

**Board of Trustees
Minutes
December 13 2021**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Dennis Siry, Deputy Mayor Smith, Trustee O’Neill, Trustee Brooks
ALSO PRESENT: Village Attorney Bruce Kennedy
Chief Bryan Burton
1st Assistant Chief Gavin Budde
DPW Superintendent Bruce Hopper
Clerk/Treasurer Catherine Murdock
Assistant to the Mayor Wendy O’Neill

Mayor Siry welcomed everyone to the Meeting and invited Chief Burton to conduct the Pledge of Allegiance.

He then announced that Trustee Whalen was unable to attend due to circumstances beyond his control and called on Deputy Mayor Smith to share upcoming events. With no upcoming events planned, he wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor’s Actions:

Request to approve the November 22, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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
Motion Carried:	4 ayes	0 nays

Request to approve **Courtney Delacruz**, to new rescue only, Hook and Ladder Co. #1, and **Alexander Bonetti**, to AFD Junior and grant a waiver of residency

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:

Sign, Banner, Canopy, Marquee of Fixture

Anthony Dee , 189 Sunrise Hwy., Amityville, NY

MOTION to APPROVE banners through Dec. 20, 2021, for a 30-day request, 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

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Request from Deputy Treasurer

Request to approve abstract from November 18th, 2021 – December 8th, 2021

MOTION to APPROVE 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

Request from Clerk/Treasurer

LIRO Engineers, Inc. for Avalon Bay Plan review through 9/30/2020 in the amount of \$9,030.00 (A1410.440)

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 pay **VHB Engineering**, Surveying, Landscape for Invoice #s 004614; 0044956; 0045312 and 0045490 (A1410.440) in the amount of \$21,599.14 (A1410.440)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee O’Neill 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

Request to pay **Total Technology Solutions** for January monthly billing in the amount of \$3,872.83 (A1625.440)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee O’Neill 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

Request from **Shannon Kokoneshi**, Sr. Justice Court Clerk, to carry over five (5) vacation days

MOTION to APPROVE 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

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Request from Eileen Baumgartner, for Amityville **Girl Scouts Troop 338** of Service Unit 619 to meet at Peterkin Park on Friday, Dec. 17th from 7 pm. to 8 pm.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee O'Neill 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

Request from Police Department

Request to pay **Total Technology Solutions** for December monthly billing in the amount of \$3,299.42 (A3120.261)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Deputy Mayor Smith 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 Fire Department

Request to pay **Copiague Fire District** for Invoice #1322-2011 Ferrara engine after hours call; In. 1325-2019 Chevy Express 2500, Sway bar link; Invoice #1329 – 1990 Pierce, Oil change, wipers, fuel filter, trans fluid, tires in the amount of \$3,081.21 (A3410.231)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee O'Neill 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

Request to pay **SCM Products, Inc.** for 2022 SCM/FRS Annual Maintenance Contract in the amount of \$8,998.00 (A3410.450)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee O'Neill 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

Request to pay **Robert E. Fogel, MD** for September and October Physicals 2021 and October Flu Vaccine in the amount of \$4,898.00 (A3410.440)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee O'Neill 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

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Request to pay **South Shore Fire & Safety** for invoice 0144603, 0144602, 0144423 and 0144422 for miscellaneous items, oxygen refills and flow tests in the amount of \$3,513.33 (A3410.251 - \$640.35; A3410.412 \$142.70 and A3410.450 for \$2,730.28)

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee O'Neill 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

Request from Department of Public Works

Request to pay **Omni Recycling of Babylon** for 60.44 dumped tons in the amount of \$4,533.00 (A8160.442)

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
Motion Carried:	4 ayes	0 nays

Resolution

Resolution No. 21-12-13-01

Resolution Authorizing Appraisal

Whereas the Board of Trustees is considering acquiring certain real property to be used for additional municipal parking in the downtown area, and

Whereas the Village may only purchase real property for its fair market value, and

Whereas an independent appraisal is necessary in order to determine said fair market value

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1) The Board of Trustees of the Village of Amityville hereby retains Rogers and Taylor Appraisers, Inc., 300 Wheeler Rd., Suite 302, Hauppauge, NY 11788 to perform an appraisal of the real property located on the east side of Broadway north of Oak Street In Amityville, NY, known as SCTM 101-4-3-55 & 56, also known as 247 Broadway, Amityville, NY for a sum not to exceed \$4,000.

2) The Mayor be and he hereby is authorized to execute a retainer agreement with Rogers and Taylor Appraisers, Inc. for this purpose on terms acceptable to the Village Attorney.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

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

There being no further agenda items, Mayor Siry invited public comments.

Rizwan Alladin, Vice President, Ahmadiyya, a mosque at 64 Union Ave., Amityville, announced that they will be hosting a drive thru holiday food distribution on Saturday, Dec. 18th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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Mayor Siry asked that he forward a flyer that can share on Village social media and our Village calendar. He agreed to do so and wished everyone happy holidays.

Dave Ahlers, 47 West Lake Dr., Amityville, asked why the condition of Avon Lake was not an agenda item, and asked the Trustees for an update on cleaning up/improving the lake.

Mayor Siry explained only items that require a vote go on the agenda, yet the topic would be addressed in the discussion portion of the meeting. He also commented on the benches, streetlights and erosion,

Trustee Brooks then provided an update on the Board's progress in response to the residents' petition. "We are in this together," he advised. On Nov. 13th he and Trustee O'Neill walked around the lake and through the upstream area in Delano Preserve to assess conditions. They observed a need for a general clean up (trees/leaves/dangling limbs, removal of extensive parrot feather & invasive plants, and curb/sidewalk repair, On Nov. 30th, Mayor Siry and Trustee Brooks met with the DEC to do a walk through and received guidance on their permitting process. And DPW has planted tulip bulbs around the lake, donated by a resident.

The Mayor and Trustees shared the following:

1. A general cleanup is in order – much of this can be done immediately and does not need permits.
2. Invasive weeds are prevalent – permits are needed and are being drafted. Putting down mats and hand picking will be a multi-year process.
3. Sidewalk/curbs – permits are required and will be done in January. Aerial imaging is also needed.
4. Shoreline and invasive growth – needs permits; to be done in mid-February. Must determine with DEC help what is invasive and what is not. All invasive plants covered in general permit; multi-year permits will dovetail so the process can continue without interruption.
5. By submitting permits separately, we can proceed faster.
6. Trustee Brooks advised residents that if they see crews inspecting or working at the lake, please refrain from addressing them with questions. Instead, they should contact Village Hall.
7. A timeline will be shared with residents.

Priscilla Prostowich, 190 Merrick Rd., Unit 90, Amityville, NY said she is disappointed that the Village did not involve Hidden Lakes during the DEC visit. Trustee Brooks assured the resident that the Village will share its work on the permit process with their designated representative (perhaps Doris Reynolds) to help Hidden Lakes apply for their DEC permits. The apartment complex is private property; the Village does not have jurisdiction.

MOTION to ADJOURN was made by Trustee O'Neill 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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Catherine C. Murdock
Clerk/Treasurer