

**Board of Trustees
Minutes
May 10, 2021**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Siry, Deputy Mayor Kevin Smith, Trustee O'Neill, Trustee Brooks
ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney Bruce Kennedy
APD Chief Bryan Burton
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 Bryan Burton to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Siry announced that on June 14th the Village will resume in-person meetings. Dredging will be starting on Ketcham's Creek and Bayview Canal and should be done by July 2nd. He thanked the Army Corps of Engineers for including this project in their dredging list for the year.

He also announced that Building Inspector Bryan Donato will be leaving his position and we wish him the best. Gregg Doerner will be working for the Village as a part-time Building Inspector.

Good News & Upcoming Community Events

- Deputy Mayor Smith shared upcoming dates including a Memorial Day remembrance ceremony on May 31st at 10 a.m. at the Village Triangle.
- A Community Art Market will be presented by Colored Colors, taking place on the Village Triangle on weekends, May 15th through June 13th.
- The Bay Village Civic Association will again host the Farmer's Market on Saturdays, starting on June 12th through October 9th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Rotary Gift of Life dinner will be taking place on June 17th
- Kiwanis will host a Pitch and Putt outing at Cedar Creek Golf Course on June 18th
- On June 23rd the Village will have sign ups for Swimming and Sailing lessons at the Village Beach – check Amityville.com for details and additional sign updates.
- Town of Babylon will organize a Wounded Warrior Ride this year (with only veterans riding) on July 16th and supporters are encouraged to attend that morning (ride starts at 9 a.m. at Town Hall) to cheer them on as they come through Amityville.
- The Village will host a free “theater in the park” performance of Romeo and Juliet on July 18th at 5 pm. down at James A. Caples Park at the Amityville Beach.
- Senator John Brooks will conduct a webinar on taxes on May 14th at 6 p.m.
- Assemblywoman Kimberly John-Pierre is presenting a physical and mental health screening for veterans

Mayor Siry added that Pastor Bob Liebold of Simpson United Methodist Church will be retiring and there is a June 20th farewell planned after the church services. We wish him well and he will most definitely be missed.

The Mayor also reminded everyone to continue to lock your car doors as there have been some problems. If you are planning a garage sale, please be advised that a permit is needed, and can be obtained at Village Hall for \$10.00.

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Mayor Siry requested Committee Reports for the month of April:

- **DPW (Trustee O'Neill):** The department completed the replacement of the south fence line of the Nautical Park between 18 and 22 Ocean Ave.
- Disposed and dumped municipal waste, 8.68 tons; C&D -0, Yard waste -0
- Replaced the large-chambered storm basin at #31 Barberry Court with (4) 3 x 8 precast sections replaced the tree that needed to be removed and topsoil seeded the front yard the pre-cast and the roadway need to settle before curb and road way replaced, setting to grade the storm grates (2).
- Took delivery of 26 trees and planted Beach (Arbor Day), Peterkin Park, 110 Median, Grace Ct., Bayview Ave., Avon Lake, North triangle, Unqua Pl., Barberry Ct.
- Removed Pavers as per drawing and stacked on pallets and placed pallets in the back yard of #3 Unqua Pl. planted (4) Zelkova's on Richmond Ave. (2) Japanese Lilac's on Unqua, installed landscape cloth and Mulch watered the 6 locations photograph attached.
- Working on the Fire department 9/11 memorial lighting to dim the sidewalk bollards 50% and the upward lighting for the TT/Iron (2) are unrepairable as per Magna Flood (manufacturer) possibly 3; a solution is to be determined.
- Landscaping and Village property weekly maintenance ongoing.
- Removed two cement end benches from the beach for refurbishment: one to go the AFD/PD park on West Oak St., and a Teak memorial bench with a damaged back.
- Assisted the petroleum technician repairing the tank probes for fuel dispensing system.
- Hung and took down the Tree City flags in celebration of Arbor Day 2021.
- The ballfields are groomed for the scheduled games; working on preparing the Amityville Little League fields for play have not as of yet received a schedule from Amityville Little League or the travel team.
- Removed six (6) cubic yards of debris from (2) storm drains on Anita Pl. and Richmond Ave., removed 2 cubic yards of debris from the drains at the intersection of Ocean Ave., Richmond Ave. and Unqua Pl.
- Started working on a storm drain on Braham Ave.
- Pothole repairs ongoing including the entrance way to parking lot #6.
- Sign and meter repairs ongoing.
- Street sweeping ongoing.

Fire Department: No report provided.

Village Beach (Trustee Brooks): Beach preparations are ongoing. The Village is still in search of a crash boat operator but has options to consider. Trustee Brooks will be meeting with Beach Manager TerriLynn Bayon this week to plan for the season.

Justice Court (Trustee Brooks): April report is not yet available, based on the monthly reporting schedule, and will be provided at an upcoming meeting

Building Dept. (Trustee Whalen): Revenue: \$22,400.00; 29 Permits Issued; 47 Inspections Performed; 45 Notices of Violation Issued; 28 Violations Corrected; Fire Marshal performed 16 Fire Safety Inspections;

Fire Marshal responded to 2 Call-outs.

Amityville Police Dept. (Deputy Mayor Smith): Arrests 5, blotters 474, cases 42, citations 149, impound 1, medical aided 83, and traffic accidents 89. Chief Burton advised that there will be a "click it or ticket" seatbelt enforcement campaign May 24th through June 6th, with zero tolerance.

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Mayor's Actions:

Request to approve Board of Trustees Minutes from the April 26th Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 ayes	0 nays

Request to appoint **Kerri Geiger** as Secretary to the Planning Board at the hourly rate of \$21.64, per hour effective May 17th, 2021

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 ayes	0 nays

Licenses:

Landscaper License -Renewal

Miguel A. Perez, 140 Baiting Place Rd., Farmingdale, NY 11735 for Map Landscaping Corp.

Vincent Dellafranca, 333 W. Montauk Hwy., Suite 1, Lindenhurst, NY 11757 for **Dellafranca & Doyle**

Landscaping Co., Inc.

MOTION to APPROVE the two above applications (a. and b. on agenda) was made by Trustee O'Neill and seconded by Trustee Brooks

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 ayes	0 nays

Cabaret License Renewal

Edwin Galeano, for **Galeano's Deli**, 58 Albany Ave., Amityville

A discussion took place about the SLA application for an on-premise liquor license and incidents associated with the prior operation of the property

MOTION to TABLE was made by Trustee Brooks and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 ayes	0 nays

Coin Operator Amusement Device License

Edwin Galeano, 236 Olm St., Brentwood, NY 11717 for **Galeano's Deli**, 58 Albany Ave., Amityville

MOTION to TABLE was made by Trustee Brooks and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
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Storage of Trailer

Joshua P. Blumberg Esq. for **Blumberg, Cherkoss, FitzGibbons & Blumberg**, 330 Broadway, Suite One, Amityville

Irwin Mintz for **Mr. Grade A.**, 24 Burch Avenue, Amityville

David Feldman for **Imperial Cleaning Co.**, 151 Dixon Avenue, Amityville

Meir Nitekman for **Integra Development Corp.**, 34 35th St., Brooklyn, NY (Trailer located at Massapequa Center, 101 Loudon Ave., Amityville)

MOTION to APPROVE the four above applications (a. through d. on the agenda) was made by Trustee O’Neill and seconded by Trustee Brooks

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 ayes	0 nays

Request from Deputy Treasurer

Request to approve abstract from April 22nd, 2021 – May 5th, 2021

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request from Village Assessor

Request to approve four 2020/2021 Small Claims cases and adjustments to the assessed values for the 2021/2022 tax year.

SCTM#	Owner	Address	2020/2021 Final	Corrected	Assessed Value			
Refund						Assessed Value	Reduction	Due
101-6-1-3	Michael Esposito	101 Oak St.	10890	10265	625			
						\$228.31		
101-11-12-14	John and Linda Perla	2 Bayside Ave.	24960	23600	1360			
						\$496.81		
101-13-3-10.1	Frances Mannino	51 Berger Ave.	17030	12980	4050			
						\$1,479.47		
101-13-15-12	John LaRosa	4 Unqua Pl.	12190	11800	390			
						\$142.47		

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
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Request from Clerk/Treasurer

Approve request by **Shannon McCann**, for A Wave Off Broadway to conduct a summer theater program at the Peter J. Pappas pavilion of James A. Caples Park, Amityville Beach, on Tuesdays & Wednesday, starting July 6th (except July 14 – for previously approved Women’s Club event)

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request by **Richard A. Calvagno II**, 320 Grand Central Ave., to exceed the limits set in Amityville Code 178-17 to store 4 boats at the bulkhead in his backyard

A discussion took place pertaining to the Village Code limits on boat storage and on preserving quality of life. The applicant stated he has 285 ft. of bulkhead and is docking family members’ boats as well as a neighbor’s boat on his property.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request to pay **Coastal Contracting Corp.** for 19-06 fifth claim Final Payment in the amount of \$44,769.94 (A1410.440)

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 O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request from Jose Tutiven of **Colored Colors** to use the Village entrance signs to promote the Community Art Market, from May 15th through May 31st, noon to 5 p.m.

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O’Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

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Request from Richard A. Pizante of **FOX Alternative Entertainment** to approve a film permit application for a digital documentary series being produced by Streetcar Entertainment for Tubi, a streaming service; filming to take place early to mid-June for 4 or 5 days.

Representatives of the project, Producer Maggie Mock, 36 Cherokee Pl. SE, Atlanta, GA and Richard Pizante, 813 Strathford Ave., Pasadena, CA, explained the approach and premise of the documentary which includes debunking the paranormal aspects of the Amityville Horror, especially among younger viewers. Mayor Siry and the Board stressed the need to avoid causing any disturbance for homeowners/neighbors, traffic disruption or violations of privacy.

MOTION to TABLE the request to obtain additional information was made by Trustee O'Neill and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request from Police Department

Request to pay **Total Technology Solutions** for 20-hour time block in the amount of \$3,700.00 (A3120.261)

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request to pay **Motorola Solutions, Inc.** for one all band radio in the \$6,611.75 (A3120.261)

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

Vote on Motion :	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request for a **Budget Modification** to decrease 3120.231 Vehicle Repair and Increase 3120.250 Enforcement Equipment in the amount of \$500.00

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 O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

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Request from Fire Department

Request to pay **Hometown Benefits, Inc.** for contribution for LOSAP, Budget year 2020-2021 in the amount of \$150,000.00 (A9025.800)

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 O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request from Department of Public Works

Request to pay **Dynaire Service Corp.** for renewal of labor & inspection agreement 2/1/21 to 1/31/22 2nd installment in the amount of \$4,430.00 (A1623.460)

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request to pay **TAPCO** for new sign machine and freight in the amount of \$7,457.89 (A5650.445)

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

Request to pay **Quality A/C & Heating** for A/C Replacement Sign Shop DPW in the amount of \$4,200.00 (A5650.445)

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee O'Neill	aye
	Trustee Brooks	aye
Motion Carried:	4 aye	0 nays

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Request to pay **Shade Trees Nursery** for Invoice #44474 – trees for Village parks and residents in the amount of \$3,490.00 (A8510.441)

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

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

Motion Carried: 4 aye 0 nays

Comments

Debbie Magnani, 75 Meadow Lane, asked for an update on the marina across the street from them, and alleged that boats are being prepped, showcased and sold there.

Jack Magnani, 75 Meadow Lane, followed up on parking lot permits, certificates of occupancy and sales of boats. Village Attorney Bruce Kennedy advised them that boat sales are a permitted use for boatyards as defined in the Village Code.

There being no further agenda items or discussions:

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

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

Motion Carried: 4 aye 0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Catherine C. Murdock
Clerk/Treasurer