast Crawl.

Trustee Ferb stated that parking revenues through May were \$342,000 and the first three months of this fiscal year are up 17%. Revenue could eclipse \$400,000 this year with the yearly expense for meters, etc. being \$75,000, with this money of course being dedicated to more and improved parking conditions. The remaining Church Street property in the middle of the lot is being reappraised for purchase, demolition and additional parking.

Dennis Smith thanked Paula Murphy, Karen Ferb and their committee for the replanting of the planters and Waverly Circle to fall foliage. The hanging baskets will be taken down before Halloween and the Christmas Decorations will be delivered to DPW in early November.

The Parks Improvement initiative sub-committee is working on a revised final plan with pricing for Fr. Tortora, Belzak and Four Sisters Parks. The grants applied for in

late July will not be announced or awarded until late December. We're looking to have a site plan ready for these three parks and the 911 Memorial and Fireman's Memorial Park so that work can commence on all these projects in late March, early April and have them completed before summer.

We're looking to do what we can now in the fall with drainage and irrigation at the 90' field and Ettore Field in the Waldbauer Complex. Shorefront Park being more complicated needs additional planning and probably won't be started for improvement until 2018.

Dennis went on to state that the CDA has funded additional cameras for Main Street that are targeted to be installed within the next two weeks. The Sunday Market is winding down having been a little more successful than last year. Planning for next year will start earlier.

Quadrant Reports:

Adrian Fassett stated that the parking situation behind New Village is a major issue. He has met with Deputy Mayor Jack Krieger about the lack of availability for employee parking each morning as a result of New Village residents parking in that lot overnight. "This creates problems for businesses on Main Street." Deputy Mayor Krieger is going to confer with parking consultant Gerry Giosa for possible solutions.

Joel Furman stated that gas mains on South Ocean Avenue are old, over utilized and need to be replaced evidenced by the recent gas leak situation in that area. Service is maxed out on the South Ocean line and to get service for his building, he would have to tap into the Church Street gas main service. The pending Greek Restaurant for Joel's building needs gas service.

President Taraskas asked for each quadrant to contact constituents to report on.

Committees:

David Vigliotta said that he spoke with Mayor Ray Fell from Bellport Village about how they water their hanging baskets. Mayor Fell was very accommodating and said that an agreement probably could be worked out between Bellport and Patchogue Villages to water hanging baskets if need be.

Although appreciative of the offer, David felt that their tank was too small and this wouldn't be a good fit since we need to water six days a week for at least five hours a day.

Treasurer Anne Monte said that in a meeting between herself, Dennis Smith and Mayor Pontieri, the Mayor stated that financing could be arranged for a new used truck with an adequate size tank that could be shared between the BID, in summer, and DPW in winter. The BID would bear some of the cost, 30 – 35%, paid back over several years, and the village would bear the remainder of the cost. Ms. Monte said this could be addressed at next year's budget meetings in early 2017.

Mr. Vigliotta concluded the Beautification Committee report reiterating that Fantastic Gardens would remove the hanging baskets from the period light poles the week before Halloween, and thought has to be given to the final landscape contract service payment in December given certain service issues.

Trustee Ferb added that Fantastic Gardens is going to adopt the planter and plantings in Furman Square. This area will be planted by a Cub Scout Pack and maintained by the Chamber Beautification Committee. Fantastic Gardens will have it planted three times a year. Trustee Ferb also spoke of some issues at the Terry St. Garden. President Taraskas commented on how nicely landscaped the Carnegie Library was.

There was no "New Business". Under "Old Business" benches were discussed. The bench in front of Village Idiot is being repaired then replaced possibly further up the street. TRI-TEC is reinforcing with planters the integrity of the Four Corners. Two more benches might be in the works; The Pilot Club and Linda Tabatchnik. Benches cost \$1800 each. Adrian Fassett might be interested in placing a bench on behalf of Suffolk EOC, Inc. Some new benches may be placed in the new proposed pocket park on East Main Street. New crosswalks on West Main near the Brickhouse and Tina's Ice's need to be considered.

On motion by Adrian Fassett, seconded by Dave Vigliotta, the meeting adjourned at 4:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dennis A. Smith, BID Executive Director.

