

**Board of Trustees  
Minutes  
Sept. 10, 2018**

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police, Glenn Slack  
Fire Chief, Leeland Greey  
Building Code Enforcer, Bryan Donato  
Clerk Treasurer, Catherine Murdock  
Assistant to the Mayor, Wendy O'Neill

Mayor Siry welcomed everyone to the September 10, 2018 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Salute to the Flag was led by Chief Slack.

**Mayor's Actions:**

Mayor Siry requested to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2018 Board of Trustees meeting minutes.

MOTION to APPROVE the August 13, 2018 Board of Trustees minutes was made by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Trustee Whalen.

Vote on Motion	Mayor Siry	aye		
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye		
	Trustee LaLota	aye		
	Trustee Whalen	aye		
	Trustee Bernius	abstain		
Motion Carried:	4 ayes	0 nays	1 abstain	

Mayor Siry requested to hire **Cierra Correa** as Call-in Detention Attendant effective September 11, 2018 at the hourly rate of \$15.30 for daytime hours (8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.) and \$20.40 for nights and weekends and approve waiver of residency.

Trustee LaLota asked if applications were received from Village residents for this position, which is also referred to as “matron”. Chief Slack explained that seven applications were received, and Ms. Correa’s application is only one with a complete background check, thus far. Trustee LaLota asked for assurance that other Village residents who are eligible would also be considered for additional open positions.

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

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

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Upon Mayor Siry's request, hire **Stephanie Ulloa** as **Call-in EMT/Paramedic** at the hourly rate of \$21.50 per hour and approve waiver of residency.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith.

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

**Request from Clerk/Treasurer**

Request to approve Village of Amityville Comprehensive Storm Drainage Improvements Study performed by Nelson & Pope.

**Russell Scott** and **Joe DeLuca** from **Nelson & Pope** reviewed the master drainage study for funds from the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery (GOSR), including new bulkheading and construction of 20 check valves throughout the Village. They discussed the upcoming repair projects on Norman Ave., Dewey Ave., Mincher Place, and Meadow Lane. Mayor Siry acknowledged that several other streets are also in need of repair, however, they will be addressed down the road, through other funding solutions.

Trustee LaLota asked the engineers what additional projects they would consider as top priority and questioned whether the Village could combine state funding and Village funding on future projects. He also asked if the Board would use some of its 2018/19 capital funds to supplement the project. Mayor Siry noted that there is an additional \$300,000 earmarked toward water resiliency projects and other funding options to consider, including a possible Bond issue.

Resident **Jim Kohler** of 334 So. Bayview, expressed concern about recent flooding near his property and questioned the operation of a new check valve and the pitch of outflow piping. Mayor Siry advised him that someone would be there the next morning to inspect it.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith, seconded by Trustee Tom Whalen.

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

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Request to approve temporary opening of Lake Drive entrance to **Amityville Memorial High School** grounds during construction

School Superintendent Dr. Mary Kelly noted that due to a construction project at the high school, the Bayview Ave. entrance to the school has been closed. The school district seeks to use the Lake Drive entrance to allow buses to pick up and drop off students twice daily, for a 10-15 minute period. This would help alleviate the safety issues experienced at the start of school. School staff will ensure the gate remains locked at other times.

Trustee LaLota said he would have liked to have given advance notice to the residents but Mayor Siry assured that a letter will go out tomorrow to notify Lake Dr. residents and invite feedback.

Residents and Dr. Kelly will be invited to have a dialogue at the next Board meeting.

MOTION to APPROVE temporary opening of Lake Drive entrance to Amityville Memorial High School grounds during construction, from the hours of 6:45 a.m.– 7:15 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. -2:15 p.m., for one-month trial, was made by Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith, seconded by Thomas Whalen.

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

**Licenses:**

**Automobile License – Renewal**

- a. Arthur Szu for **Lake Town Motors**, 118 Merrick Rd., Amityville
- b. Salvatore Salamone for **A-1 Sal’s Auto Repair**, 76 Merrick Rd., Amityville, N.Y.
- c. John Giamarino for **Amity Bay Auto Sales Ltd.**, 76 Merrick Rd., Amityville, N.Y.
- d. Al Lescius for **Sunrise Auto Outlet**, 189 Sunrise Hwy., Amityville, N.Y.
- e. Peter Litvinoff for **77 Merrick Road Realty**, 77 Merrick Rd., Amityville, N.Y.

MOTION to APPROVE (licenses a. through e. on the agenda) with any stipulations was made by Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith, seconded by Thomas Whalen.

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

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Carting License

- a. Edgardo Rodriguez for **Winters Bros. Hauling of Long Island, LLC**, 120 Nancy St., West Babylon, N.Y.
- b. Andre Marquart and Stephen Larice for **Mets Roll-Off Service of Riverhead, Inc.**, 311 Winding Rd., Old Bethpage, NY

MOTION to APPROVE (licenses a. and b. on the agenda) with any stipulations was made by Trustee Whalen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith.

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

Landscaper License – Renewal

Joseph Davis of **Joe Davis & Sons Landscape Contractors, Inc.**, 100 West Shore Drive, Massapequa, N.Y.

MOTION to APPROVE with any stipulations was made by Trustee Whalen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith.

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

Storage of Trailer - Renewal

**Christopher Pearson**, 109 Carman Pl., Amityville (for storage of trailer at 249 Broadway, Amityville)

MOTION to APPROVE with any stipulations was made by Trustee LaLota, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith.

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

Commercial Vehicle Permit

**Thomas J. Fitzgerald**, of 215 Bayview Ave., Amityville, N.Y.

MOTION to table application to allow resident to be present at next meeting to discuss, was made by Mayor Siry, seconded by Trustee Nick LaLota.

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

**Request from Deputy Treasurer**

Request to approve abstract from Aug. 9 – Sept. 5, 2018

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

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

**Request from Clerk/Treasurer (Cont'd.)**

Request to pay **Total Technology Solutions** for Monthly I.T. support for September and desktop computer installation and set-up in the amount of \$3,670.40 (A1625.440)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota, seconded by Trustee Whalen.

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

Request to pay **Comp Alliance NYS Assessment Account** for 2017 Assessment Reconciliation Statement & 2018 Estimated Assessment Due, for Worker's Compensation, Funding Period 7/1/18-6/30/19 – Board of Trustees, approved 9/12/16 – in the amount of \$17,788.50 (A9040.800)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Whalen, seconded by Trustee Bernius.

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

Request to pay **Nelson & Pope** for grant writing assistance, project ID: N16x002.002.000, for grant writing related to Caples Park, NYS DEC Urban Forestry Grant, and Downtown Revitalization in the amount of \$3,223.50 (A1410.440)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith.

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

Request for waiver of residency from **Stephanie Ulloa**, call-in EMT/Paramedic, 365 Furrows Ave., Holbrook, NY

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota, seconded by Trustee Bernius.

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

Request for waiver of residency from **Cierra Correa**, call-in detention attendant, 54 Surf Rd., Lindenhurst, NY

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Trustee LaLota.

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

Request from **Stephanie Montaldo**, 120 Strawberry Hill Avenue Apt 214, Stamford, CT to take wedding photos/videos at Nautical Park, on Saturday, Sept. 22, from approximately 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. with a wedding party of 18 people.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Bernius, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith.

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

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Request from Hayley Jacobsen and Allie McDonough to use the athletic field at Loudon Avenue for **Long Island Ladies' Soccer League** "Riptide" games, Sundays, 9/16-11/4, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on 11/4 and 11/11.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Bernius, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith.

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

Request from William P. Crocitto, Jr. of **St. Martin Usher's Society** for use of James Caples Memorial Park, south field, for co-ed and men's softball league, on Sunday's from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., from 9/9/18 to 11/11/18

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

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

Request from Kevin Casey for **Amityville Soccer League** to use the Loudon Ave. and Amityville Beach soccer fields for practice, Mondays through Fridays, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. and for games, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> through Nov. 30.

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

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

Request from Detective David Smith for **Amityville PBA** to conduct the annual Thomas H. Smith Ragamuffin Parade on Saturday, October 27, 2018 at 10 a.m. (rain date Sunday, October 28, 2018). Parade to form at 9/11 Memorial Park on Broadway, south to Park Ave., west on Ireland Place into the north parking field of Park Avenue School.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Bernius, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith.

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye

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	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	0 nays

Request from Maureen Pecorella of **South Oaks Hospital** to use the Loudon Avenue soccer field parking lot on Tuesday, Nov. 6, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to accommodate attendees for a two-session workshop at South Oaks.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Trustee LaLota.

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

Request from Richard Handler, Esq., on behalf of Thomas and Michelle Helm of **Empire State Tattoo Studio and Art Gallery**, to use the Village Green, located between 128-134 Broadway, Amityville, N.Y. for a reception in conjunction with a tattoo art exhibit being held in their gallery on September 22, from 6 pm. to 10 p.m., “Long Island Tattooing, Past and Present”.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Bernius, seconded by Trustee Whalen.

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

**Request from Building Department**

Request from Lucy Pellegrino and William Votta, of Neptune Place Properties Inc., of 120 Neptune Place, Massapequa for relief from renewal fees for BP 0108-16 on a property located at 347 Grand Central Ave., Amityville, N.Y.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota, seconded by Trustee Whalen.

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	nay
	Deputy Mayor Smith	nay
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
Motion Carried:	3 ayes	2 nays



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**Request from Court**

Request to close court offices on Monday, September 17th and cancel court night session on Tuesday, September 18th due to the **New York State Association of Magistrates Court Clerks** (NYSAMCC) Annual Conference being attended by court employees

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

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

**Request from Fire Department**

Request to pay **Chevrolet of Smithtown** for purchase of 2018 Chevy Tahoe in the amount of \$31,194.00 (A3410.230)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Bernius, seconded by Trustee LaLota.

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

Request to pay **Copiague Fire District** for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$10,860.20 (A3410.231)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota, seconded by Trustee Bernius.

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

Request to approve training for Chiefs and Officers to attend **Firehouse Expo** in Nashville, TN, October 16-20, in the amount of \$10,000 (3410.455)

MOTION to APPROVE with the correction/notation that costs are not to exceed \$10,000 was made by Trustee Whalen, seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith.

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

Request to pay **Philip Stone Caterers** for second payment for 2019 Installation Dinner, per contract from 2018 already approved by the Board, in the amount of \$3,900. (3410.460)

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

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

Request to pay **Home Depot Credit Services** in the amount of \$3,175.68 (A1624.460)

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

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

Request to approve new member to **Amityville Fire Department Juniors**, Nate Willenbrock, age 15, 80 LeBrun Avenue

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Bernius, seconded by Trustee LaLota.

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

**Request from Department of Public Works**

Request to pay **Omni Recycling of Babylon** for 64.61 dumped tons of waste in the amount of \$5,967.15. (A8160.442)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota, seconded by Trustee Whalen.

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

Request to pay **Dynaire Service Corp.** for servicing and cleaning of heat exchanger in the amount of \$3,640.00 (A1623.460)

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

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

**Public Hearings**

Schedule Public Hearing for October 22, 2018 for proposed special use permit for **335 Merrick Road Realty, LLC.**

**Lauryn Haffner**, 294 South Bayview Ave., asked about a previous zoning board decision on the property, which Bruce Kennedy explained was a procedural issue to determine if a special use permit was required.

Mr. LaLota reminded the Board that the Village code prohibits expansion of automotive business on Merrick Road.

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

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

**Good News**

Deputy Mayor Smith shared news of upcoming events, including the 9-11 Memorial Service, at 5 p.m. Tuesday, as well as:

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- The dedication of new Village Green, on 9/13/18 located on Broadway between the State Farm office and Island Drafting (128-134 Broadway). Trustee Bernius noted there will be a dedication and reception in honor of the late Rotarian Linda Batz Eckelkamp.
- VFW Post 7223 golf outing, Monday, 9/17/18 – they are looking for sponsors and players.
- The Great South Bay Clean Up, 8 a.m., 9/22/18 at Yacht Service on Ocean Ave.
- The Farmers Market, Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. on the lawn of First United Methodist.
- Trustees will also attend the Ribbon Cutting of the Massapequa Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing, at 10 a.m., 9/14/18.

There being no further agenda items, Mayor Siry opened the floor for comments.

**Donelle Cronin**, 32 Mole Pl., requested that the Village take over videotaping Board of Trustees meeting, as the funds raised by seven families to do so will soon run out.

There being no more comments from the floor or Board:

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

	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm

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Catherine Murdock, Clerk/Treasurer