

**Board of Trustees
Minutes
February 8, 2021**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Siry, Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith, Trustee Jessica Bernius, Trustee Whalen, Trustee O'Neill
ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney Bruce Kennedy
AFD Chief Rob Waegerle
APD Chief Bryan Burton
Superintendent Bruce Hopper
Building Inspector Bryan Donato
Clerk/Treasurer Catherine Murdock
Assistant to the Mayor Wendy O'Neill

The salute to the flag was led by Chief Bryan Burton.

Mayor Siry welcomed everyone to the February 8th Meeting of the Board of Trustees, conducted via Zoom Meeting. He thanked DPW for their excellent work during the snowstorm last weekend, which included high wind and flooding as well as AFD and APD for being prepared and responsive while keeping the Village safe. He reminded residents that the Covid-19 pandemic is still a real concern; please wear a mask and follow all CDC protocols. He noted that as of Friday, eligibility for Covid-19 vaccines will now be expanded to individuals with risk factors. It looks like supply issues are slowing improving, he added.

Mayor Siry called for Committee Reports for the month of January.

Dept. of Public Works (Trustee O'Neill): Trustee O'Neill said we are fortunate to have our DPW, AFD and APD especially during weather events. Highlights from the following report were read:

- >The department continues to spray sanitizer in all the village owned buildings and disinfecting wipe down door handles push bars railings counter tops daily
- >Removed the cement footings from the old fence line at the Ocean/ Richmond dock, filled holes with soil.
- >Carted and disposed of 18.04 tons of C&D, 7.34 municipal waste
- >Installed 2 memorial teak benches (1 nautical park) (1 Ocean/Richmond dock)
- >Sign repairs and replacement on going various locations; went over with the police chief for new signage for Burch Ave. (Village by the Bay), repairing village entrance way signs (County Line Road and W. Oak Street)
- >Tree trimmings and tree removals on going at various locations throughout the village
- >Repaired a wind damaged ceiling fan in the south beach pavilion also a rodent hole in the fascia
- >Rebuilding public trash receptacles for various parks and public areas
- >Park trash and leaf cleanup on going
- >Repaired hole in roadway Perkins and Riverside
- >Street sweeping ongoing weather permitting
- >Continue to clean out the filters on the storm drains
- >Removed the banner from the railroad via duct on Broadway wind damaged a\nd dangerously hanging hazard traffic
- >Completed the annual yearly solid waste tabulation for disposal of C&D, Municipal waste, Yard waste, tires, electronic waste:
 - Municipal waste 42.87 tons
 - C&D 313.65 tons
 - Yard waste 417.67 tons
 - Tires 0.19 tons
 - Total carted and disposed of for the year 774.38 tons

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Amityville Fire Dept. (Trustee Whalen): Trustee Whalen read a breakdown for 2020. 1636 Calls were performed, which was down as a result of people not wanting to go the hospital because of Covid-19. Thankfully there were not a lot of fires in the Village, and mutual aid to North Amityville was reduced as they have a paid crew there now.

District:	Street:	Low Address:	High Address:	Name:	Town:	Start Date:	End Date:	Start Time:	End Time:	Number of Incidents:
ered All	All				All	1/1/2020	12/31/2020			1636
nts										
				13 - COMM BUILDING FIRE		Runs: 96	Total Time:	42:54:02		
				14 - VEHICLE FIRE		Runs: 4	Total Time:	2:25:08		
				12 - BRUSH FIRE		Runs: 5	Total Time:	1:40:12		
				16 - RESCUE		Runs: 920	Total Time:	1022:16:55		
				16/23 - RESCUE/MISC		Runs: 6	Total Time:	6:07:53		
				23 - MISC ALARM		Runs: 22	Total Time:	9:00:25		
				24/13 - M/A FAST TRUCK		Runs: 8	Total Time:	10:01:20		
				09 - STANDBY		Runs: 9	Total Time:	50:53:27		
				24/13 - M/A STRUCTURE FIRE		Runs: 21	Total Time:	33:37:48		
				24/16 - M/A RESCUE		Runs: 47	Total Time:	22:03:36		
				24/23 - M/A MISC ALARM		Runs: 5	Total Time:	1:37:54		
				24/23 CO - M/A CO ALARM		Runs: 3	Total Time:	50:29		
				24/23 GAS - M/A GAS LEAK		Runs: 3	Total Time:	39:15		
				24/16/23 - M/A MVA		Runs: 16	Total Time:	13:12:12		
				16A - RESCUE (MEMBER)		Runs: 51	Total Time:	51:43:26		
				16T - MEMBER TRANSPORT		Runs: 3	Total Time:	3:29:25		
				23 CO - CO ALARM		Runs: 33	Total Time:	25:25:40		
				23 GAS - GAS LEAK		Runs: 16	Total Time:	15:23:30		
				23 HAZ - HAZ MAT ALARM		Runs: 1	Total Time:	18:54		
				16/23 - MVA		Runs: 52	Total Time:	44:18:49		
				16/23 - PED MVA		Runs: 15	Total Time:	16:25:59		
				24/16/23 - M/A PED MVA		Runs: 1	Total Time:	6:38		
				99 - OUT OF SERVICE		Runs: 5	Total Time:	4:38:18		
				16/23 - WATER RESCUE		Runs: 2	Total Time:	52:42		
				24/16/23 - M/A WATER RESCUE		Runs: 2	Total Time:	1:12:47		
				2ND/16 - RESCUE		Runs: 83	Total Time:	113:12:19 (Incomplete)		
				3RD/16 - RESCUE		Runs: 19	Total Time:	17:56:21		
				16/23 - CO ALARM W/ AIDED		Runs: 1	Total Time:	25:59		
				24/16/23 - M/A CO ALARM W/ AIDED		Runs: 1	Total Time:	29:34		
				13 - HOUSE FIRE		Runs: 64	Total Time:	45:22:35		
				24/16 - M/A RESCUE (19)		Runs: 122	Total Time:	97:18:30		

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Justice Court (Trustee Bernius): Monthly report for Village Justice Court: Grand total reported to the State \$13,680.00; Reported to the State as follows: \$6,546.00 - Village Justice \$709.00 – Assoc. Village Justice \$6,425.00 – Parking Violations

Penal/Criminal, Vehicle & Traffic, and Village Ordinances: 187 charges were processed by the office, 48 charges were closed; and, \$ 7,255.00 was collected in fines and surcharges.

Parking: 90 tickets were processed by the office, 50 tickets were collected on; and, \$ 6,425.00 was collected in fines & penalties collectively.

According to correspondence from Hon. Andrew A. Crecca, Suffolk County Administrative Judge, Amityville Village Court has been awarded a NYS UCS Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grant under the 2020-21 cycle. Amityville is one (1) of 187 courts receiving JCAP funding this year. The Court has been further notified that the Municipality is to expect funding in the amount of \$4,026.28 on or before April 1, 2021.

Building Dept. (Trustee Smith):

- Revenue: **\$14,648.20**
- 26** Permits Issued
- 38** Inspections Performed
- 45** Notices of Violation Issued
- 41** Violations Corrected
- Fire Marshal performed **5** Fire Safety Inspections
- Fire Marshal responded to **2** Call-outs.
- Fire Marshal performed **1** plan review

Amityville Police Dept. (Trustee Smith): For January 2021, there were 12 Arrests, , 489 blotters, 50 cases, 164 citations, 1 field interview, 0 impounds, 0 juveniles, 84 medical aided and 18 traffic accidents.

Chief Burton stated that January was a very busy month for the department. They switched tours (days to nights, vice versa) and they have been working on a Police Reform Plan, which is due to the State on April 1st, 2021. It is a lot of work but we are getting closer. Communications are out to inform and invite the community to be involved and to participate in the survey. Mayor Siry reminded everyone to go to Amityville.com to the Police Reform section to see information in English and Spanish. A public hearing will be called for, later in the meeting, on March 8th – we will also be hosting a public meeting on February 16th at 7 pm. Tomorrow we will get the word out on that. He thanked Chief Burton, APD, and the committee for their input and perspectives.

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Deputy Mayor Smith reported good news: He began by congratulating Island Drafting Technical Institute (and the Di Liberto's) for being ranked among the top 100 colleges in the country for return on your investment. He shared that there will be an important budget hearing for the Amityville LIRR Station's new elevator project on 2-23-21 at 5 p.m. – please go to the Village website, Amityville.com to sign up in advance to attend the meeting.

The Mayor reported that Save the Great South Bay, with the Amityville Library, is conducting a webinar on Butterfly Gardens, on Saturday at 10 am. Go to the Save the Great South Bay Facebook page to register.

Mayor Siry then opened the agenda for Mayor's Actions.

Mayor's Actions:

Approve Board of Trustees Minutes from the January 25th, 2021 Board meeting

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

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

Motion Carried: 5aye 0 nays

Appoint **Rick Licari** and **Jack Klein** as members of the Assessment Review Board for a one-year period and appoint **Amanda Lowe** as an alternate member of the Assessment Review Board for a one-year period

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

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

Motion Carried: 5aye 0 nays

Licenses:

Landscaper License -Renewal

Fred Fuschetto for **Fred Fuschetto Landscape**, 223 N. Oak St., Massapequa, NY

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

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Cabaret License Renewal

Michael Marin, 3420 Enclave Mill Ct., Dacula, GA 30019 for **Breezy Point Yacht Club**

Mr. Marin confirmed that he is a resident of New York and would be accessible if there were any issues with hosted events. He will bring in a copy of his NYS I.D. card to Village Hall tomorrow.

The Board wishes to carry forward previous stipulations and remove the wording “not limited to bands and DJ’s” for the type of entertainment, with permission to conduct entertainment on Fridays through Sundays, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. This coincides with what has also been approved for the other yacht clubs. Events on other days would require additional approval from the Board. He stated that the Club does not plan to have any events at all this year but he did not want the Cabaret License to lapse.

MOTION to APPROVE with stipulations was made by Trustee Bernius and was seconded by Trustee O’Neill

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

Request from Deputy Treasurer

Request to approve abstract from January 20th – February 2nd

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

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

Request from Village Assessor

Request to adjust tax bills for two special franchise parcels to remove them from the tax rolls for the current 2020/2021 tax year:

SCTM #101-0-1-19 (SBA Communications Corp.) - bill adjusted from \$1,821.02 to \$0

SCTM #101-0-1-20 (Crown Castle NG East) - bill adjusted from \$3,054.27 to \$0

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

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

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Request from Clerk/Treasurer

Request to pay **Siegel & Sitler, PLLC** for Legal services rendered 1/04-1/26/21 re: Defense of Article 78 by Snug Harbor re: special permits granted to Security Dodge in the amount of \$3,597.50 (A1420.440)

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

Request to pay **Skinnon & Faber** for progress billing for audit of financial statements for the period ended May 31, 2020 in the amount of \$3,902.50 (A1325.440)

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

Request to pay **Coastal Contracting Corp.** for Fifth Claim for Village of Amityville Roadway & Drainage Improvements Bid No. 19-06 in the amount of \$44,769.94 (A1410.440)

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

Request by Kieran McDermott to utilize softball field at James A. Caples Park for **Island Slowpitch** softball league, March 28, 2021 to December 5, 2021 on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 6 PM to 11:00 PM; and Sundays, from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM.

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

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Request from Fire Department

Request to pay **Copiague Fire District** for miscellaneous invoices #1114, #1123, #1121 in the amount of \$3,248.08 (A3410.231)

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

Request to pay **ESO Solutions Inc.** for Invoice #ECO46033 – HER CAD Integration, HER Cardiac monitor integration, HER fax and ESO EHR Suite in the amount of \$4,976.72 (A3410.450)

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

Request from Department of Public Works

Request to surplus three vehicles: 1995 Ford Bronco, VIN# 1FMEU15HSLB32454; 2000 Ford Crown Victoria VIN # 2FAFP71W8YX160289; and 2013 Ford Police Interceptor Explorer VIN # 1M5K8AR4DGB59267

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

Request to pay **Magniflood Inc.** for Street Light Arm Brackets & LED Retrofit Plates in the amount of \$4,650.00 (A5182.419)

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

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Resolutions

Resolutions 21-02-08-01, 21-02-08-02 and 21-02-08-03 regarding tax sale on March 12, 2021 and unpaid taxes

Trustee Bernius asked the Clerk/Treasurer to post information for this year’s sale on the Village website, given the pandemic.

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

Local Laws

Request to approve Introductory Local Law No. 5 of the year 2020 to add Chapter 80 “Filming and Photography” to the Village Code regulating filming and photography for movies, television, and commercials in the Village

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

Public Hearing

Call for a Public Hearing on March 8, 2021 for Introductory Local Law No. 1 of the year 2021 to amend the requirements for accessory buildings in the A, BB, and B Residence Districts regarding interior plumbing.

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

Call for a Public Hearing on March 8, 2021 for Police Policy Reform

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

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Public Comments

Debbie Magnani, 75 Meadow La., asked about the status of the Court date and Planning Board application for the Bayside Marina at the end of Meadow Lane. It has been an issue now for a full year, she said. Building Inspector Bryan Donato said that their Court appearance is likely to be the first Tuesday in March (March 2nd), and they have not yet filed for the Planning Board. We will advise residents when they are scheduled to go before the Planning Board for a preliminary meeting (expected to be March 4th). They may then go to Court if they do not agree with the Planning Board.

The Board briefly discussed the need for Dept. of Public Works to adjust the direction of an LED streetlight at the end of South Bay Avenue to avoid light shining into a resident's home.

There being no further agenda items or discussions:

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Catherine C. Murdock
Clerk/Treasurer