

**Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes
February 27, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Siry, Deputy Mayor Smith,
Trustee Whalen, Trustee O'Neill, Trustee Owen E. Brooks, Jr.,

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney, Bruce Kennedy
APD Chief Bryan Burton
AFD 2nd Assistant Chief Rob Macomber
Building Inspector Michael Breitweg
Bruce Hopper, Superintendent DPW
Catherine C. Murdock, Clerk/Treasurer
Wendy O'Neill, Assistant to the Mayor

Mayor Siry welcomed all in attendance and asked Chief Burton to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith announced upcoming events: Mayor's Spring Social sponsored by Kiwanis at the Masonic Lodge, March 5th, 3 – 7 p.m.; Library Election and Budget Vote April 4th; Library Defensive Driving Course, March 4th and Library-sponsored Shredding Day, March 11th; Rotary Gift of Life Gala on June 1st; Rotary Duck Race on August 5th; AFD Blood Drive on April 17th and AFD Chemical Hose Bonko Fundraiser, March 25th. See flyers and the Village website calendar for information.

Mayor's Actions

Request to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 13th, 2023

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee O'Neill and seconded by Trustee Whalen

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Approve **Jackson Nehring**, age 10, as a new member of the AFD Juniors

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Revise **the Local Planning Committee (LPC)** to appoint Stephen Greenwald, Chair; and members Peter Casserly; Tracey Cullen; Joanne Fisk; Christopher Geiger, Jenn Ronzo

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

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Cancel the public hearing for the expansion and rezoning of the property at Louden Ave. and Rte. 110

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Brooks and seconded by Trustee O'Neill

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Landscaper License Renewal

Santos F. Ramos Chicas for **SFR Landscaping**, 169 Twin Lawns Ave. Brentwood, NY 11717

Michael Kaplan, MDG Landscaping, 164 Ocean Ave., Lindenhurst, NY 11757

Santos Rodriguez, Santos Landscaping, 97 Archer St., Freeport, NY 11520

MOTION to APPROVE the above applications (a. through c.) with all previous stipulations was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Cabaret License Renewal

Ruth Oloyede, **Assurance Luxe Event**, 12 Broadway, Amityville

Luis E. Bermeo, **Sophia Italian Bistro**, 71 Merrick Rd., Amityville

Carolyn Emmert, **C & L Tavern - Toomey's Tavern**, 251 S. Ketcham Ave., Amityville

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Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Coin Operated Amusement Device License

Carolyn Emmert, **C & L Tavern – Toomey's Tavern**, 251 S. Ketcham Ave., Amityville

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

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Tow Truck License - New

Thomas A. Nuss for **Bang's Towing & Storage, Inc.**, 25 Elm Pl., Amityville

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Request from Deputy Treasurer

Request to approve the abstract from February 13th, 2023 to February 22nd, 2023

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee O'Neill and seconded by Trustee Whalen

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Request from Clerk/Treasurer

Request to pay **Total Technology Solutions** for Village Hall monthly billing – February in the amount of \$4,484.05 (A0-1625-440)

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Request from **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 147 Park Ave., Amityville, to use the Amityville Beach south pavilion and its facilities on Sunday, April 9, 2023 for an Easter Dawn Sunrise Service from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., with set up on Saturday, April 8th, 2023 at 10 a.m.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Request from Kieran McDermitt for **Island Slowpitch** to use the Amityville Beach south field for softball league on Sundays, March 26 through October 29th, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesdays

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from March 28th through October 31, from 5:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m. and Wednesdays, from March 29th to November 1, from 5:30 p.m. to 10:45 p.m.

MOTION to TABLE was made by Trustee O'Neill and seconded by Trustee Brooks

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	0 nays

Request from **Amityville Soccer League** for field use (Beach and Loudon), Monday through Friday, 3:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sat and Sun., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., from March 1 through June 30, 2023

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee O'Neill and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	0 nays

Request from Steven Brice for **First United Methodist Church** to advertise on the Village entranceway signs a Flower & Plant sale on May 13th, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Brooks and seconded by Trustee O'Neill

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	0 nays

Request from Joan Donnison, for **Bay Village Civic Association** to sponsor a Shredder Event on Saturday, April 15, from 10 A.M. - Noon at the 9/11 Parking Lot

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	0 nays

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Request from Joan Donnison, for **Bay Village Civic Association** to conduct a Farmer’s Market at 9/11 Park on Broadway, from Saturday, June 3rd through October 14th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and use the adjacent light poles on Broadway to display a sign, starting in mid-May 2023

MOTION to APPROVE with location to be discussed was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Request to pay **AFLAC** for monthly employee premiums in the amount of \$2,820.09 (A0-6040-0) MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Trustee Brooks

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Request to pay **CSEA Employee Benefit Fund** for Group health plan in the amount of \$5,366.90 (A0-9060-803 \$3,472.70; A0-9060-804 \$315.70; A0-9060-801 \$157.85; A0-9060-806 \$157.85; A0-9060-805 \$473.55; A0-9060-802 \$789.25)

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Request from Police Department

Training Request 2023-8: DWI Detection and Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) Course at Suffolk County Police Department Police Academy, Brentwood, as scheduled on March 1st – March 3rd, April 5th through April 7th; and April 19th through April 21st from 1500 -2300 hours. Police Officers scheduled for training: Brian Governanti, Matthew Rousseau and Carley Fahey

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee O’Neill and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

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Training Request 2023-9: Active Shooter Training – Amityville Memorial High School, March 21, April 11 and April 24, from 1900 – 2300 hours, for all APD Officers as scheduled, with instructors Sgt. Gerald Blee and PO David Fuertes.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Request for a **Budget Modification** to increase A0-3120.231 Vehicle Repair, by \$5,000.00 and decrease: A0-3120.250 Enforcement Equipment, by \$2,000.00; 3120.416, Training by \$2,000.00; and A0-3120.413 Print/Postage by \$1,000.00.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Request to pay **Total Technology Solutions** for auvik billing per device and monthly billing for February DATTO, etc. in the amount of \$3,096.70 (A0-3120-261)

Request to pay **Total Technology Solutions** for technical support time block and 20-hour technical support in the amount of \$3,900.00 (A0-3120-261)

MOTION to APPROVE the above two agenda items was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Request from Fire Department

Request to pay **Motorola Solutions, Inc.** for radios and accessories in the amount of \$7,045.10 (A0-3410-251)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee O’Neill and seconded by Trustee Brooks

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

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Department of Public Works

Request to pay Global Fueling Systems for gas tank repairs in the amount of \$3,513.00 (A0-1622-460)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee O'Neill and seconded by Trustee Whalen

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Request to pay Sprague for 2944 gallons of 91 octane gas in the amount of \$8,590.03 (A0-1625-410)

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Public Comments

Chris Shirley, 32 Avon Place, Amityville, addressed the Board on behalf of several neighbors concerning a possible new grocery store at 127 Broadway. He voiced displeasure with the idea, citing concerns about declining property values, privacy and safety. He expressed concern about delivery trucks using Avon Pl. and opposed the rumor that a vacant lot adjacent to them would be converted into a parking lot. He stated that residents do not want to be taken advantage of.

Mayor Siry said that would not happen and confirmed that there are in fact talks between the property owners and a supermarket for 127 Broadway, which is an allowable use under the property's zoning. Should the sale go through, all proper procedures would be followed, including any Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board approvals that may be needed.

Trustee O'Neill said that while the Village had had conversations with Father Gordon some time ago about the parking lot, they were told the lot was not for sale.

Grlic Marino, 50 Avon Pl., also voiced concern about property values and the impact of increased traffic on his quality of life. He said he moved his family here to get away from the city, and Avon Pl. is already a throughway/cut through to Broadway. Safety for the children is a concern.

Garó Tekeyan, 54 Avon Pl., expressed similar concerns about safety, including the street angle at Avon Pl. and Broadway, making turning cars and pedestrian crossing difficult.

Susan D'Amico, 47 Avon Pl., a 57-year resident, commented that their lovely street would be negatively impacted by traffic.

Mayor Siry acknowledged the residents' concerns and also pointed out that he hopes whatever new business moves in is a thriving business. If there are current traffic concerns with speeding on Avon Place, he hopes Chief Burton and the APD will address it.

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Luba Gretchen Shirley, 32 Avon Pl., stated that only local deliveries are allowed on Avon Pl. by Village Code, and asked the Village to stipulate that a driveway be rerouted to Broadway. Trader Joe’s in Merrick has a driveway of this configuration. She also expressed concern about her safety in getting out of her driveway, potential noise, car exhaust, and light disruption. She also stated that the adjacent property owned by St. Martins is dual zoned as residential and historic. She asked about potential plans for that property, to which **Trustee Whalen** said that if the Village were to purchase the property it would be for municipal use.

Mayor Siry also pointed out that since Broadway is a state road, road opening permits go through the NYS Department of Transportation, as the Village does not have jurisdiction. He also spoke in favor of retail business on Broadway. Deputy Mayor Smith also expressed support for the project.

Thomas Tenor, 51 Avon Pl., addressed the Board to ensure that if the church property was to be rezoned, the residents would be notified. He also offered to lend his commercial real estate expertise to the Village.

Jim Kohler, 38 Avon Pl., reflected on memories of a once quiet street and asked the Trustees to consider relocating truck deliveries away from Avon Pl.

Joan Donnison, Bay Village Civic Association, asked about the cancellation of the Avalon Bay South hearing, to which Mayor Siry explained that Avalon Bay broke off the contract and would not be pursuing the south property for development. She also asked about the formation of a committee to review storefront renovations/facades, approved earlier in the meeting. Façade program applications should be out next week, following up with the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and their work should be done within a year, Mayor Siry said.

MOTION to ADJOURN was made by Trustee O’Neill and seconded by Trustee Whalen

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	0 nays

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Catherine C. Murdock
Clerk/Treasurer