

**Board of Trustees Special Meeting  
Minutes  
October 5, 2023**

The Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order at 8:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Siry, Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith; Trustee Michael O’Neill, Trustee Roger Smith, Trustee Owen Brooks, Jr.  
MEMBERS ABSENT: AFD Chief Gavin Budde  
ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney Bruce Kennedy  
APD Chief Bryan Burton  
Building Inspector Michael Breitweg  
DPW Superintendent Bruce Hopper  
Clerk/Treasurer Catherine Murdock  
Assistant to the Mayor Wendy O’Neill

Mayor Siry welcomed everyone to the Special Board of Trustees Meeting to pay bills and invited Chief Burton to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Siry asked Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith for upcoming events, including Amityville Teacher’s Association Truck or Treat and breast cancer walk at AMHS on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>; Rotary Apple Festival, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>; Ragamuffin Parade and AMHS Homecoming Parade on Oct. 21; “The Wall That Heals” Vietnam tribute on display Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> at Tanner Park, and the Haunted Harvest on 10/7 on Park Avenue.

**Mayor’s Actions**

Request to approve Board of Trustees special meeting minutes of September 25th, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Trustee Roger Smith and seconded by Trustee Brooks

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith	aye
	Trustee Michael O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Owen Brooks	aye
	Trustee Roger Smith	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Request to approve the hire of **Kenneth Jacobs, Wesley Peterson, and Charles Scudlo** to the position of Code Enforcement Officer, with a starting salary of \$20.00 per hour

MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Trustee O’Neill and seconded by Trustee Roger Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith	aye
	Trustee Michael O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Owen Brooks	aye
	Trustee Roger Smith	aye

Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

**Licenses**

**Storage of Trailer – New**

Andre Holmes, 72 Purdy La., Amityville

Co-applicant Lisa Holmes explained that her family needs to have a safe dwelling to live in while they dormer the second floor and make other improvements prior to moving in. As such, they wish to place a mobile home on the front lawn for 4-8 weeks during construction.

The Mayor, Trustees and Village Attorney pointed out that such trailer approval is usually reserved for emergency repairs, and questioned whether their timeline was too ambitious, and pointed out Planning Board approval may also be required, adding to their timeline. Realtor Jenn Ronzo explained that they expect to close on their current and new homes in early November and they need to plan for temporary accommodations.

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The Board welcomed them to the community but recommended that they pursue other temporary housing options.

MOTION TO TABLE was made by Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith and seconded by Trustee O'Neill

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

**Request from Deputy Treasurer**

Request to approve the abstract from September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Trustee Roger Smith and seconded by Trustee Brooks

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

**Request from Clerk/Treasurer**

Request to pay **Total Technology Solutions** for seven (7) new computers for Village Hall/DPW in the amount of \$8,252.98 (A0-1625-440)

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

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

Request to pay **Aflac** for premiums in the amount of \$2,522.36 (A0-6040)

MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith and seconded by Trustee Roger Smith

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

Request to pay **Nelson & Pope** for Amityville Roadway Resurfacing Phase A Prep Work Orders and Inspection and Office Support in the amount of \$16,876.75 (A0-1410-440)

Mayor Siry noted the upcoming project is for paving of the municipal lot at Village Hall within the next couple of weeks.

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

Request for a Budget Modification to decrease #7550.440 - Celebrations – General Contractual, in the amount of \$808.68 and increase #7310.440 - Youth-General/Contractual, in the amount of \$808.68

MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Trustee O'Neill and seconded by Trustee Roger Smith

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

Request to pay **Sourcepass/Total Technology Solutions** for Village Hall monthly billing in the amount of \$4,393.05 (AO-1625-440)

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

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

**Request from Police Department**

Request approval for **Training Request** 2023-20: Active Shooter Training, November 2nd, 1900 – 2300 hours, at APD training room

Trustee O'Neill requested that Chief Burton provide a current list of Blue Card time.

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

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

**Request from Fire Department**

Request to pay **Hi-Tech Fire & Safety, Inc.** for five (5) sets of turnout gear in the amount of \$17,680.12 (A0-3410-414)

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

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	Trustee Roger Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	0 nays

Request from AFD **3rd Assistant Chief Matthew Gross** to place recruitment signs at 3 – 4 specific locations along the roadway within the village

Mayor Siry noted that the signs are funded through a NY State grant.

MOTION TO APPROVE with stipulation that site selection includes DPW Superintendent and signs do not block the Village entranceway signs was made by Trustee Brooks and seconded by Trustee O'Neill

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

**Public Comments**

**Joan Donnison**, 150 S. Ketcham Ave., asked if the new quality of life officers would be assigned on weekends, which was affirmed. She added that the Apple Festival will be held in the Park Ave. gym if it is raining. If raining, the Farmer's Market will not be held at 9/11 Park.

A brief conversation ensued about changing the Village Code for parking ratios for multiple dwelling units as they do not appear to be sufficient. Village Attorney Bruce Kennedy advised that the Board be scientific about choosing a new ratio and use an expert to develop new guidelines.

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Trustee O'Neill and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Dennis Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith	aye
	Trustee Michael O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Owen Smith	aye
	Trustee Roger Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	0 nays

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

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Catherine C. Murdock  
Clerk/Treasurer