

**Board of Trustees
Minutes
December 11, 2017**

Meeting called to order at 7:31pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Fire Department, Jeff Erath
Chief of Police, Glenn Slack
Village Attorney, Bruce Kennedy
Clerk Treasurer, Catherine Murdock
Administrative Assistant, Corliss Baskerville

The salute to the flag was led by Chief of Police, Glenn Slack.

Mayor Siry welcomed everyone to the December 11, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees

Upon Mayor Siry's request to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Whalen and 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

Upon Mayor Siry's request to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting.

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Whalen and 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

Upon Mayor Siry's request to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting.

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MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Whalen and 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

Mayor's Actions:

Mayor Siry requested to hire a part-time, per-diem paramedic, Robert Becchio, at \$21.50 per hour and approve the waiver of residency.

Mayor Siry accepted a gift from The Bay Village Civic Association. The BVCA donated a portion of monies raised during their fundraiser toward the improvement of the Amityville Village entrance way sign on the Eastern entrance of the Village on Merrick Rd. to the Village. Mayor Siry expressed the hope that other organizations would decide to take steps to enhance the Village. Joan Donnison, President of the BVCA spoke on behalf the Association and concurred with Mayor Siry. Ms. Donnison stated that the sign is a replacement of the existing sign and a result of consultations with the Parks Commission asking for suggestions of projects the Village was looking to promote. We thought that this would be a fitting initiative in hopes that, in conjunction with other organizations, we could make this a better community.

Deputy Mayor Smith reported that on Saturday, December 16th, 2017 at 2:00 pm there will be a plaque placed at the entranceway of the Village beach for the Pete Pappas Memorial Garden by the Kiwanis. Mr. Pappas was a chartered member of the Kiwanis Club and planting a garden would be a great memorial of his life.

Police Chief Slack gave a positive report on arrests, speeding patrols and control numbers.

There being no further "Mayors Actions" or reports, Mayor Siry continued with the meeting agenda:

Licenses:

Taxi Driver's License – New

Christopher Plersch, 22 Marion Rd., Amityville, for Lindy's Taxi

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

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

Tow Truck License - Renewal

Thomas A. Nuss for Bang's Towing, Inc., 67 Albany Ave., Amityville

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee LaLota and 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

Coin Operated Amusement Device License

George Romano for JJ's Tavern, 139 Merrick Rd., Amityville

Mayor Siry stated that this license renewal is two years past due. There was question about charging them for the past year. Police Chief Slack will also need to inspect the premises.

MOTION to Table 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 Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye
Motion Carried:	5 ayes	0 nays

Automotive License

Salvatore Salamone for A-1 Sal's Auto Repair LLC., 76 Merrick Road., Amityville

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

Vote on Motion:	Mayor Siry	aye
	Deputy Mayor Smith	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
	Trustee Bernius	aye

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Motion Carried: 5 ayes 0 nays

Request from Deputy Treasurer

Request to approve abstracts 11/21/2017-12/6/2017

MOTION to APPROVE was made by Trustee Lalota 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

Request from Clerk/Treasurer

Request from Salvatore Chillemi, 1 Cottage Pl., Amityville to waive building permit renewal fee (BP#2900-16)

Mayor Siry presented a letter to the Board written by Salvatore and Catherine Chillemi asking the Board of Trustees to waive the permit renewal fees due to poor workmanship by the contractor and breach of contract. The Chillemis' had issue with their contractor whom they had to take to court. This law suit has continued over a two-year period.

Mrs. Chillemi, 1 Cottage Pl. spoke to the Board, explaining their history with their contractor causing them to fail inspection as he did not follow the architectural plan, destroying their home and costing them \$60-\$70,000 to begin rebuilding. The Chillemis have also spent approximately \$100,000 in legal fees. There is a HUD deadline to finish this project. Trustee Whalen suggested that the Chillemis file paperwork with Suffolk County Consumer Affairs.

MOTION to APPROVE made by Trustee LaLota and 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 Budget Modification for Administration Department:

Increase 1410.102 Overtime \$4,000.000

Decrease 1410.108 Vacation Buy-Back \$4,000.00

MOTION to APPROVE made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Trustee Whalen.

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

Trustee LaLota asked if the Board could address the Resolution on the agenda in conjunction with the 2018 calendar to which Mayor Siry agreed.

Resolution

WHEREAS Resolution 16-11-14-02 established September 11th or Patriot Day as an official Village holiday, and;

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees wishes to amend said resolution to delete said day as an official Village Holiday but to retain it as Patriot Day;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution No. 16-11-14-02 is hereby amended to delete September 11th as an official Village holiday, but said date shall remain as Patriot Day, and a day for remembrance of September 11, 2001.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Mayor Siry explained that Patriot Day is in memorial of September 11th. A Resolution was passed in the previous year for September 11th to be recognized as a Village holiday where Village employees would have the day off. After this observance last year, it was realized that Veteran’s Day was not observed which he thought was a very important day in history. It would be a great day to have off in America to volunteer or do community work. We can look at the calendar next year and come up with a different solution. We did poll all employees of the Village with the choice of September 11th or the day after Thanksgiving given family and travel. The Village will recognize the day with a moment of silence at the four crucial times and honor it in that way.

Trustee LaLota stated that this holiday meant a lot to him and was not in favor of appealing the Resolution. There can be other creative solutions.

Trustee Whalen stated that Mayor Siry, being a fireman himself and losing a family member, must have thought this out as what the Mayor went through was not easy. It is a step. He was in favor if that is the way the Mayor wants it. He would back him on this.

Trustee Bernius stated that she understands both sides. I reluctantly say I will side with the revision as I do feel this is an important step to have Patriot Day. by giving the day off it would

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be an important step in recognizing the significance of Patriots Day and we would be one of the first communities to give this day off.

Deputy Mayor Smith stated that the day should never be forgotten. I would be willing to go along with the Mayor if that is what he chooses to do.

Further conversation ensued among the Board members regarding their feelings about honoring Patriot Day.

Lauren Haffner, 294 South Bayview Ave. spoke in opposition to the Resolution being changed.

Donelle Cronin, 32 Mole Pl. spoke in opposition to the Resolution being changed.

Joan Donnison, Bay Village Civic Association spoke in favor of the Resolution being changed.

Michael O'Neill, 34 Van Nostrand Pl. is not in agreement but respects the Resolution being changed.

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

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

Request to approve 2018 Village Hall Calendar.

MOTION to APPROVE made by Trustee Whalen and 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 from Fire Department

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Request to enter into contract with ESO Solution with software and tablets in the amount of \$11,000.00.

Chief Erath explained the need for the software and tablets so that their reports can be accessed and documented efficiently. There is a monthly fee per tablet. Grant reimbursement is expected in approximately \$20,000 - \$30,000.

MOTION to APPROVE made by Trustee Bernius 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

Request to pay South Shore Fire & Safety for four scott bottles in the amount of \$3,422.00 (A3410.250)

MOTION to APPROVE made by Trustee Whalen and 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 Department of Public Works

Request to pay Dynaire for Well Pump proposal #236625 in the amount of \$6,720.00 (A1623.460)

MOTION to APPROVE made by Trustee Whalen and 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 to pay 110 Sand Company for Refuse and Waste Non- recyclable mix in the amount of \$3,159.00 (A8160.442)

MOTION to APPROVE made by Trustee Whalen and 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 Highway Department

Request to pay Broadway Gas for emergency repair of rear village hall door in the amount of \$3,250.00 (A1623.460)

MOTION to APPROVE made by Trustee Whalen and 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

Mayor Siry opened the meeting to the Floor.

Donnelle Cronin, 32 Mole Pl. asked if the residents would have a chance to speak with Mr. Gary from TriTek proposal. Mayor Siry responded that the Board only would speak with Mr. Gary. Ms. Cronin asked if there would be an outside law firm to represent taxpayers. Mayor Siry responded that there would be an outside law firm to represent the taxpayers. Ms. Cronin also asked what the Mayor's administration's plan is for the beautification of the Village entryways and if he had been in contact with outside law firms to represent the taxpayers. On the north entryways trees will be planted on the medium, trees would be renewed, and he is working with the DOT to expedite issues on North side. Trustee Whalen also stated that trees will be renewed on Oak St.

Joanne Salandino, 251 Ocean Ave., asked the status of the Security Dodge case.

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Larry Sklar, P.O. Box 20, Jericho NY informed the Board of his organization, Homes for Homecoming Heroes, which builds and sells housing to Veterans. They are happy to work with the town on any projects for Veterans.

Mayor Siry wished everyone a Happy Holiday on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

There being no further comments from the Board or from the Floor a MOTION to ADJOURN was made by Trustee Whalen and seconded by Deputy Mayor Smith.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm

Catherine Murdock, Clerk/Treasurer