

Board of Trustees
Minutes
April 24, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

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

ALSO PRESENT: Chief of Police, Glenn Slack
Superintendent of Public Works, Bruce S. Hopper
Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Alweis
Chief of Fire Department, Jeff Erath
Village Attorney, Bruce Kennedy
Deirdre L. Parker, Deputy Village Clerk
Administrative Assistant, Katie DeGraff

The salute to the flag was led by Chief Slack

Mayor Siry welcomed everyone to the April 24th meeting of the Board of Trustees

Upon Mayor Siry's request to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees held on **April 10th, 2017**, copies of which were distributed to all members of the Board

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 Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Mayor's Actions:

Approve the following appointments:

Catherine Claire Murdock to the position of Village Clerk/Treasurer. \$36.06 per hour effective April 27, 2017.

Mayor Siry explained that they received 12 resumes and interviewed 4 people and Catherine stood out. He is confident in her as a 31 year resident of the Village of Amityville and her experience working with a million dollar budgets will make her an asset to the Village and a good addition to the team we have at Village Hall; Trustee Bernius asked if Catherine was in the audience and if so could she please stand up, although she (Trustee Bernius) has lived in Amityville all her life she never met her before tonight; Trustee LaLota explained that he read her resume and called her on the phone as well but this meeting was the first time he was meeting her. Trustee LaLota stated that he doesn't need experience to be a clerk/treasurer and will vote in favor but explained that this is the 3rd major hire that was done without including Trustee Bernius or himself. He wishes that that will change from now on; Deputy Mayor Smith stated that

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it was a pleasure meeting her and he looks forward to working with her; Trustee Whalen explained that she has a good education and he is happy to start working with her; Trustee Bernius stated that she is all for hiring people from Amityville but asked Mayor Siry if he interviewed all the candidates from Amityville who submitted their resumes; Mayor Siry answered no only 4 people;
MOTION to APPROVE was made by Deputy Mayor Smith and seconded by Trustee Whalen

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

Jeanne O'Neill to the position of part-time fire department chief's administrative assistant. \$15 per hour effective April 27, 2017

Mayor Siry explained that she is up to date on working with the computer and she will be working side by side with Mickey;

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 Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

There being no further "Mayor's Actions", Mayor Siry continued with the items on the Agenda:

Application for Licenses:

Automotive License- Automotive Sales New and/or Used

Peter Litvinoff, 77 Merrick Road, Amityville, NY

Mayor Siry explained that this is for South Shore Auto Sales for used car's being the continued use;

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 Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

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Taxi Driver's License – Renewal

Nicole Maynard, 240 Prospect St., Copiague, NY

Mayor Siry asked Chief Slack if he looked into this and it is okay, Chief Slack answered yes;

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

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

Request from Deputy Treasurer:

Treasurers Abstract April 5th, 2017 to April 18th, 2017

Mayor Siry explained that this document can be found online on our website;

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

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

Request from Village Assessor:

Request for correction of errors on **assessment roll**

Mayor Siry explained that these were errors regarding Village residents who moved/passed away and new owners purchased the homes so their exemptions are no longer able to be used. These properties are 181 South Ketcham Ave and 15 Terry Ave;

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

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

Request from Clerk/Treasurer:

Request from **Christ Episcopal Church** for Bike Ride through Amityville on Saturday, April 29th between the hours of 11:30am and noon. They will be escorted by SCPD

Chief Slack explained that they do this annually this is the 1st time they are stopping at the Church the Amityville Police Department isn't needed;

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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 Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request from **Bay Village Civic Association** to clean the Ketcham/Wood Preserve on North Side of Merrick Rd. on Saturday, May 20th at 10am.

Joan Donnison BVCA explained that they have been doing it for several years the Volunteers are coming from Amityville Memorial High School but anyone can join and help out, there will be pizza for everyone after;

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

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

Request to approve application for **Banner on Brownstones Coffee** grand re-opening. Banner to be displayed for a 30-day period from May 1, 2017 to May 31, 2017.

Trustee Bernius stated that she is happy to see they are back in business; Trustee LaLota stated that in the future he thinks this should be decided on by the Planning Board;

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 Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request from **Cibaenos** to use of the North ballfield for softball games on Sundays 8am-12pm from April 23rd through August 20th

Mayor Siry stated that this is for the girls softball field, who many people have played on including Katie DeGraff; Trustee LaLota asked if it was too early for a Sunday morning?

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 Bernius	aye

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	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request from **Amityville Fire Dept.** to use Beach lighted field for softball on Fridays 6:30pm-11:00pm from May 5th through November 10th, 2017.

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 Bernius	aye
	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request from Fire Department:

Request to **approve candidates** nominated at Convention on April 6th 2017

Chief Erath explained that Leland Greey is the 1st Assistant Chief, David Hagerty is the 2nd Assistant Chief, and Gavin Buddy is the 3rd Assistant Chief; Trustee LaLota congratulates everyone;

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

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

Request for **waiver of residency, John Klein**, 47 S. Bay Dr., Massapequa

Trustee LaLota asked Chief Erath how many members they are up to, Chief Erath answered 140 on the books but they need more members;

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

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

Request for approval of the following **new member: John Klein**, Dauntless Hose #2

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

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

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	Trustee LaLota	aye
	Trustee Whalen	aye
Motion Carried:	5 aye	0 nays

Request from Court:

Request to approve **closing the Court** on Friday, June 9, 2017 to allow staff to attend a continuing education program in Central Islip

Mayor Siry explained that this is a valuable training class that is long overdue; Trustee LaLota asks if this counts as overtime, Mayor Siry answered no; Trustee Whalen stated that we should make sure that is put on the website;

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

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

Before Mayor Siry opens the floor to the public he asked Deputy Mayor Smith to give the “Going On’s in the Village report”

Deputy Mayor Smith congratulated the Chiefs, they had their elections and thanked them for all of the work they do; Amityville Police Officer David Driscoll received the stop DWI Award; The Amityville Police Department will be holding their “No Empty Chair” program for traffic safety it is 4 to 5 days they are participating in from 5/22/17-6/4/17;

There being no further “going on’s in the Village”; Mayor Siry opened the floor to the public:

Mayor Siry announced to the public that there will be a work session this Thursday April 27th, 2017;

Maresa Dealy 50 Broadway stated that Ms. Murdock is qualified her question is that the job posting is till April 28th how can they hire someone without reviewing those resumes and cover letters that could be mailed in or brought in up to the 28th, Mayor Siry answered that the found candidates that they liked and Catherine is a good one; Ms. Dealy thanked the board for the information about the Budget meeting on May 1st and the work session of 4/27/2017 but many people work and can’t attend that session, is the information available to them tonight or online? Trustee Whalen answered that they budget will be available on the website on Thursday morning for the public; Ms. Dealy asked about the Camio lot what will that be? Mayor Siry answered that he is not sure what it will be but Security Dodge bought it. Ms. Dealy stated that she doesn’t want another parking lot to go there;

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Janet Colletti 17 Wellington Place stated that she misses Jessica’s “Good News” report, Mayor Siry stated that he asked her to continue to do it but she said no, Trustee Bernius stated that it is the Deputy Mayor’s job and felt that it was only right that Deputy Mayor Smith do it; Ms. Colletti stated that there is a taxi company with no fair or marked cars driving in the Village and using Wellington Pl as a cut through, the only thing is they have a number 631-800-7777 on them, Chief Slack stated that the police are enforcing the one way sign and now that he knows the number he will have one of the Spanish speaking officers call them to inform them about the law; Trustee LaLota stated that he googled it and found it to be Los Primos taxi; Mayor Siry stated that he ran into them at the train station and told them they need to get a taxi license to drive in the Village and that he will keep on top of them;

Joan Fisk 29 Maple Place stated that she had put in a complaint about the Security Dodge lot on Route 110 a month ago and nothing happened, Mayor Siry stated that this will be taken care of, it will be taken down they are not sure about what the time frame is;

Rich Cronin 32 Mole Pl stated that he works and cannot make the work session so he asked if the labor council we need to hire to negotiate contracts was added into one of the lines, if so which line? Mayor Siry answered yes and it is in the admin line 1420440;

Joan Liman asked what was going on with the Brunswick property; Mayor Siry stated that he didn’t know what was going on there;

Mayor Siry called for an executive session to discuss personnel matters

MOTION to OPEN Executive Session was made by Trustee LaLota and seconded by Trustee Whalen

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

Mayor Siry and the Board Members discussed the personnel matters at hand.

MOTION to Close Executive Session was made by Trustee Bernius 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

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Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

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

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

Motion Carried: 5 aye 0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

Deirdre Parker, Deputy Clerk