

**Board of Trustees  
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Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Siry, Trustee Jessica Bernius, Trustee Nick LaLota, Trustee Thomas Whalen

ABSENT: Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police, Glenn Slack  
Chief of Fire Department, Jeff Erath  
Superintendent of Public Works, Bruce Hopper  
Village Attorney, Bruce Kennedy  
Clerk Treasurer, Catherine Murdock  
Administrative Assistant, Katie DeGraff

The salute to the flag was led by Chief Slack.

After the Salute to the flag, Mayor Siry explained that there would be a public hearing regarding the rezoning of 358 Bayview Avenue at the June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting.

Mayor Siry welcomed everyone to the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees

Upon Mayor Siry's request to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees held on **April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, and May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017**, copies of which were distributed to all members of the Board

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

**Mayor's Actions:**

The Junior League presented **Halle Norris** with an award for winning the college scholarship essay contest.

Appoint **Bryan Donato** to Building Inspector at the hourly rate of \$26.44 per hour for 40 hours a week

Mayor Siry and the Board of Trustees discussed waiving the 90 day insurance probation policy and included it in the vote to hire Mr. Donato as Building Inspector at the above rates.

distributed to all members of the Board

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

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Motion Carried: Trustee LaLota aye  
Trustee Whalen aye  
4 aye 0 nays

Summer Positions for approval:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>HOURLY RATE</b>
<b>BEACH MANAGER/DIRECTOR</b>	Terrylynn	Bayon	\$21.25
<b>ASSISTANT BEACH MANAGER</b>			
	Lyndsey	Bayon	\$13.35
	Denise	Jacaruso	\$13.40
	Leslie	Kretz	\$15.45
	William	Kretz	\$15.45
	Claudia	Neville	\$12.40
	John	O'Toole	\$15.45
	Gregory	Smith	\$12.40
	Peter	Stein	\$13.40
<b>LIFEGUARD</b>			
	Jack	Abrams	\$8.50
	Alexander	Byrne	\$9.00
	John F.	Byrne	\$9.00
	Madeline	DeMarco	\$9.00
	Nicholas	DeMarco	\$9.00
	Christie	Catterson	\$9.50
	Ryan	Stumpel	\$9.00

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	Timothy	Stumpel	\$9.00
<b>ASSISTANT BEACH MANAGER/INSTRUCTOR</b>	Allie	McDonough	\$10.50
<b>PICK UP ATTENDANT</b>			
	Kyle	Barsic	\$8.25
	Joseph	DeMarco	\$8.25
	Vincent	DeMarco	\$7.50
	Phil	Gyenis	\$7.50
	Susannah	Karp	\$8.25
	Aidan	Lane	\$7.50
	Edward	Ryan	\$8.25
	Michael	Santos	\$7.50
	John	Schlinger	\$7.50
	Hayden	Shuff	\$7.50
	Riley	White	\$8.25
<b>LIFEGUARD/SAILING INSTRUCTOR</b>	Courtney	Bayon	\$10.50

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>HOURLY RATE</b>
<b>SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR</b>			
	Cameron	Campbell	\$8.25
	Nadiya	Sivin- Kachala	\$8.75

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<b>SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR/LIFEGUARD</b>			
	Claire	DeMarco	\$9.00
	Sarah	Diamond	\$9.00
	Meghan	Jacobsen	\$9.00
<b>CRASH BOAT</b>	Conor	Nugent	\$9.00
<b>SAILING INSTRUCTOR</b>			
	Emily	Nugent	\$8.85
	Aidan	Wheeler	\$10.50
	Gwenyth	Wheeler	\$8.75
<b>SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR/PICK-UP ATTENDANT</b>			
	Jennifer	Schlinger	\$8.60
	Christina	Smith	\$8.25
<b>LABORER</b>	William	Toomey	\$9.50

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

There being no further "Mayors Actions", Mayor Siry continued with the items on the Agenda:

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**Licenses:**

**Taxi Driver's License – New**

Jose E. Espinal 34 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Copiague for **First Class Taxi**

Mohammed Soussi 39 Park Ave E., Merrick for **Lindy's Taxi**

Henry Blum 163 South Broadway, Lindenhurst NY for **Lindy's Taxi**

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

**Taxi Driver's License – Suspension**

Abdul Muhammad, 8 Dogwood Lane Westbury for **Lindy's**

Mayor Siry explained that his license was suspended and he has been removed from the taxi company.

**Cabaret License – Renewal**

Eric Finneran for **Des Pub Inc.** 198 Broadway, Amityville

Mayor Siry stated that all of the same stipulations from last year are to continue to be maintained this year as well.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

**Landscaper License - New**

Keith Ficken for **Fickens Landscaping** 252 Kramer Drive, Lindenhurst

Trustee Whalen pointed out that his insurance papers have expired and requests that they approve the application pending receiving his updated insurance papers.

MOTION to APPROVE with the above stipulation was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Trustee LaLota

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

**Storage of Trailer - Renewal**

David Azougi for **DMA Automotive**, 340 Merrick Road, Amityville

Michael Ryan for **Landtek Group, Inc** 235 County Line Road, Amityville

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Irwin Mintz for **Mr. Grade A Inc** 24 Burch Avenue, Amityville

H. Lee Blumberg for **Blumberg, Cherkoss, Fitz Gibbons & Blumberg, LLP** 330 Broadway,  
Suite 1 Amityville

Peter Litvinoff for **Richmond Auto Body**, 91 Merrick Road Amityville

Joan Donnison of the Bay Village Civic Association expressed her concerns about Richmond Auto Body's application. Trustee Bernius requests that the stipulations for Richmond Auto Body including the lattice work and maintaining the property are upheld. MOTION to APPROVE with the above stipulation was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Trustee LaLota

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

**Request from Deputy Treasurer:**

Approval of **Treasurer's Abstract** from May 18, 2017 to June 06, 2017

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

**Request from Village Assessor:**

Request to make Correction of Error for **Ana Pulistar** 36 Locust Drive – **Senior exemption** application.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request to approve **Napco Decurity Systems Inc.**, Settlement for refund of \$155,000.00

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

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**Request from Clerk/Treasurer:**

Request from Patricia O'Neill 3 Coed Lane Stony, Brook to take wedding photos with wedding party (15-20 people) at **Peterkin Park** and **Amityville Village Gazebo** on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 between 4pm and 5:30 pm.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request from Bethany Guerrieri 65 East Saltaire Road, Lindenhurst to take wedding photos at **Pearsall Park** Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm-7 pm

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request from Gerald Blee to waive residency requirements.

Joanne Saladino 251 Ocean Avenue expressed her concerns on this item.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request from Mr. & Mrs. Schultz 46 S. Bay Avenue to extend building permit a second time.

The original permit was issued June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and extended in October 2016.

Request from Glenn Bernhardt, 20 New Point Place for a building permit fee waiver.

Request from Gregory Gill, 20 Norman Avenue for a building permit fee waiver.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

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**Request to Pay NYCOM Membership dues 2017-2018 \$4,260.00 (A1410.445)**

Mayor Siry explained what NYCOM is to the public.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

**Request to Pay Nelson and Pope for Grant Writing Assistance \$3,422.00 (A1410.440)**

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

**Request to Pay Nelson and Pope for Sanitary Sewer Connection of Beach Bathhouse/  
Concession \$8,400.00 (A1410.440)**

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

**Request to Pay Nelson and Pope for Road Maintenance- Resurfacing Project Management  
\$25,068.50 (HR5110.4)**

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

**Request to Pay Nelson and Pope for Grant Writing Assistance \$4,477.00 (A1410.440)**

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays



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**Request from Fire Department:**

Request to pay **T.M. Kenney's** for New garage door at Bennet Pl. \$4,785.00 (A1624.460)

Chief Erath explained that this went out for bid.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request to pay **South Shore Fire & Safety** for new Scott Bottles \$3,362.00 (A3410.250)

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request to pay **Commander Equipment Supply Corp.** for iPad with telephone connection \$3,800.00 (A3410.420)

Trustee LaLota spoke on behalf of this item on the agenda, Chief Erath answered Trustee LaLota's statement.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request to pay **Neville Auto Supply** for Emergency Repair work \$15,889.60 (A3410.231)

Chief Erath and Village Attorney Bruce Kennedy spoke on behalf of this item on the agenda.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

**Request from Department of Public Works:**

Request to surplus two (2) **DPW Vehicles** for Scrap

- a. #57 International Dump Vin# 1HTSCPHN7NH445789
- b. #51 Chevy Dump, Vin 1GBL7D1E6FV110352

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

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Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request to pay **Sprague** for 2000 Gallons of Gas \$3,373.00 (A1625.10)

Request to pay **Sprague** for 2000 Gallons of Gas \$3,803.00 (A1625.10)

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request to pay **Omni Recycling of Babylon** for 55.52 Ton dumped (Refuse & Waste) \$4,380.76 (A8160.442)

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

**Resolution:**

2017-06-12-01 Resolution for conducting coordinated review and issuing a state **Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)** determination as lead agency in connection with Suffolk County's Water Quality Protection and Restoration program and Land stewardship initiatives

**Resolution 17-06-12-01**

WHEREAS, the Village of Amityville [hereafter "the village"] owns and operates a 17.44 acre heavily used waterfront park known as James Caples Memorial Park, consisting of a beach and pavilion, concession stand, softball field, soccer field, playground and a dog park; and

WHEREAS, the subsurface septic system serving the park is over 50 years old as Village personnel have attested that it needs replacement; and

WHEREAS, as stated in the "State of the Aquifer-2016" by the LI Commission for Aquifer Protection, the primary source of nitrogen contamination to Long Island's groundwater are on-site cesspools and septic systems and that municipal sanitary sewers have greatly reduced the levels of nitrate and nitrogen loading to Great South Bay; and

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WHEREAS, the Village proposes to install a sewer pump at the location of the existing septic system at the concession stand and construct a force main to connect and pipe associated sanitary wastewater to an existing municipal sewer collection system as shown in the Overall Mapping plan, prepared by Nelson & Pope, dated January 2017 [hereafter "the project"]; and

WHEREAS, the Village has proposed to make an application to participate in the Suffolk County Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program (WQPRP), and apply for the use of funding to improve water quality in the Great South Bay, and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed the provisions of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), as related to the proposed action within the municipally owned properties of the above project area; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of the Village of Amityville proposes to declare itself Lead Agency in the review of the project, and issue a SEQRA determination on the action as the sponsoring municipality; and

WHEREAS, to make sure that all aspects of the whole action are included when determining an action, the Village Board has conducted a review of the information contained in the SEQRA documentation consisting of the project plans and a Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) prepared by Nelson, Pope & Voorhis, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action is classified as a Type II Action pursuant to Sections 617.5(c)(2) and (11) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) as detailed in the following:

**617.5(c)(2)** "replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part"

**617.5(c)(11)** "extension of utility distribution facilities, including gas, electric, telephone, cable, water and sewer connections to render service in approved subdivisions or in connection with any action on this list";

And

WHEREAS, any action or class of actions listed as Type II in 617.5 requires no further processing under SEQR or documentation, including the preparation of an EAF, a negative or positive declaration, or an Environmental Impact Statement; and

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WHEREAS, the Village Board, hereby determines that the proposed improvements are desirable, is in the public interest, and will aid the Village in meeting community goals for the Village waterfront area; so therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Village Board hereby declares itself Lead Agency in the review of the project and adopts the Type II classification pursuant to the SEQRA, and be it further;

RESOLVED, that the SEAF and other supporting documentation required by the County of Suffolk is hereto attached and made part of the record and be it further,

RESOLVED, the Village Clerk is directed to transmit Part 1 of the EAF to all other involved agencies identified in the EAF and add a note to the project file indicating that the project was considered under SEQR and met the requirements for a Type II Action and it must still comply with all relevant local laws and ordinances and meet all the criteria or standards for approvals.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

2017-06-12-02 Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to execute **sub recipient agreement** with the Housing Trust Fund Corporation.

**Resolution 17-06-12-02**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF AMITYVILLE TO ENTER INTO THE REQUIRED SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE HOUSING TRUST FUND CORPORATION AS REQUIRED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NY STATE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT—DISASTER RECOVERY (CDBG-DR) PROGRAM; AND, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM.**

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, the United States Congress, through Public Law passed the Disaster Relief Appropriations Act of 2013 (Public Law 113-2, approved January 29, 2013), as amended (the "Act"), appropriating \$16 billion, later reduced to \$15.18 billion, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") for Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery ("CDBG-DR") funds for necessary expenses related to disaster relief, long-term recovery, restoration of infrastructure, and housing and economic revitalization in the most impacted and distressed areas resulting from a major disaster declared due to Superstorm Sandy and

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other eligible events, including Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee, in calendar years 2011, 2012, and 2013, subject to the Federal statutes and regulations governing Community Development Block Grants, as modified by exceptions and waivers previously granted and which may hereafter be granted by HUD; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the CDBG-DR Grant Program and Federal Register Notice (79 Fed. Reg. 62,182), entitled *Third Allocation, Waivers and Alternative Requirements for Grantees Receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Funds in Response to Hurricane Sandy* (as amended), the State has received a third allocation of CDBG-DR funds from HUD in the amount of \$605,922,000 (of which \$185,000,000 has been allocated towards the proposals developed through the Rebuild by Design competition); and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Amityville has been notified of its ability to participate in the New York State CDBG-DR Program; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of the CDBG-DR Program requires the execution of the Subrecipient Agreement between the Village of Amityville and the Housing Trust Fund Corporation, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the Village of Amityville that, the Mayor be hereby authorized to enter into the required Subrecipient Agreement with the Housing Trust Fund Corporation to secure CDBG-DR funds; and, to sign any and all documents required in the administration of the New York State CDBG-DR Program.

Mayor Siry and Trustee Bernius explained what this agreement was and the process of how the Village will be taking over the program.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

2017-06-12-03 Resolution to have the Village Board included in a public decision making process before the IDA's make determinations on giving tax breaks to properties within its jurisdiction.

**Resolution 17-06-12-03**

**WHEREAS** The Town of Babylon and Suffolk County Industrial Development Agencies, also known as IDA's, have authorized \$63,348 worth of 2017 Village property

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tax reductions and approximately \$120,000 worth of 2017 Town, County, Library and School District property tax reductions for properties within the incorporated Village of Amityville, and

**WHEREAS** said Village reductions range from \$5,630 to \$27,105 and have been granted to five of the Village's approximately 4,000 taxable parcels, including those owned by WM Erath & Son, Sorvan Self Storage, E. Clips USA and Jaxson LLC., and

**WHEREAS** when an IDA reduces one Village property owner's taxes, every other property owner in that jurisdiction is increased, because it is forced to compensate for the loss in County, Town, School District and Village property taxes, and

**WHEREAS** the Town and County IDA's 2017 reductions of \$63,348 in Village property taxes and approximately \$120,000 in County, Town, Library and School District taxes, caused a Village property taxpayer whose home is valued at \$375,000, to pay approximately \$45 more in property taxes to compensate for the 2017 IDA reductions, and

**WHEREAS** New York State Law allows IDA's to authorize tax breaks that affect the tax rolls of other jurisdictions such as School Districts and Villages, without the express consent of the respective elected School Boards or Village Boards, and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Babylon IDA has announced its intention to authorize an additional \$240,000 (approximate) in 2018 property tax reductions at 369 Bayview Avenue (Hi-Tech Pharmaceutical) and at 151 Dixon Avenue (Kenneth J. Herman, Inc.), and

**WHEREAS** said reductions will cause a Village property taxpayer whose home is valued at \$375,000 to pay approximately \$105 more in 2018 property taxes to offset the IDA's so-called tax breaks, and

**WHEREAS** Long Island residential property taxpayers already pay the highest taxes in the nation as indicated by a 2016 report by Attom Data Solutions and published by Newsday on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2017, and the Attom report showed across the country, homeowners paid an average \$3,296 in property taxes while the average Long Island home paid more than \$10,000 in 2016, and

**WHEREAS** Rather than lowering select property owners' taxes at the expense of others, Elected and Appointed Governmental Officials should implement reforms which benefit all property taxpayers equally, and

**WHEREAS** the Village Board desires to be included in a public decision making process before the IDA's make determinations on giving tax breaks to properties within its jurisdiction, and

**WHEREAS** General Municipal Laws § 907-a and § 911-a govern the authorities granted to the Town of Babylon and Suffolk County IDA's, respectively, and

**WHEREAS** The Village Board seeks immediate legislative intervention by its State Representatives and understands that an amendment to General Municipal Laws § 907-a and § 911-a, adding the following language which is derived from General Municipal Law § 905 (Town of Hempstead Industrial Development Agency), will give the Village the input it is seeking:

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*Prior to the approval of any application for a payment in lieu of taxes (hereinafter referred to in this section as "PILOT") agreement by the agency for a project located in the village of Amityville, the chief executive officer of the affected village shall be consulted. The agency shall also consult with the village governing body prior to any PILOT agreement being approved by the agency for a project located in the village of Amityville. In addition, the agency shall obtain an impact analysis to determine the impact on the village of the project and the planned PILOT agreement. The applicant for such PILOT agreement shall bear the costs related to the required impact analysis. The agency and the village governing body shall jointly select a qualified entity to conduct the impact analysis. The membership of the agency, when reviewing applications and approving PILOT agreements for projects located in the village of Amityville, shall include at least one member of the village's governing body and at least three at large members drawn from a cross section of the village community.*

*The agency shall review any PILOT agreement for a project located in the village of Amityville after the third year of entering into such PILOT agreement, and every third year thereafter, and adjust the PILOT agreement accordingly based on changes to the assessed value and tax rate of all other real properties located in such villages. The agency shall provide a written report to the village of Amityville documenting any and all variances or changes to the projected revenues of the village from any such PILOT agreement.*

*A PILOT agreement for a project located in the village of Amityville shall not be renewed or renegotiated until a full audit has been completed of the accounts of the party obligated to make payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to the PILOT agreement with the agency. The agency and the village governing body shall jointly choose a qualified entity to conduct such audit. The party that is obligated to make payments in lieu of taxes pursuant to the PILOT agreement with the agency shall bear the costs of preparing such audit. The village of Amityville may request from the office of the state comptroller an audit or review of the audit prior to the renewal or renegotiation of a PILOT agreement for a project located in the village of Amityville.*

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the Village of Amityville is directed to send a copy of this resolution via certified return receipt US Mail to the Chief Executive Officers of the Town of Babylon and Suffolk County IDA's and the Village's State Assembly and Senate Representatives and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is directed to contact the Chief Executive Officers of the Town of Babylon and Suffolk County IDA's and invite them to appear semi-annually at a public meeting of the Board of Trustees to apprise the Board and the public regarding business before their agencies within the geographic boundaries of the Village.

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Mayor Siry explained the resolution and Trustee LaLota explained to the public what the IDA is. Maureen Howard 40 Franklin Street and Lauren Haffner 294 South Bayview Avenue expressed their concerns on this item on the agenda. Trustee Whalen explained his meeting with Rich Schaffer; that he would have someone here regularly on this matter, not just twice a year.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

There being no further items on the "Agenda" Mayor Siry opened the floor to the public:

**Alan Rankin** 178 South Bayview Avenue asked about the status of 164 South Bayview the zombie home. Bruce Hopper Superintendent of Public Works stated that they have been in contact with the homeowner and the home will be cleaned up. Mr. Rankin also thanked Chief Slack and the Police for all of the great work they do, they came to his aid when he needed.

**Joanne Saladino** 251 Ocean Avenue asked what can be done about the Verizon pole that has gone up outside her home, Mayor Siry explained that it is really out of the Village's hands but he will look into the company to see who installed the pole.

**Joseph LaMana** 127 Richmond Avenue asked if we can look into the trailer that is parked under the railroad tracks, there are no plates or registration. Mayor Siry stated they will look into it and congratulated Joseph LaMana on his Eagle Scout award.

**Donelle Cronin** 32 Mole Place asked if the July 3<sup>rd</sup> celebration is in line with the budget for this year. Mayor Siry answered yes, they are just finalizing numbers with the Department of Public Works and the Amityville Police Department.

**Lauren Haffner** 294 South Bayview Avenue asked when the end of South Bayview Avenue would be getting paved, Mayor Siry answered that it is on the fall schedule.

**Joan Donnison** Bay Village Civic Association questioned who owned the sidewalk at the corner of Merrick Road and Ketcham Ave, when the Brownstones parking lot was redone they paved it and it became a parking spot now but it should be Village property. Mayor Siry explained that he will look into that and talk to Manny about it.

**Trustee Bernius** gave some good news that Julie DeVecchis will be back at the Amityville Beach this summer! Mayor Siry added that beach volleyball started up on



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Wednesday nights down at the beach. Chief Slack congratulated Carolyn James on her "hero award" she received.

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

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 9:24pm



Catherine Murdock, Clerk/Treasurer