

**Board of Trustees
Minutes
April 25th 2016**

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

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
Director of Operations, Stephen Greenwald
Administrative Assistant, Katie DeGraff

The salute to the flag was led by Chief Slack and Carolyn D' Antonio

Mayor Wandell welcomed everyone to the April 25th meeting of the Board of Trustees

Upon motion of Trustee Smith as seconded by Trustee Siry, minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held on **April 11th, 2016**, copies of which were distributed to all members of the Board, were TABLED.

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

Mayors Actions:

Approval of newly elected Fire Chiefs and officers:

Chief- Jeffrey Erath	1 st Assistant Chief – Leland J. Greey
2 nd Assistant Chief – David J. Hegarty	3 rd Assistant Chief Gavin R. Budde

Tellers:

Hose Co. #2 Teller – Mike Neville	Hose Co. #3 Teller – Nick D'Amato
Hose Co. #4 Teller – Harry Olsen	Hook & Ladder Co. #1 Teller- Charles Walters
Fire Police Co. Teller – Sharon Babington	

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Smith 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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Appointment of the following employees for Village Beach Summer Employment:

POSITION	NAME	HOURLY RATE
Beach Manager/Director	TerryLynn Bayon	\$20.25
Assistant Director	Lyndsey Bayon	\$12.35
Assistant Director	Leslie Kretz	\$14.45
Assistant Director	William Kretz	\$14.45
Assistant Director	Denise Jacaruso	\$12.40
Assistant Director	Peter Stein	\$12.40
Assistant Director	John O'Toole	\$12.40
Assistant Director/Instructor	Allie McDonough	\$9.50
Pick Up Attendant	Brian Scott	\$7.75
Pick Up Attendant	Bryan Burton III	\$7.60
Pick Up Attendant	Kelly Parker	\$7.75
Pick Up Attendant	Jennifer Schlinger	\$7.60
Pick Up Attendant	Caroline Vazquez	\$7.75
Pick Up Attendant	Conor Nugent	\$7.60
Pick Up Attendant	Susannah Karp	\$7.25
Pick Up Attendant	Riley White	\$7.25
Pick Up Attendant	Joseph DeMarco	\$7.25
Lifeguard	Alexander Bryne	\$8.00
Lifeguard	John F. Bryne	\$8.00
Lifeguard	Courtney Bayon	\$8.00
Lifeguard	Christie Catterson	\$8.50
Lifeguard	Celia Earl	\$8.00
Lifeguard	Madeline DeMarco	\$8.00
Lifeguard	Nicholas DeMarco	\$8.00
Lifeguard	Lena Vazquez	\$8.00
Lifeguard	Timothy Stumpel	\$8.00
Swimming Instructor	Claire DeMarco	\$8.00
Swimming Instructor	Sarah Diamond	\$8.00
Swimming Instructor	Meghan Jacobsen	\$8.00
Swimming Instructor	Nadiya Sivin-Kachala	\$7.75
Swimming Instructor	Julia Donnelly	\$7.75
Swimming Instructor	Caitlin Doht	\$7.75
Crash Boat Operator	James Gilmore	\$8.00
Sailing Instructor	Emily Nugent	\$7.85
Sailing Instructor	Cassandra Kretz	\$8.00
Sailing Instructor	Madison Mangels	\$8.00
Sailing Instructor	Gwyneth Wheeler	\$7.75
Sailing Instructor	Aidan Wheeler	\$8.00

Trustee Siry asked why the 4 DPW employees for summer employment were not included in the list; Clerk/Treasurer, Dina Shingleton answered that she hadn't received the list of seasonal hires from Bruce Hopper, Superintendent of Public Works; Trustee LaLota suggested that the Board approve the

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appointments with the stipulations that four DPW seasonal hires be made within the 2016-2017 budget with the Mayors discretion;

MOTION to APPROVE with stipulations 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

Deputy Mayor Bernius gave the “Good News” report:

Arbor Day is this Saturday April 30th, 2016 at 10:00am at Peterkin Park, there will be a ceremonial tree planting, pencils made out of recycled materials and tree seedlings given out, Arbor Day flags will be hung, and Peterkin Park will be cleaned up as well; Trustee Bernius explained the process the Village went through to maintain the Tree City USA designation and thanked the Parks Commission and DPW for their work to continue that designation for the Village; Congratulations to the Historical Society for the opening of their art gallery show, the show will be open through May 15th, 2016; The First United Methodist Church of Amityville will be hosting UMARMY a Volunteer Community Service group from May 30th through June, 3rd. This volunteer group will assist local homeowners with repairs around their home. Projects can include, but are not limited to, small household repairs, painting, and yard work. All supplies, materials, and labor cost will be free to the homeowner; The VFW is happy to coordinate the Memorial Day Parade this year on May 30th, 2016. The Historical Society will be providing refreshments; The LIRR escalator has been installed and is in the process of being tested with the hopes of being ready for use by the end of April; We’re happy to announce that the Independence Day parade is being held on Monday July 4th with the theme “Up Up and Away”; A big thank you goes to the Amityville Little League for allowing me (Deputy Mayor Bernius) to throw the first pitch on opening day on Saturday April 23rd, 2016;

There being no further “Good News”, Mayor Wandell continued with agenda items:

Resolution to Ratify the 2016-2017 Budget of the Village of Amityville:

Trustee LaLota explained the budget in detail, department by department, stating this is the 4th budget from the current Administration that has complied with the New York State 2% tax cap, and residents that qualify for STAR will receive a \$114.66 check in 2017 offsetting this budget’s tax increase, which in effect holds Village Property Taxes at 2014 levels; Trustee LaLota explained key budget highlights: funds a new police hire; funding for new Fire Department bunker gear; funding for new, weekend EMT hours; funding for new, anti-zombie home legislation and program; Trustee Siry explained that the DPW summer budget allows for increased time hired for DPW to catch-up on “quality of life” issues in the Village; Trustee Smith points out his concern with the budget, stating that the past administration spent \$12 million dollars in a time period of 16 years, at the rate the current

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administration is going with spending we can fall into that same routine; this administration has spent 1.3 million dollars in 3 years and he is concerned we are headed into the same direction as the past administration; Trustee LaLota replies to Trustee Smith's comments stating that the Village doesn't have a revenue problem, but a spending problem. The Village needs to manage expenditures; Trustee LaLota further explained that the Office of the State Comptroller rates all municipalities and fiscal health is measured on a point system ranging from 0-100 with 100 being the worst; Amityville's score is a 73 but of those total points current debt only contributes 0-3 points; in addition Trustee LaLota believes thanks to the Administration and Department Head's hard work the village will be off the fiscal stress list in 2-3; Trustee Smith states that he has been talking about this spending issue for 3 years and questions where additional state aid money is coming from and what strings are attached; Trustee LaLota states that the money is coming from the AIM/State Aid program; Trustee LaLota also states that it is disingenuous for Trustee Smith to question the budget after not attending any work sessions relating to the budget or reaching out to him as Trustee Siry has done;

MOTION to APPROVE the 2016-2017 budget was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Deputy Mayor Bernius

Vote on Resolution:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	nay
Resolution Carried:	4 aye	1 nay

The Resolution is hereby declared approved.

Taxicab Driver's License:

Vincent Lowther for **Lindy's Taxi**, 102 E Carmans Rd, Farmingdale

Deputy Mayor Bernius states that she spoke with Chief Slack and he recommends denial of this application, and she agrees with his judgement;

MOTION to DENY 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

Fausner Pierre Canel for **Lindy's Taxi**, 13 West Smith Street, Amityville

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
	Trustee Smith	aye

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Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

Landscaper License:

JRS Landcare, 115 South 2nd Street Lindenhurst

Ricardo Landscaping, 34 Washington Ave, Amityville

Mayor Wandell asks if Village administration can research a deadline on application for landscaper licenses and suggests April 30th, this way enforcement knows exactly which landscapers are permitted within the Village to ease enforcement; Deputy Mayor Bernius agrees with the Mayor and thinks that it is unfair to the businesses who pay to get their license when there are unlicensed landscapers working;

MOTION Approve was made by Trustee Siry 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

Cabaret License Renewal:

Bruno Surace for Amity Ales, 192 Broadway

Deputy Mayor Bernius states that according to Chief Slack this license should be approved and she agrees and also states that Amity Ales is a great place to have in the Village;

MOTION 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

Application for on-street parking:

Richard & Patricia Golinge, 16 Norman Ave, period of 7 months

Deputy Mayor Bernius states that this is an extenuating circumstance due to Superstorm Sandy;

MOTION Approve 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

Request from Deputy Treasurer:

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ABSTRACT OF AUDITED VOUCHERS AND CHECKS

For the Period April 6, 2016 through April 20, 2016

General Fund

Automated Checks:

Account	Starting #	Ending #	Amount	A/C Balances
Chase General Account	1562	1645	\$345,214.28	\$ 222,175.10

Payroll Fund

Account	Starting #	Ending #	Amount	
Chase Payroll Account	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$96,786.99

Capital Fund

Account	Starting #	Ending #	Amount	
Citibank Capital	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$94,074.35

Trust & Agency Fund

Account	Starting #	Ending #	Amount	
Chase T&A Account	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$247,195.57

Depository Account balance at 4/5/2016 \$ 1,985,115.19

As presented in the official abstract for the Village of Amityville

Jill Cervini, Deputy Treasurer

Approval of Treasurer's Abstracts

MOTION 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

Request from Clerk/Treasurer:

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Request from **Affinity Health** to park outreach van from April 25th – May 20th from 9am – 5pm Monday-Friday in the Library Municipal Lot or under the LIRR viaduct.

Trustee LaLota has an issue with this, the Village has never allowed a business to do this and doesn't want to set precedent; Trustee Siry states that he is not a fan of this;

MOTION to DENY 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 pay **Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.** \$3228 for renewal premium and endorsement of Crime Insurance Policy (for 2016-2017 fiscal year)

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 **Amityville Public Library** to park New York Legal Assistance Group's mobile Legal Help Center Van in the municipal parking lot from 10am – 3pm on Friday, August 5th

Trustee LaLota states that this is a non-profit, public service for 1 day;

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 from **Amityville Public Library** to park Project Renewal's Mobile Mammography van in the municipal parking lot from 9:00 am – 3:30pm on Thursday, September 1st

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
	Trustee Smith	aye

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Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

Request from **After School Select Sports** to offer a sports program at the Amityville Beach

Trustee Siry explains that this program will be administered by the company owned by the Gym Teacher at St. Martin of Tours School and this application comes with a fee; he thinks this is a good thing to give kids an opportunity to get active and have fun; Trustee Smith likes the idea but thinks all the liability paperwork should be taken care of by the Village Attorney first; Deputy Mayor Bernius states that we should have some shaded areas for the kids to go under if the temperature gets too hot, also that the coaches or people running the program be CPR certified for safety reasons; Joan Donnison BVCA asks for clarification of when this will be taking place, Trustee Siry states that it will be taking place during the morning recreation hours at the Amityville Beach along with the other activities being held there;

MOTION to APPROVE with the above stipulation 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 to adopt Settlement & Release with **Cablevision** in the amount of \$75,000 for franchise fees

Deputy Mayor Bernius states that this came about through attendance at a SCOVA meeting; Trustee LaLota explains the reason we send people to attend training is to optimize the way the Village is being run and find whatever sources of non-property-tax revenue are out there; 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

Request from Village Attorney:

Request for payment in the amount of \$825.00 in connection with the Article 78 proceeding in Matthew Demar, **Matt Demar II, Inc.** and Matt Demar IV, Inc. v. Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Amityville, et al

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

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

Resolutions:

Resolution 16-04-25-01 – Resolution ratifying three separate agreements with three employees

Trustee Siry states that he is not in favor or doing this but will go along and vote in favor; Eric Taylor, 30 Forrest Pl, asked if the resolution can be read to the public, Mayor Wandell responds that he can read a public statement explaining the resolution, and read the public statement into the record;

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

Resolution scheduling a public hearing to consider adopting a new chapter 90 of the Code of the Village of Amityville, entitled “**Foreclosure Notification**”

Village Attorney Handler explained this resolution in detail; Mayor Wandell states that this public hearing will be scheduled for the June 13th, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting,

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

The Resolution is hereby declared adopted.

Local Laws- request to hold public hearing on the following proposed local laws:

Proposed Local Law 6- to amend Chapter 51- Buildings, of the code of the Village of Amityville (CVA)

Village Attorney Handler explained this law goes along with the vacant house resolution;

Deputy Mayor Bernius thanks Village Attorney Handler for his diligence on this matter; Joan Donnison BVCA asks how we will become aware of these vacant homes?, she states that it is “Amazing to see how we have come back from Sandy” and that people need to understand that; Joseph LaMana asks if this will include the Brunswick property as well; The board announces that this public hearing will be held at the May 9th, 2016 meeting of the Board of Trustees;

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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

Proposed **Local Law 7** – to amend the Code of the Village of Amityville (CVA) by adding a new Chapter 53 requiring the registration of vacant buildings

Village Attorney Handler explained this law; the mayor announced that this public hearing will be held at the May 9th, 2016 meeting of the Board of Trustees;

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

Proposed **Local Law 8**- a local law to amend Chapter 172, of the code of the Village of Amityville (CVA) establishing fines for various parking violations

Mayor Wandell read Local Law 8 to the public; Trustee LaLota thinks that the law for the fines and the decision on making Wellington Pl a one way street should be separated; Village Attorney says that can be done and Mayor Wandell makes Local Law as stated below; The board announces that this public hearing will be held at the May 9th, 2016 meeting of the Board of Trustees;

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

Proposed **Local Law 9**-a local law to amend Chapter 172, of the code of the Village of Amityville (CVA) designating Wellington Place a one-way street

Trustee Smith offers the suggestion of putting a “no right turn” sign on Wellington Pl at certain hours of the day instead of the “one way” sign; Janet Colletti thanks the Board for addressing this problem; The board announces that this public hearing will be held at the June 13th, 2016 meeting of the Board of Trustees;

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

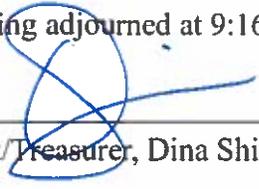
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Vote on Motion:	Mayor Wandell	aye
	Deputy Mayor Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Siry	aye
	Trustee Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

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 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 9:16pm



Clerk/Treasurer, Dina Shingleton

