

**Board of Trustees  
Minutes  
December 20, 2018**

**Special Meeting called to order 8:15 a.m.**

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police, Glenn Slack  
Superintendent of DPW, Bruce Hopper  
Building Inspector Brian Donato  
Clerk/Treasurer, Catherine Murdock  
Assistant to the Mayor, Wendy O'Neill  
Deputy Clerk Deirdre Parker  
Deputy Treasurer Tiffany Ladd

Mayor Siry welcomed everyone to the December 20, 2018 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. The Salute to the Flag was led by Chief Slack.

Mayor Siry announced that this meeting was a special meeting to pay bills due to the Christmas Eve holiday taking place on Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Request from Deputy Treasurer**

Request to approve the abstract from 12/6/2018 – 12/19/18

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

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

**Request from the Clerk/Treasurer**

Request to pay **Amityville Historical Society** for the second half grant for 2018/2019 in the amount of \$3,500 (A6410.440)

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

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

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**Request from Fire Department**

Request to pay **Robert E. Fogel, M.D.**, for member physicals, November 2018, in the amount of \$3,299.00 (A3410.440)

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

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

**Request from Department of Public Works**

Request to pay **Omni Recycling of Babylon** for 54.06 dumped tons in the amount of \$3,838.26 (A8160.442)

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

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

**Mayor Siry** opened a discussion about the LED street lighting project and encouraged residents to view the two prototypes now installed on Richmond Avenue, at the corner of Van Nostrand Place, and just north of the intersection on Richmond Avenue. Two lighting options are being evaluated –with differing brightness. Both are less expensive to operate than what we currently have and should save the Village around \$60,000 annually. He noted the Town of Babylon contract also covers disposal of the old lights and bulbs.

According to Superintendent of Public Works, **Bruce Hopper**, both options cost the same to run and maintain. He added that unlike the older lights, you cannot repair the fixture individual components. Instead, you must replace the units, which is why he recommends ordering an inventory of replacements.

**Trustee LaLota** asked who will maintain the lights, to which Mr. Hopper responded it is the responsibility of the Village. Mr. Hopper said that the Village currently maintains more than 700 street lights. He noted the Village also recently replaced lights at the LIRR station with LEDs and recommended that Mayor Siry contact the MTA to look into getting reimbursement.

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**Trustee Bernius** then asked what was going on with the crossing guards –saying that some guards told her they had been paid too much and the pay was adjusted back. Deputy Treasurer Ladd explained that an error was made by the Police Department in recording their time but was quickly rectified. Ms. Ladd said that the Village had received no complaints from the guards regarding the issue.

**Michael O’Neill**, 34 Van Nostrand Pl, said he is in favor of the LED lights but he has observed that while the old lights diffuse out to the property lines and curbsides, the LED sample light on Richmond and Van Nostrand Pl. projects downward. He asked if there was a way to adjust the lighting to cover more area. Mayor Siry said yes this is possible, according to the engineers at Nelson & Pope.

**Joann Saladino**, 251 Ocean Ave., asked when Trustee Whalen’s newly announced Security Dodge committee would be meeting. Mayor Siry responded saying that Trustee Whalen is awaiting word on whether those invited to join the committee have agreed to do so. Once he has their commitment, they will meet right after Christmas. She also asked about any movement on the TriTek project, with regard to a timeline for the development of a thriving downtown. Mayor Siry said that he has spoken with Tritex and has invited them to come to a work session to present a site plan. He said this process takes time and there are many moving pieces, pointing out that Patchogue’s downtown development took five to six years, and reassured the resident that the project is moving forward.

Mayor Siry wished everyone a happy, healthy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

There being no comments from the floor or the Board a MOTION to ADJOURN was made by Deputy Mayor Smith, seconded by Trustee LaLota.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

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Catherine Murdock, Clerk/Treasurer