

Board of Trustees
Minutes
February 27, 2017



Meeting called to order at 7:33pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police, Glenn Slack
Superintendent of Public Works, Bruce S. Hopper
Chief of Fire Department, Jeff Erath
Village Attorney, Richard Handler
Clerk Treasurer, Dina Shingleton
Administrative Assistant, Katie DeGraff

The salute to the flag was led by Chief Slack and Vinny Ricciuti

Mayor Wandell welcomed everyone to the February 27th meeting of the Board of Trustees

Deputy Mayor Bernius gave the "Good News" report:

This weekend on Sunday March 5th, 2017 at 3:00pm is the Mayors Spring Social sponsored by the Amityville Kiwanis Club, tickets are still available and will be sold at the door; Saturday March 11th, 2017 at the Amityville Beach is the event "Freezing for a reason" sponsored by Camp Sunshine; Spring is in the air, there are beautiful crocus flowers blooming;

Mayor's Actions:

Mayor Wandell swore in Village of Amityville Police Officer Alfred De Los Santos. Chief of Police Glenn Slack introduced Police Officer De Los Santos to the public and said a few kind words on his behalf.

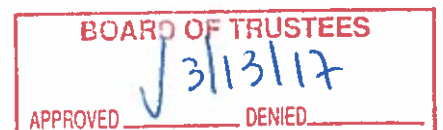
Mayor Wandell presented Proclamations to the following:

Martha Peterson for her volunteerism and participation in just about every civic association in the Village of Amityville including President of the Chamber of Commerce, President of the Rotary Club, President of the Historical Society, Trustee of the Board of Education, member of the Amityville Women's Club and member of the Bay Village Civic Association.

Upon Mayor Wandell's request to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees held on January 9th, 2017 and February 9th, 2017, copies of which were distributed to all members of the Board;

A MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Trustee Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye



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Motion Carried: Trustee Smith aye
5 aye 0 nays

Tom Howard Co-Chairperson of the Downtown Revitalization Committee presented his recommendation for the **Down Town Revitalization** project. He explained that after many months of researching the best company with the committee members and the public they recommend that **Tritech Construction** is the best company for the job.

Mayor Wandell explained that this decision would not be made by this board, it will be made by the new board who will be elected in March; Trustee Smith thanked Mr. Howard for all of this hard work on this project; Trustee LaLota stated that he agrees with Trustee Smith and thanks Mr. Howard for the hundreds of hours spent on this project, he also explained to the public that there is still a contract that needs to be put into place before this decision can be made, there also needs to be research by the board on the relationship between the contractor chosen and the Village of Amityville; Deputy Mayor Bernius thanks Mr. Howard for his time and effort put into this project, it was a pleasure to see how everyone on the committee worked together; Trustee Siry thanked Mr. Howard for the time and days he put in volunteering on this project and will take this recommendation into consideration moving forward;

There being no further “Mayors Actions”, Mayor Wandell continued with the items on the Agenda:

Application for Licenses:

Tow Truck- renewal

Anthony Manfredi for **A-Team Towing**, 42 Elm Place Amityville
Joseph Garguilo & Robert Chambers for **JDG Repairs**, 123 Merrick Rd Amityville

Tow Truck – New

Peter Litvinoff for **Richmond Auto body**, 6 Christopher Ct Babylon, NY

Automotive Sales – New

Michael Siegel for **Legend Autorama Ltd.**, 153 Merrick Rd., Amityville
Michael Siegel for **Legend Autorama Ltd.**, 158 Merrick Rd., Amityville

Automotive Sales – Renewal

Manuel Campos for **Alfredo & Son Inc**, 49 Sprague., Amityville

Cabaret License

Carolyn Emmert for **Toomey’s Tavern** 251 S. Ketcham Ave. Amityville

Hazardous Material or Operations Permit

Hyecheon Ko for **Swan Cleaner** 59 Merrick Rd Amityville

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Landscaper License -New

Joseph Stainkamp for **Curb Appeal Landscape Design** 56 Storm Dr, Holtsville
Peter Maseroni for **BKP Landscape** 678 Franklin Ave, Massapequa

Peddle or Hawk License

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

Taxi Driver's License – New

Robert Wilder, 59 Horseshoe Ct, Amityville, For **Lindy's Taxi**

Taxi Driver's License –Renewal

Stephanie Nemley, 801 Crooked Hill Rd, Brentwood, For **Lindy's Taxi**
William Clark 3355 Great Neck Rd, Amityville, For **Lindy's Taxi**
Terrance Clark, 459 Albany Ave, Amityville, For **Lindy's Taxi**
Gerald C. Pope 34 Monroe St, Farmingdale For **First Class Taxi**
Areginald Stephen 222 Broadway Apt #2 Amityville, For **Lindy's Taxi**
Pierre K. Joseph 90 Harding St Amityville, For **Lindy's Taxi**
Larry Grayson 227 Albany Ave Amityville, For **Lindy's Taxi**
Vincent Lowther 587 Broadway Amityville, For **Lindy's Taxi**
Melquan Cobb 812 Mount Ave Wyandanch, For **Lindy's Taxi**

Taxi Company License – Renewal

Aleida Morel 790 – A Marconi Blvd Copiague, For **First Class Taxi**

MOTION to APPROVE with any existing stipulations from previously approved applications was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bernius

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Cabaret License

Antonio Copeland at **Escape Lounge Inc.** 530 Broadway, Amityville

Chief Slack stated that there have been 4 acts of violence since September 2016, their liquor license was suspended, and he recommends that the board does not renew their cabaret license; Antonio Copeland 530 Broadway stated that he was not aware that an act that was occurring outside of the bar was their responsibility, this business is how he feeds his family, being that they are not allowed to stay open and serve alcohol it is hard to pay rent and make money, they reached out to the Amityville Police to see if they could help them out at closing time but that never happened; Trustee LaLota stated that their hands are tied, the Police cannot

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cater to one business; Tara Smith 45 Washington Ave stated she made 3 complaints to the Village involving this parcel, there are many young children who live on this block, this business has brought gun violence and disruption into this neighborhood and it should not be allowed, they have not shown any aspect of remorse; Pastor Robert Leibold of the Simpson United Methodist Church with his concerns regarding this item on the agenda, he stated he “feels for the first time that he has to look over his shoulder in fear”; Bruce Pescitelli 60 Bedell Pl stated there have been 2 other businesses shut down at this location, people can still bring in their own liquor into this establishment, there is no health department approval; the Village needs to stick to their guns on this; Antonio Copeland stated that he never was informed about any noise complaints he feels that this is not that serious;

MOTION to DENY was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Trustee Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request from Deputy Treasurer:

VILLAGE OF AMITYVILLE					
ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS AND CHECKS					
For the Period February 8, 2017 to February 21, 2017					
<u>General Fund</u>					
Automated Checks:					
	Account	Starting #	Ending #	Amount	A/C Balances
	SCNB General Fund	3435	3562	\$111,434.16	
					\$ 309,548.19
<u>Payroll Fund</u>					
	Account	Starting #	Ending #	Amount	
	SCNB Payroll	NA	NA		\$ 74,530.58

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<u>Capital Fund</u>					
	Account	Starting #	Ending #	Amount	
	Citibank Capital	0	0	\$0.00	\$ 1,106,060.48
<u>Trust & Agency Fund</u>					
	Account	Starting #	Ending #	Amount	
	Chase T&A Account	0	0	\$0.00	\$ 124,898.32
	Depository Account balance at 02/21/17			\$	
				3,248,451.49	
	As presented in the official abstract for the Village of Amityville				
	Dina Shingleton, Clerk/Treasurer				

Approval of Treasurer's Abstracts

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request from Clerk/Treasurer:

Request from St. Martin of Tours Knights of Columbus for use of library parking lot for a senior outing on March 8th from 8:30am – 5:45pm

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

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Request to hold a **Youth Intramural Football League** from After School Select Sports – dates in March through May

Trustee Siry explains that this is a gym teacher from St. Martins, he is a for profit organization, and it comes with a \$250.00 fee and the Village is listed as additionally insured;

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Trustee Siry

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request to surplus the following broken equipment: **brother ink-jet printer** serial number U63538K3F487132 and **brother ink-jet multi fax** serial number U62053J8F385985

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request to issue a proposal for **accounting services** fiscal year end 2017;

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Trustee Siry

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

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Request to issue request for quote- Vest Pocket Park

Deputy Mayor Bernius explains that this is a work in progress that began with a lamp that was donated by the Rotary Club. Also that Ed Batz is donating his services to help this project along; Mayor Wandell states that an RFP is needed for this project to take place;

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request from Police Department:

Request to enter into agreement with **Emerald Document Imaging** via Leaf Capital Funding for a term of 36 months, total cost \$7761 (A3120.261)

Chief Slack explained that this is the printer that is used the most because it is the printer that prints out all of the Police reports;

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request to enter into a five-year agreement with **Taser International** cost \$959.04 per year (A3120.250) for taser replacement cartridges and batteries

Chief Slack explains that every officer is trained to use a taser and this is the cost for the new cartridges and batteries;

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye

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	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request to pay **Auto-Topia** \$4,039.77 for service and repair to cars: 1, 3, 6, & 8

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Trustee Siry

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request from Fire Department:

Request for the following **hourly wage rate increases** for paramedics:

Sean McDonald from \$23 per hour to \$26 per hour

Christopher Polak from \$20.40 to \$22.50 per hour

All other **EMTs** from \$20.40 to \$21.50 per hour

Effective Thursday, March 2, 2017

Chief Erath explains that there is a big turnover rate, they are trying to catch up to on that, this is a step in the right direction; Deputy Mayor Bernius clarifies that paramedics are at a higher level than EMT's; Chief Erath states yes they are;

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request from Department of Public Works:

Request to pay **Omni Recycling of Babylon** \$6864.85 for 79.85 tons of dump

Superintendent Hopper explains that this is made up contaminated trees, vegetative waste, and non-recyclables;

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Siry

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye

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	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Resolutions:

Resolution 17-02-09-01 – authorizing capital project “gazebo rehabilitation 2017”

Mayor Wandell read the Resolution in its entirety;

Resolution 17-02-09-01

WHEREAS, the Village of Amityville board of Trustees deems it necessary to undertake a Capital Improvement Project repairing the Village Gazebo located on Broadway/Route 110 at the intersection of Park Avenue; and

WHEREAS, said project will include the structural rehabilitation and/or replacement of the iron-work supporting the gazebo at an estimated cost not-to-exceed \$15,000 with a probable useful life of twenty years; and

WHEREAS, the project name shall be, “Gazebo Rehabilitation, 2017”; and

WHEREAS, the Village will appropriate said funds via a budget modification of \$15,000 from A9950.700/Transfer to Capital to the Capital Account;

NOW THEREFORE, the Village of Amityville Board of Trustees duly convened on the 9th day of February of 2017 hereby approved the above Project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$15,000 is hereby appropriated to pay the costs of said project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or Village Clerk/Treasurer of the Village of Amityville is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements and Certifications on behalf of the Village of Amityville in connection with the advancement of the project and providing for the administration of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye

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	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

The Resolution is hereby adopted.

Resolution 17-01-23-04 – certifying the Record of Work Activity for **Joseph Calabrese**
Mayor Wandell read the Resolution entirely;

Resolution 17-01-23-04

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village of Amityville/40084 hereby establishes the following standard workday for the following title and will report the officials to the New York State and Local Retirement System based on their record of activities:

Appointed Official Joseph Calabrese, Standard Work Day 7.5 hours; current term began October 1, 2016 and ends March 31, 2017. Record of work activity result is 1.96 hours per month

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

The resolution is hereby adopted.

Miscellaneous:

Discussion- purchase of dual port electric charger for north side of Village Hall

Trustee Siry explained this is the 4th high-impact action out of a possible 10 actions that give the Village an opportunity to receive grant money to complete energy efficient/ solar projects. The other items were the bench marking, Unified Solar Permit, and the Training session for the Building Inspectors; Trustee LaLota asked where this charger was to be located; Trustee Siry answered in the Police Cage right behind Village Hall; Deputy Mayor Bernius asks if we can look into another place to install this so that the public can use it; Trustee Siry answered that he agrees we should put it in a place where the public can access it, but this is a time sensitive matter; Mayor Wandell states that he can't see us spending \$6,000.00 on something we cannot use; Eric Taylor 30 Forrest Place read into the record the remaining 6 out of 10 items; Tracey Cullen 54 South Bay Ave asked how many items are required for this grant money; Trustee Siry answered 4; Tracey Cullen asked is it a guarantee that we get this grant money, is it a one-time

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chance, and what will it be used for; Trustee Siry answered that it will be used for solar projects, we could use it for the LED lights in the Village and it is a first come first serve kind of application, also that he has not seen this before so it is believed to be a onetime grant; Joan Donnison 150 South Ketchum Ave asked if we can install this in the East Side of the municipal lot and is it possible to move the outlet? Trustee Siry answered that it will cost more money to do that; Jeff Erath 81 Braham asked if it cost \$800.00 to install this unit, if so why don't we install it and then just move it when we have the grant money; Trustee LaLota stated as long as the station can be moved to a location accessible by the public, he agrees to the expenditure;

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Siry and seconded by Trustee LaLota

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

There being no further agenda items, Mayor Wandell opened the floor to the public:

Susan Hopkins 51 Riverleigh thanked the Amityville Police Department for responding so quickly to their home when someone was walking up their driveway, she also has heard that the board is looking to disband the police department is that true?; Trustee LaLota ensures her that that is not going to happen; Mayor Wandell adds that the Amityville Police Department saved his dads life, they are going to keep them; Deputy Mayor Bernius states that she is for the Amityville Police all the way; Trustee Smith states that the Police Department has been a part of his life for a long time; Trustee Siry states that he is 100% in favor of the police department; Trustee LaLota asks the board members if anyone is aware of a referendum to abolish the Police Department to which all said no;

Janet Colletti 17 Wellington Place stated that she was not able to attend the last morning Board of Trustees meeting due to the weather. She also states that Oak street Villas were the only people who did not shovel the snow in front of their property after the storm; The garbage on Railroad Ave is a big problem along with the 2 family homes, they are parking on the lawns they have mud driveways it is unacceptable; Chief Slack explained that the complaints put in on Thursday and Friday were all checked up on;

Bill Maynard 27 Robbins Ave asked if anything is being done about the dock at the end of Richmond Ave and Ocean Ave it is very dangerous; Mayor Wandell answered that it is being fixed by the New York Rising Project; Deputy Mayor Bernius states that the BID for that project are going out soon;

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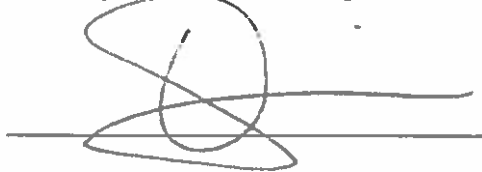
Howard Rosenberg 34 Wellington Place states that he is the one who has been picking up the garbage on Railroad Ave and that he spoke with some of the neighbors and they said they would be willing to help keep the street clean. He also states that there is a woman who feeds the cats and it is getting to be a big problem; Deputy Mayor Bernius asked is it is possible for them to contact animal control; Superintendent Hopper states that feeding feral animals is a major problem;

Joseph LaMana 127 Richmond Ave states that the flag at the Gazebo is frayed and damaged; Superintendent Hopper states that he is aware of it and he will be taking care of it tomorrow morning;

There being no further comments from the Board or from the Floor a MOTION to ADJOURN was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Siry

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm



Clerk/Treasurer, Dina Shingleton