

**Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes  
October 23, 2023**

The Board of Trustees Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Siry, Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith; Trustee Michael O’Neill, Trustee Roger Smith, Trustee Owen Brooks, Jr.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT:

Village Attorney Bruce Kennedy  
APD Chief Bryan Burton  
AFD Chief Gavin Budde  
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 Board of Trustees Meeting and invited Chief Burton to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Siry asked Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith for upcoming events, which are as follows: First Methodist Church Craft Fair (rescheduled) for Sat., Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>; Amityville Teachers Assn. Trunk or Treat and Breast Cancer Walk at AMHS, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>; annual Kiwanis Flag of Honor Display Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> through Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> (see a Kiwanian for details); and Amityville Memorial High School Homecoming Parade (rescheduled) on Saturday Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>. The Village Veteran’s Day Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. at the Triangle.

Mayor Siry called for Trustees to present Committee September reports.

**Justice Court** – report to come in November (Trustee Smith)

**Department of Public Works** –October 2023 (Trustee O’Neill)

Hauled and disposed 10.34 tons municipal waste, 13.12 tons C&D, 14.97 tons non-recyclable mixed debris, 8.05 tons yard waste, 8.35 tons screened street sweepings, 10 cubic yards stump grindings no charge/ compost use

Removed the old stump and planted a memorial tree (red Bud) Richmond Ave and Merrick Rd. (in memory of Rhea Darling, from the Bay Village Civic Association)

Supplied the Amityville Police Department with light tower and cones for a special Police check point. Barricades /Banner installation for the Apple Festival 10/07/2023

Cleared the roadway (Sunrise Highway) of dumped skid of ceramic floor tiles

Rebuilt a storm drain on Grand Central Ave.

Cut and regraded/compacted the flow line /driveway at 80 Sterling Place

Picked up dumped tree limbs - various locations

Continue to winterize the water systems of the Village-owned properties

Continue to landscape Village properties and cleaned the overgrowth at the end of Swartout Pl.

Sorted and disposed of a dumped boat and trailer loaded with trash (Village boat ramp)

Continue to clean and seal the teak benches

Continue to groom and line the ballfield last play day November 1, 2023\* Extended to November 21, 2023 due to rainouts.

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**Amityville Fire Department – August (Trustee Brooks)**

<b><u>ALARM RESPONSE</u></b>	<b><u>NUMBER OF ALARMS</u></b>
EMS/Rescue	126
Motor Vehicle Accident	14
Miscellaneous Fire	5
Carbon Monoxide Alarm	3
Structure Fire	26
Working Fire	3
Water Rescue	0
Technical Rescue	1
Standby	3
Vehicle Fire	0
Brush Fire	2
	<b>TOTAL 183</b>

September (Trustee Brooks)

<b><u>ALARM RESPONSE</u></b>	<b><u>NUMBER OF ALARMS</u></b>
EMS/Rescue	130
Motor Vehicle Accident	16
Miscellaneous Fire	3
Carbon Monoxide Alarm	3
Structure Fire	22
Working Fire	3
Water Rescue	1
Technical Rescue	1
Standby	3
Vehicle Fire	0
Brush Fire	1
	<b>TOTAL 183</b>

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**Amityville Police Department – September (Trustee Brooks)**

Type of Activity	MTD	YTD
<b>Arrests</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>149</b>
Sex- Male - MTD: <b>12</b> YTD: <b>116</b>		
Female        - <b>1</b> YTD: <b>33</b>		
MTD: <b>0</b> YTD: <b>0</b>		
Unknown- <b>3</b> YTD: <b>13</b>		
MTD: <b>6</b> YTD: <b>81</b>		
Class- Felony- MTD: <b>4</b> YTD: <b>49</b>		
Misd -		
MTD:		
Violat-		
MTD:		
<b>Blotters</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>4886</b>
<b>Cases</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>608</b>
Class- Felony- MTD: <b>5</b> YTD: <b>45</b>		
Misd - <b>11</b> YTD: <b>145</b>		
MTD: <b>25</b> YTD: <b>280</b>		
Violat-		
MTD:		
<b>Citations</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>1506</b>
Type- Parking- MTD: <b>0</b> YTD: <b>0</b>		
Traffic- <b>145</b> YTD: <b>1506</b>		
MTD: <b>0</b> YTD: <b>0</b>		
Summons-		
MTD:		
<b>Field Interviews</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Impounds</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Juveniles</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Sex- Male - MTD: <b>0</b> YTD: <b>0</b>		
Female - MTD: <b>0</b> YTD: <b>0</b>		
Unknown- MTD: <b>0</b> YTD: <b>0</b>		
Class- Felony- MTD: <b>0</b> YTD: <b>0</b>		
Misd - MTD: <b>0</b> YTD: <b>0</b>		
Violat- MTD: <b>0</b> YTD: <b>0</b>		
<b>Medical Aided</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>819</b>
<b>Traffic Accidents</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>258</b>
Type- Fatal- MTD: <b>0</b> YTD: <b>0</b>		
Injury- <b>12</b> YTD: <b>49</b>		
MTD: <b>20</b> YTD: <b>209</b>		
Other-		
MTD:		

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**Building Department – September 2023 (Trustee Smith)**

Revenue \$	18,210.00
Permits Issued	28
Permits Closed	30
Inspections Performed	55
Complaints Received	24
Complaints Resolved	11
CO Searches & FOILS	38

**Fire Marshal**

Fire Safety Inspection	
Responded to Callouts	1

Mayor Siry announced that the Village Hall municipal lot #11 had been paved today and apologized to for any parking inconvenience. Great progress has been made with the repair of the municipal lot, he said.

**Mayor’s Actions**

Request to approve Board of Trustees special meeting minutes of October 5th, 2023

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 approve **Kailey Carman**, age 16, as junior member, AFD, as approved by Council on October 17, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Trustee Brooks 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**

Jill Caltabiano, **Long Island Mobile Home Leasing** for Denise Noto, 170 Bayview Ave., Amityville

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

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**Request from Deputy Treasurer**

Request to approve the abstract from October 5th, 2023 – October 18th, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Trustee Roger 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 Clerk/Treasurer**

Request from Richard Handler for the **Amityville Rotary Club** for permission to install a peace pole in 9/11 Memorial Park

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 from Patrick B. Woods for **St. Martin of Tours Knights of Columbus** to place a Christmas Nativity on the Village Green (at the triangle) for the period from November 25, 2023 to January 13, 2024.

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 Megan Messmann for **Girl Scout Troop 262** to conduct a clean-up of the paths at Delano Preserve

A brief discussion of the clean-up and tick awareness project ensued, and Trustee O’Neill made it clear he was not in favor of this project because of inherent dangers.

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	nay
	Trustee Owen Brooks	aye
	Trustee Roger Smith	aye
Motion Carried:	4 ayes	1 nay

Request from **Megan Messmann** to use the beach pavilion for a soccer team party on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Trustee O'Neill 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 Bridie Ledwell to conduct the **Peter J. O'Neill, Jr. 5-K Race** on Saturday, November 25, 2023, starting at 1:00 p.m. with route to come (south of Merrick Road on west side of River).

MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Deputy Mayor Kevin 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 **Stephen R. Brice**, 144 Ocean Ave., for removal of sidewalk in front of 12 Dowsing Pl., Amityville

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 Joan Donnison for permission for **Bay Village Civic Association** to purchase and place at least three (3) benches for the periphery of the ballfields, facing the parking lot

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 Dina Shingleton, **Amityville Apothecary**, for permission to host a Haunted Harvest event on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 with a rain date Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (10 a.m. to 9 p.m. for road closure, with event 12 p.m. – 7 p.m.).

MOTION TO APPROVE the date only (approval of time yet to be determined) 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

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Request to pay **NYS Employee Health Insurance Acct.** for health benefits in the amount of \$223,532.99

MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Trustee Roger 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 to pay **Edmunds Govtech Inc.** for Finance and Tax software contract in the amount of \$7,271.25 (AO-1625.440)

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 **CSEA Employee Benefit Fund** for Dental and Vision premiums in the amount of \$5,411.44

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 Police Department**

Request approval for **Training Request 2023-21:** Active Shooter Training for School Resource Officer, October 17<sup>th</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 0700 – 1700 hours, at Bellerose Elementary School, 253 Bellerose Avenue, East Northport, NY 11731

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 **Motorola Solutions, Inc.** for radios, antennae, and multiplexer for new cars in the amount of \$15,161.01 (AO-3120-230)

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

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Request to pay **East Coast Emergency Lighting** for upfit of new police vehicles in the amount of \$29,436.90 (AO-3120.230)

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 Fire Department**

Request to approve purchase of new ambulance from **Proliner** in the amount of \$274,900.00 with ARPA funds from Town of Babylon

MOTION TO APPROVE was made by Deputy Mayor Kevin 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 for Budget Modification to increase acct. #3410.102, EMS Overtime, in the amount of \$5,000.00 and decrease acct. # 3410.445, Trainings and Schools, in the amount of \$5,000.00

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 Department of Public Works**

Request to purchase a diagnostic scanner from **FCar** to help read codes for village-owned vehicles in the amount of \$5,495.00

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 **Sprague** for 3004 gallons of 91 octane gas in the amount of \$8,743.76 (AO-1625-410)

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



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**Public Hearings**

Call for a public hearing on November 27th, 2023 on **Introductory Local Law No 9 of the year 2023** to prohibit unauthorized signs on public highways

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

Call for a hearing on November 27th, 2023 on **Introductory Local Law No 10 of the year 2023** to establish an Historic Preservation Commission for the Village of Amityville

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

**Public Comments**

**Marian Brendel**, 112 Francesca Way, president of Village Estates, expressed anger and dismay about ongoing vehicular accidents on Sunrise Highway that damage their property's fencing. She stated that she reached out to the Village and NYS DoT. Mayor Siry said he had contacted DoT (which did not determine a need for a guardrail), however, he will reach out again, and to other elected officials.

Other residents of Village Estates expressed similar concerns:

**Barbara Salvaggio**, VP, Village Estates, asked about reconfiguring the merge lane and/or speed humps.

**Andrea DeMarinis** complained that PD refused to allow them to replace their damaged/missing fence with temporary plywood, saying it would be a distraction.

**Juan Sini** of Village Estates thanked the Mayor and Trustees for their prompt assistance with getting a crosswalk striped on Union Ave. for a pedestrian crossing at St. Martin's church and school.

**Diane Mellish**, 22 S. Ketcham Ave., asked for details on the funding source for the newly approved ambulance. Mayor Siry confirmed it was purchased with funds from the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) through the Town Babylon.

**Joan Donnison**, 150 S. Ketcham Ave., asked for greater detail in the monthly APD reports regarding accidents (year-over-year comparisons). Mayor Siry agreed, and Trustee Brooks cited a concerning *Newsday* article about the high rate of accidents on LI, which affects the Village as well.

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

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 7:42 p.m.

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Catherine C. Murdock  
Clerk/Treasurer