

**Board of Trustees  
Minutes  
January 14, 2019**

**Meeting called to order 7:32 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Siry, Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith, Trustee Jessica Bernius, Trustee Nick LaLota, Trustee Whalen

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police, Glenn Slack  
Chief of Amityville Fire Department Leland Greey  
Superintendent of DPW, Bruce Hopper  
Clerk/Treasurer, Catherine Murdock  
Assistant to the Mayor, Wendy O'Neill

Mayor Siry welcomed everyone to the January 14, 2019 Meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Salute to the Flag was led by Chief Slack.

Mayor's Actions

Upon Mayor Siry's request, approve meeting minutes from December 10, 2018 and the special meeting of December 20, 2018

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee Whalen

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Good News Report:

Deputy Mayor Smith shared upcoming events including the Bay Village Civic Association annual brunch on Jan. 27 at noon at Unqua Corinthian Yacht Club; Spaghetti Dinner at the Masonic Lodge on Jan. 20; Fire Police annual Trivia Night fundraiser on Jan. 26 at 7 pm., at the main firehouse; and a Martin Luther King, Jr. Day parade/march on Jan. 21, in Copiague, in honor of what he has done for us.

With no further "Good News" Mayor Siry continued with the agenda items.

**Licenses**

Taxicab Driver's License - Renewal

The Board voted on the following licenses (agenda items 1a through c)

Henry Blum, 163 South Broadway, Lindenhurst, NY for **Lindy's Taxi**  
Michelle Phillips, 362 E. Hoffman Ave., Lindenhurst, NY for **Lindy's Taxi**  
Nathaniel Adams, 10 Miller Ave., Amityville, for **Lindy's Taxi**

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MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Trustee Whalen.

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	

Taxicab Company License

John Tomitz, 390 Suffolk Ave., Islandia, NY for JTE Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a/ **Lindy's Taxi**

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee LaLota.

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	

Landscaper License – Renewal

Mayor Siry announced that as of next year, landscapers who wish to be licensed in the Village of Amityville will need to possess a Suffolk County Home Improvement License to show they are licensed to use pesticides and fertilizers. He had held a meeting with landscaping companies in the Village to discuss proper procedures for pesticides and becoming a nitrogen-free community.

The Board voted on the following licenses (agenda items a through c):

Kevin M. Cammeyer for **Bayway Lawn Service**, 48 Sequams Way, W. Islip, NY  
Braublio E. Castillo for **Ernesto's Landscaping**, 48 Maple Pl., Amityville  
Robert Russo for **Russo's Landscaping and Design, Inc.**, 25 Bayview Pl., Amityville

MOTION to APPROVE, with the stipulation that no equipment be stored on residential property within the Village, was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Trustee Bernius.

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	

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Peddle or Hawk License

Gary Dowty for **A & P Catering**, 68 Miller Ave., Port Jefferson, NY

Mayor Siry stated that all license approvals are subject to stipulations from the Building Inspector and Police Department as noted in the individual applications.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith.

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	

Parking or Storage of Commercial Vehicle on Residential Property

**Thomas J. Fitzgerald**, 215 Bayview Ave., Amityville

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith.

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	

Tow Truck License – Renewal

The Board voted on the following licenses (agenda items a through d):

Joseph Garguilo for **All Town Towing**, 123 Merrick Road, Amityville  
Peter Litvinoff for **Richmond Auto Body**, 91 Merrick Road, Amityville  
John Lauria for **Coastal Collision & Towing**, 9 DeForest St., Amityville  
Thomas A. Nuss for **Bang’s Towing, Inc.**, 67 Albany Ave., Amityville

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee Bernius

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	

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Request from Deputy Treasurer

Request to approve **Treasurer's Abstracts** from Dec. 20, 2018 – Jan. 9, 2019

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee Whalen

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

Request from Clerk/Treasurer

Request to pay **Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services** for Policy premium – critical illness benefit, in the amount of \$11,645.00 (A1910.430)

Mayor Siry explained this is a required, add-on cancer benefit for any volunteer fireman. Clerk/Treasurer Murdock noted that all the brokers she has checked with offer this coverage at the same price.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

Request from **Citizen Campaign for the Environment (CCE)** to conduct an annual canvass to disseminate fact sheets, membership drive and fundraising information from January 21, 2019 through February 2, 2019, from 4 PM to 6 PM

The Village reduced evening hours from 8 PM to 6 PM so as not to interfere with resident's evenings.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee Whalen

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

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**Request to adopt Policy 29, Social Media Policy**

MOTION to APPROVE with the stipulation that there be a change in wording from “The Village” to “the Social Media Administrator” in section 3, item #5 in the Policy, was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Trustee Bernius

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	

Request from Fire Department

Request to approve new members **Jonathan M. Pesce**, age 30, 122 Oak St., Amityville, of Dauntless Hose #2, and **Juliana L. Miller**, 9 South Bay Ave., Amityville, to Amityville Fire Department Juniors.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	

Request to pay **All American Awards, Inc.** for 15 Class A uniforms – order #50698 in the amount of \$7,485.63 (A3410.414)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Trustee Bernius

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	

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Request to Reimburse Chief's Account for expenses for **Nashville Fire Expo 2018** in the amount of \$6,932.34 (A3410.445)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

Request to approve **Zampini Construction Corp.** for furnishing and installation of concrete in the amount of \$6,350.00 (A1624.460)

MOTION to APPROVE with the stipulation that the Dept. of Public Works will remove the old concrete, was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

Request from Department of Public Works

Request to pay **Sprague** for 3002 gallons of gas in the amount of \$4,893.26 (A1625.410)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Bernius and seconded by Trustee Whalen

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

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Request to pay **Trius** for plow parts in the amount of \$4,830.44 (A5142.419)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Bernius and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

Request to pay **Omni Recycling** of Babylon in the amount of \$6,818.13 (A8160.442)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

Request for **Budget Modification:**

- i. Increase A1625.102 DPW Overtime \$3,000.00
- ii. Decrease A1625.410 Gas, Oil and Diesel \$3,000.00
- iii. Increase A3310.419 Traffic Control Supplies Materials \$100.00
- iv. Decrease A3310.441 Traffic Control Traffic Lights \$100.00

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

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Resolutions

**RESOLUTION  
No. 19-01-14-01**

WHEREAS, the GENERAL VILLAGE ELECTION for the Village of Amityville will be held in said Village on Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 with the polls open between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm that day, and that the places of voting in each of the eight (8) Election Districts in said Village shall be as follows:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Election District – Amityville Public Library, Oak and John St.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Election District – AUFSD, Park North, Park Ave. and Ireland Pl. (rear)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Election District – AUFSD, Park North, Park Ave. and Ireland Pl. (rear)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Election District – AUFSD, Amityville Memorial H.S. Merrick Rd., Lobby
- 26<sup>th</sup> Election District – AUFSD, Amityville Memorial H.S. Merrick Rd., Lobby
- 63<sup>rd</sup> Election District - AUFSD, Park North, Park Ave. and Ireland Pl. (rear)
- 117<sup>th</sup> Election District – AUFSD, Amityville Memorial H.S., Merrick Rd., Lobby
- 122<sup>nd</sup> Election District – AUFSD, Amityville Memorial H.S., Merrick Rd., Lobby

Deputy Mayor Smith moved to ADOPT Resolution 19-01-14-02, seconded by Trustee Bernius.

Votes on Resolution:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee Lalota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

Resolution adopted on the 14th day of January 2019.

**RESOLUTION  
No. 19-01-14-02**

Resolved that the Village of Amityville will not have a registration day for the March 19th, 2019 election.

Trustee Bernius moved to ADOPT Resolution 19-01-14-02, seconded by Trustee Whalen.

Votes on Resolution:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee Lalota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

Resolution adopted on the 14th day of January 2019.



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**Trustee LaLota** reminded residents that there are a number of ways to register to vote, including through the Dept. of Motor Vehicle (DMV) website.

**Chief Glenn Slack** announced a report for 2018 shows there has been a 28% drop in crime in the Village, most notably burglaries and in larcenies – such as rummaging through cars -- which went down from 109 in 2017 to 75 in 2018.

**Donelle Cronin**, 32 Mole Place, asked if the Village will be live streaming Board of Trustee Meetings. She said she has polled several Villages and many municipalities are videotaping meetings. Mayor Siry said he has made calls to SUNY Farmingdale in the hopes of setting up an internship where taping could be done at no cost/little cost, in exchange for credit. Unfortunately, this will not be feasible. He will check to see if the high school can help. He pointed out while it would have to wait for next year's budget, he would continue to explore cost-effective options.

A request was made to close the public meeting and enter executive session.

MOTION to CLOSE THE PUBLIC MEETING and ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION was made by Trustee Bernius and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

MOTION to REOPEN PUBLIC MEETING was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Trustee Whalen

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

There being no more comments from the floor or Board:

MOTION to ADJOURN was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes

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Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Catherine Murdock, Clerk/Treasurer