

**Board of Trustees  
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March 27, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:34pm

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  
Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Alweis  
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 Pat O’Neill

Mayor Wandell welcomed everyone to the March 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees

**Deputy Mayor Bernius gave the “Good News” report:**

The Amityville Historical Society opened their art show on Sunday March 26, 2017 it is a beautiful show; The Senior Center had their debut of their new electric mahjong table thanks to Pat O’Neill for her research on this;

There being no further “Good News”, Mayor Wandell continued with the items on the Mayor’s Actions:

**Mayor’s Actions:**

**Mayor Wandell presented Proclamations to the following:**

Alijah Benymon  
Emmanuel Oguntoya  
Reynolds Hawkins

Deputy Mayor Bernius spoke on behalf of these 3 individuals and explained how hard they have all worked and how deserving they are of these proclamations. The Board congratulated them on their achievements;

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

**Application for Licenses:**

**Taxi Driver’s License – New**

Willian Perez, 715 Sharon Rd. Copiague, for **First Class Taxi**  
Rocco Mingione, 452 Leonard Ct., Lindenhurst, for **Lindy’s Taxi**  
Abdul Muhammad, 8 Dogwood La., Westbury, for **Lindy’s Taxi**

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

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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

Taxi Driver's License –Renewal

Cesar Fermin, 120 Abbington Ct., Copiague, for **Five Star Car Service**

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

Taxi Company License – Renewal

Skarling K. Nunez-Pascual, 229 Ralph Ave., Copiague, for **Five Star Car Service**

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 Deputy Treasurer:**

Approval of **Treasurer's Abstracts**

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 from Clerk/Treasurer:**

Request from **Knights of Columbus** to use the Library Parking Lot on May 3, 2017 instead of April 5<sup>th</sup> 2017 (previously approved) – for a Senior outing.

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 **Prince Time Travel** to Use the Municipal Parking lot on west side of Route 110, North of Merrick road on Wednesday June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Trustee LaLota asked for an explanation of this, Clerk/Treasurer Dina Shingleton explained that they are doing a trip for Big Al's members; Deputy Mayor Bernius asked if this is strictly for pick up or parking too, Clerk/Treasurer Dina Shingleton explained that it is for both;

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 **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** to use Amityville Beach South Pavilion on Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017 for annual Easter Dawn service.

Deputy Mayor Bernius explained that this event has been going on for at least 40 years, they expect to have between 100-150 people attend;

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

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

Request to approve **BAS system upgrade** for **TAX-** custom bill & **TAX-** Data Conversion  
Clerk/Treasurer Dina Shingleton explained that there is a 1 time charge of \$3,200.00 for the creation of a single page tax bill, the second charge is an annual charge for the tax data conversion being that we are not on the states program;

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

Request for **budget modification** reduce debt service, principal A9710.600 by \$263,025.30 and increase A9025.800 FD Service Award Program **LOSAP** by \$253,025.30 for additional LOSAP payment to ensure better liquidity, and increase A7110.441 by \$10,000 for Vest Pocket Park improvements.

Deputy Mayor Bernius explained that she has been working on this project with Ed Batz and they just need some money to get it started; Trustee LaLota explained this is full detail;

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 Police Department:**

Extension Agreement with **Auto-Topia** for police vehicle maintenance contract

Chief Slack explained that this is their 3<sup>rd</sup> year working with them and it has been pretty good; Mayor Wandell asks if this is the outsourcing of the maintenance of the police vehicles, Chief answers yes;

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

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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 to award low-bid to **Yacht Service Ltd** in amount of \$13,389.94 for conversion work of M-9 to new 1-1-23 water rescue boat.

Chief Erath explained that this is from when they took over the police boat;

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Smith 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

Request to pay **Felicio's** in the amount of \$9,425 for installation dinner held on April 8, 2017 (A.3410.460)

Chief Erath explained that this is food for the award ceremony not the installation dinner;

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 Department of Public Works:**

Request for **Budget Modification:**

Increase A8560.250 by \$1000.00 Shade Trees & Equipment/ Decrease A7110.441 by \$1000.00 Parks Contracted Repair

Superintendent Hopper explained that this was for tree's that were removed and stumps that needed to be grinded;

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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

**Resolutions:**

**Resolution 17-3-27-01** regarding adoption of canvass of votes for the General Village Election Held March 21, 2017

Mayor Wandell asks Clerk/Treasurer Dina Shingleton if this can be put on the website; Trustee LaLota states that he looked far and wide but couldn't find another 229 votes;

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

**Resolution 17-03-27-02** regarding Crown Castle NG East

Robert Gaudioso from Snyder & Snyder LLP spoke on behalf of this project explaining that they have entered into a right of way agreement with the Village for the past 2 year. They have been in front of the Planning Board and received their recommendation; Trustee LaLota asked why the Villages power is so limited, Mr. Gaudioso answered because of the Certificate of Public Convenience section 27 and section 3, that the village has the right to manage but on a limited basis; Deputy Mayor Bernius asked how these parcels were chosen, Mr. Gaudioso answered by scientific studies that were done by Crown Castles engineers; Trustee Siry asked about the height of this, Mr. Gaudioso answered that the height varies based on the depth of the pole but from 29 to 34 feet is the height of the poles with at 4 foot antenna; **Paul 64 Lebrun Ave** stated that he was very upset this was going to be right outside his house, but thanks the board for taking quick action on this and wished the new administration good luck; **Dorothy Garvin 40 Swartout Pl** asked if there has been any other company who has contacted them about a similar project, Village Attorney Richard Handler explained that there are no other pending applications; Ms. Garvin asked if these can be put in more secluded areas due to safety and health factors, Mr. Gaudioso answers that the Federal Government limits what is allowed to make sure people are safe and healthy, they are only using 3% of the 100%

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permitted, he also explained that they did full structural calculations; **Diane Apgar 81 Shore Road** asked when this project is going to start and finish, Mr. Gaudioso answered that whenever the building permits are issued construction will follow; **Ed Moore 79 Wood Ave** questions if the capacity that is being used on these poles is going to affect emergency calls, Mr. Gaudioso answered that this is going to help Verizon customers in the area and also increase emergency services; Trustee Siry asked if he thinks there will be more or less of these projects in the future, Mr. Gaudioso answers that as long as technology keeps evolving things like this have it, it is like a street gris system you start with the main road but as more people move and come in you need to start making more side streets to accommodate for them; Mayor Wandell suggested tabling this until they find a new location for the utility pole to be installed, Mr. Gaudioso asked of the board would approve the remaining 7 poles and table the one pole on Lebrun that is the issue;

MOTION to TABLE 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

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

**Frank Cruthers 25 Towne Street** stated that the Suffolk D.E.C was testing the ground in the area and was wondering if the results would be shared with the public or if the board knew anything about the Security Dodge car lot that was cleaned out over night, Mayor Wandell answered that they will be transparent about this and that they were not notified about the lot being cleared out;

**Susan Hopkins 51 Riverleigh Pl** thanked the Police Department and the EMT's for responding so quickly coming to their aid when her husband needed them. She also asked what is going on with the Boars Head lot on Merrick Rd, Trustee Siry answered that they are having trouble with a drain pipe lining and they are working with New York State to get this taken care of;

**Gene Monahan 2 South Bay Ave** asked if it was possible to make it a criteria of running in a village election that all candidates have to participate in a question night so the residents can get all the information they need directly from the source, also asks what is happening with the traffic light on 110 across from the Valero gas station; Mayor Wandell stated that the new board would have to take that into consideration and Chief Slack answered that that light is only temporary until the bridge is finished;

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**Ed Moore 79 Wood Ave** asked what is going on with the Brunswick property; Robert Alweis Code Enforcement Officer answers that they have filed demo permits but no building permits yet; Mr. Moore stated that the runoff from the construction projects are going right into the main drains, is it possible that we require silt fences to be installed to prevent that. Mr. Moore also expresses how the signage in the Village has gotten out of hand from busniesses, house elevation companies, the election, PBA they are broken and make the Village look less neighborly. Can we make a Resolution and or Local Law for the signage that goes on in our “friendly Village” Mayor Wandell states that he agrees to disagree; Trustee Siry states that they are looking into a new sign code/revising the current code;

Before closing the meeting Mayor Wandell stated that this will be his last meeting as Mayor and has made significant progress to the Village. The thanked Dina Shingleton, Katie DeGraff, Chief Erath, Robert Alweis, Bruce Hopper, Chief Slack, and Richard Handler who was invaluable counsel. They are a much better fiscal Village now because of Nick LaLota’s budget work “hats off to you”. Jessica Bernius got him into this and a special thanks to her and her spirit especially on the Zombie homes project. He ends saying that the real winners are the residents and tax payers. “Good Nigh princes and princesses”

There being no further comments from the Board or from the Floor a MOTION to ADJOURN 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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

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Deputy Village Clerk, Deirdre L. Parker