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VILLAGE OF LYNBROOK

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

1 COLUMBUS DRIVE

LYNBROOK, NEW YORK

MARCH 22, 2021

7:00 P.M.

BEFORE: ALAN C. BEACH

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APPEARANCES :

MICHAEL N. HAWXHURST, DEPUTY MAYOR

ROBERT BOCCIO, TRUSTEE

ANN MARIE REARDON, TRUSTEE

HILARY H. BECKER, TRUSTEE

VALERIE ONORATO, DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK

JOHN GIORDANO, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR (ABSENT)

THOMAS ATKINSON, VILLAGE ATTORNEY

1 MAYOR BEACH: Good Evening, everyone and
2 welcome to the March 22nd Board of Trustees
3 Meeting.

4 I will ask Laura Ryder to lead us in the
5 Pledge of Allegiance.

6 LAURA RYDER: Hand over your heart.

7 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was
8 recited by the Assembly. After, the following
9 ensued.)

10 MAYOR BEACH: Good Evening everyone and
11 welcome once, again.

12 I hope everyone is doing well and it seems
13 like we are getting closer and closer to that
14 happy day that we all want to see end this
15 pandemic, this Wuhan Virus.

16 We will start with the Minutes, the Minutes
17 of February 16th.

18 Has the Members read the Minutes?

19 (Whereupon, "yes, Mayor" was heard from
20 all. After, the following ensued.)

21 MAYOR BEACH: Any changes, alterations?

22 (Whereupon, "no" was heard from all.
23 After, the following ensued.)

24 MAYOR BEACH: A Motion to accept the
25 Minutes of February 16th?

1 TRUSTEE REARDON: So moved.

2 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: Second.

3 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

4 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
5 After, the following ensued.)

6 MAYOR BEACH: Next is to set a date on
7 April 19th for the proposed Local Law, the tax cap.

8 Maybe I will have Counsel speak about this
9 a little bit.

10 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: The
11 overwhelming majority of Villages in the State do
12 this pursuant to the General Municipal Law,
13 Section 3-C, the Village has the authority to
14 override the two percent tax cap, in the event,
15 that sixty percent of the governing body votes for
16 it.

17 It is always a recommendation prior to
18 budget season - - budget season, I mean, the weeks
19 and months between now and when the budget is
20 finally adopted, um, to enact the statute.

21 Each year we have done it for the past five
22 or six years, since the tax cap came in, so, if
23 there is a situation where the Village does choose
24 to go over the two percent tax cap, you have the
25 legal ability to do so.

1 It by no means mean you will go over it.

2 Even in the years that we knew that, um,
3 you know, I know a couple of years ago, it was
4 zero and a vast number of years it is below the
5 two percent, um, it is still the recommendation of
6 Counsel to enact the statute just to give you the
7 flexibility when you enter budget season.

8 MAYOR BEACH: Actually, a couple of years
9 we have done this and I just - - the reason why I
10 asked you to come um is because it was - - there
11 was in the literature here, there was no
12 significant case law challenging the Villages and
13 that is what really - - is there something coming
14 down the pike?

15 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: You know, it is
16 interesting, Mayor, as the Village Attorney, you
17 do delve into various different areas of the law
18 which makes it very, very interesting between
19 constitutional issues, tax issues, general
20 municipal law.

21 I can go on and on but, um, this was
22 something that was interesting when the tax cap
23 came down, I was expecting and I think a lot of
24 lawyers were expecting a sort of, I wouldn't say a
25 rush of lawsuits either challenging it or

1 challenging the administration of it and there
2 really hasn't been anything with regard to it.

3 Me, as an Attorney, it is somewhat
4 surprising that it hasn't, either it didn't come
5 down from the State Legislature a number of years
6 ago and there are just no cases on it or, you
7 know, nothing.

8 The restrictions of the School Districts
9 are more pronounces, you know, the Villages, Towns
10 and Counties have to do it by sixty percent vote
11 of the governing body.

12 The School Districts need a referendum to
13 exercise it within the Districts.

14 It is interesting the way it is,
15 interesting to me, anyway, the way the statute is.

16 MAYOR BEACH: You might as well stay there,
17 we are going to the second part of 2-A is the
18 bicycle law - - well, actually, the regulation of
19 bicycles, in-line skates, roller skates and
20 skateboards on the streets and sidewalks.

21 Um, we are going - - maybe you can speak
22 about that.

23 We are asking - - well, I will let you
24 speak about it.

25 First, I will ask for a Motion for

1 April 19th.

2 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: Mayor, if I may
3 just address both proposals, tonight is not the
4 Public Hearing.

5 The only thing I am asking the Board to do,
6 tonight, is set the Public Hearing date for April
7 19th for both the tax cap override, meaning it will
8 be on the agenda on April 19th and, then, also the
9 bicycle law.

10 So, um, to give the Board some background
11 on the bicycle law, Village Code Section 212-4, we
12 have a prohibition for skateboarding, roller
13 skating and in-line skating on a very defined
14 section of the streets in the immediate downtown
15 area.

16 It is Atlantic Avenue where Miller Hardware
17 and the shops are and a couple of the adjoining
18 streets around there, immediately around there.

19 It is not a Village-wide prohibition.

20 The people can skate in an overwhelming
21 majority of the Village.

22 This law was enacted - - it was actually
23 originally proposed in 2006 and, then, it wasn't
24 until 2008 where it was subsequently enacted.

25 There was actually a fair amount

1 of legislative history from the Village in the
2 file, in my office, regarding this and the
3 modifications for it.

4 What is proposed, um, what would be
5 proposed, if you do decided to go forward with the
6 Public Hearing on April 19th, is to add a bicycle
7 lane downtown, you know, to this statute and we
8 can do that in a number of ways.

9 Um, I thought the most efficient way to do
10 it is just to add a bicycle lane to that, skate
11 boarding and in-line skating statute.

12 There has been, um, some complaints and I
13 think many of the residents have seen, um, you
14 know, groups of bicyclists not obeying traffic
15 signals, doing wheelies, blocking cars, etc.

16 I know Brian and the Police Department are
17 sort of very aware of this and taking action.

18 But, this statute would theoretically would
19 do or the enhancement of the statute would
20 theoretically would be to, um, give those police
21 officers an additional tool in combating this
22 situation.

23 Now, that the statute was originally
24 enacted for predominately the skate boarding, they
25 had added roller skating and in-line

1 skating and, now, this would expand it further to
2 bicycles.

3 MAYOR BEACH: Thank you.

4 So, I would like to have a Motion to place
5 it on the calendar for April 19th.

6 TRUSTEE BECKER: So moved.

7 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: Second.

8 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

9 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
10 After, the following ensued.)

11 MAYOR BEACH: Thank you.

12 A Motion to have a Public Hearing on the
13 19th of April, also for a tentative budget?

14 All right, we need to set a date for the
15 Public Hearing, well, actually, we have to have a
16 Public Hearing for filing the tentative budget,
17 tonight, I believe, so a Motion to file a
18 tentative budget.

19 TRUSTEE BECKER: So moved.

20 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: Second.

21 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

22 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
23 After, the following ensued.)

24 MAYOR BEACH: And, then, Nassau County
25 Polling Place Agreement.

1 Has everyone reviewed this?

2 Which I found very shocking, this Village
3 only gets paid seventy dollars for opening the
4 doors for all day.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Yes.

6 MAYOR BEACH: But, so be it.

7 So, I need a Motion.

8 Everyone reviewed the Polling Place
9 Agreement?

10 This will be - - Village Hall will be the
11 Polling Place location.

12 TRUSTEE BECKER: So moved.

13 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: Second.

14 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

15 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all
16 except for Deputy Mayor Hawxhurst who voted no.
17 After, the following ensued.)

18 MAYOR BEACH: Okay. Ann Marie, did you
19 vote?

20 TRUSTEE REARDON: Yes.

21 MAYOR BEACH: Thank you.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Seventy dollars
23 doesn't over our costs.

24 They are cheap.

25 They have a surplus. They could

1 raise it up a couple of bucks.

2 MAYOR BEACH: You would really start and
3 open a hornets nest if we closed down Village Hall
4 so people won't be able to vote, you do realize
5 that?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Yeah, it would .

7 TRUSTEE REARDON: I agree with the Deputy
8 Mayor but people do have their right to vote
9 conveniently so - -

10 MAYOR BEACH: I think if we are planning on
11 closing Village Hall and people can't vote, I
12 think we should find another place, first, but,
13 okay, thank you, Deputy Mayor.

14 Next on the agenda is the Nassau County -
15 - no, the waste disposal audit, P3 Cost Analysts.

16 We had a gentleman approach us to, um, to
17 research our waste disposable fees and if they
18 find any monies that we are owed, that they get a
19 percentage of it.

20 If they don't find anything, there is no
21 costs.

22 So, I see no harm in trying this.

23 It benefit the Village if they find money,
24 so, I would need a Motion.

25 TRUSTEE BECKER: So moved.

1 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: Second.

2 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

3 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.

4 After, the following ensued.)

5 MAYOR BEACH: Then the transfer of funds;

6 has everybody reviewed the transfer of funds?

7 (Whereupon, "Yes" was heard by all. After,

8 the following ensued.)

9 MAYOR BEACH: Any issues?

10 (Whereupon, "No" was heard by all. After,

11 the following ensued.)

12 MAYOR BEACH: A motion?

13 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: So moved.

14 TRUSTEE BECKER: Second.

15 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

16 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.

17 After, the following ensued.)

18 MAYOR BEACH: I am sorry, you are so far

19 away.

20 Next on the agenda is the CDBG money. This

21 is money we use throughout the Village for

22 different Community Development Block Grants.

23 Has everyone reviewed this?

24 (Whereupon, "yes" was heard by all. After,

25 the following ensued.)

1 MAYOR BEACH: Any issues?

2 (Whereupon, "No," was heard by all. After,
3 the following ensued.)

4 MAYOR BEACH: This is going very fast.

5 A Motion?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: So moved.

7 TRUSTEE REARDON: Second.

8 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

9 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
10 After, the following ensued.)

11 MAYOR BEACH: Next is the Public Employee
12 Health Emergency Plan.

13 After COVID, now, um, we have set up a plan
14 that the Village has and it has been filed with
15 the County and it points out different places
16 where employees can work.

17 We were very ahead of this game, I think it
18 was because Sean Murphy, down in the Police
19 Department a while ago, even before the virus hit,
20 we were able to set up that our employees were
21 able to work from home.

22 And, most Villages weren't able to do
23 that, so, it was Sean's actions that really made
24 us ahead of the game here and we are very
25 fortunate and actually things ran rather well

1 | considering what we were going through.

2 | So, has everyone reviewed the plan?

3 | (Whereupon, "yes" was heard from all.

4 | After, the following ensued.)

5 | MAYOR BEACH: Any issues?

6 | (Whereupon, "no" was heard by all. After,

7 | the following ensued.)

8 | MAYOR BEACH: Motion to accept?

9 | TRUSTEE BOCCIO: So moved.

10 | TRUSTEE REARDON: Second.

11 | MAYOR BEACH: All those in favor?

12 | (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.

13 | After, the following ensued.)

14 | MAYOR BEACH: And, then, the Police Reform.

15 | I will ask Police Chief Palladino to come up and

16 | speak about the Police.

17 | Thank you for coming, Police Chief Brian

18 | Palladino.

19 | CHIEF PALLADINO: Thank you for having me.

20 | This has been a labor of love, here.

21 | MAYOR BEACH: Yes.

22 | CHIEF PALLADINO: After the incident with

23 | George Floyd last year, New York State has, as

24 | many States, has enacted police reform policies

25 | that they wanted their police jurisdictions

1 to do throughout the States.

2 Um, we were handed, really not a lot of
3 guidance with it, there was a book that came, a
4 workbook that came from the State.

5 It was sort of purposeful to do.

6 So, because the State did make a workbook
7 that five hundred different police were going to
8 use all the way from New York City to Bath, New
9 York, so, the whole gamut of police agencies to
10 use the premise that was set forth in the one book
11 and it purposely had not given use much guidance
12 because we were supposed to come up with our own
13 plan.

14 It was supposed to be a collaborative plan
15 with people in your community.

16 We tentatively called it, "The Lynbrook
17 Police Reform and Collaborative Plan."

18 And, we have a Police Reform and
19 Collaborative Committee.

20 We got together for, approximately, seven
21 meetings, I believe.

22 Um, we had all walks of life that were
23 there.

24 We had community organizers. We had myself
25 and Inspector Murphy.

1 We had the Trustees, um, we were required
2 to have someone from the D.A.'s Office.

3 We had a Lynbrook resident that was from
4 the D.A.'s Office.

5 We had a Public Defender, Civil Rights
6 Attorney that was on there.

7 Um, so, it was - - we had our Police,
8 Father Chaplain, someone from the School District
9 and business owner and other residents that were
10 involved.

11 It was really a great experience.

12 We had different, all walks of life and we
13 collaborated and put together our booklet.

14 Some of it is plagiarized from Nassau
15 County because we operate under their auspices,
16 especially, with the Police Academy training, um
17 and different, um, greater scope of training that
18 they actually provide us with.

19 However, we were offered to just sign on
20 with their plan.

21 And, I just didn't find that genuine and I
22 really wanted to hear from our community
23 residents.

24 And, I wanted to have a Lynbrook flare to
25 it and we definitely did that.

1 I couldn't thank our Committee enough.

2 They did a great job and from what I put
3 forth is that this is a starting point.

4 Um, the Committee is still together. If
5 anybody that is on it ever wants to leave, they
6 can tell me.

7 They are still part of this Committee and
8 we are going to meet from time to time to make
9 sure that we are hitting the goals that are set
10 forth in our plan.

11 I already started some of the things that
12 were in the plan because as much as there were
13 some difficult subjects to deal with, overall, it
14 was a good time to really reinvent ourselves and
15 look at some of the things that we are doing and
16 spark it back up, again and do it well.

17 So, we are doing a lot of community
18 initiatives.

19 Police Officers are really getting back out
20 into the community.

21 We are launching - - we are going to do
22 procedural justice training.

23 Long story short, it is, basically, giving
24 people a voice and better customer service, more
25 or less, if you will and having a better outcome

1 with the community, so, that will be out in May,
2 that is one of the tenants of the plan that the
3 State would like.

4 But, everybody was given copies. I don't
5 know if you have questions about it.

6 We had very little community feedback, as
7 far as, comment on it.

8 Everybody seemed to be in agreement with
9 it.

10 Our formed Committee was very positive
11 about it.

12 We had open forums. We didn't have much
13 attendance.

14 We didn't have much feedback.

15 MAYOR BEACH: That is true.

16 I want to point that out, the Police Chief
17 came down, here, opened up Village Hall and put it
18 out there, that you could come down and speak to
19 him if there was any issues that you had with it.

20 CHIEF PALLADINO: One thing we had
21 overwhelming, positive feedback with a lot of the
22 things, we had a survey that we did put out and it
23 was overwhelmingly positive.

24 Um, you know, I think we are headed in the
25 right direction.

1 And, again this is a starting point, so, if
2 we find ourselves not really in the right
3 direction, then, we can always go back and change
4 it, so - - but, this had to be done by April 1st.

5 You guys had your Block Grants that you
6 just approved all that funding was on the line, if
7 we didn't choose to participate in it.

8 However, we did and it was a good
9 experience.

10 It was actually a good community
11 experience, as well.

12 So, I put forth, tonight, I hope that you
13 guys will approve it, if you do, it will be sent
14 up to Albany and we will be held by, you know,
15 sticking to it and trying to start some of the
16 initiatives.

17 MAYOR BEACH: Great, thank you very much,
18 Chief.

19 CHIEF PALLADINO: Thank you.

20 MAYOR BEACH: May I have a Motion to
21 approve?

22 You got a question?

23 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Just one question
24 for Brian.

25 Brian you mentioned we had the ability

1 to just sign off on the Nassau County plan, so,
2 that would have meant we wouldn't have put
3 together a Committee.

4 We wouldn't have done our surveys, had the
5 Committee Meetings and you know you had Meetings
6 with the Public on that.

7 It would have just been signing off on
8 their plan and going whatever they agreed to.

9 CHIEF PALLADINO: Yeah, you know, even in
10 Nassau County there were a couple of Villages with
11 six Police Officers, a couple hundred residents,
12 so for them, it may behoove them to do that.

13 I felt with the size of our community and,
14 you know, the diversity within it, we really
15 needed to talk and we have a very proactive Police
16 Department and I wanted to make sure we are
17 proactive in the right direction.

18 And, most of the stuff, I think, we are and
19 you know a lot of the things - - a lot of the
20 tenants that were put forth in the plan, business
21 practices, if you will, we already do.

22 You know, I felt a lot of ways we have to
23 do a better job of marketing ourselves.

24 We already started up a Facebook Page.

25 We are revamping our website and putting

1 more statistics on there and definitely it is all
2 about transparency.

3 I don't have a problem being transparent
4 because I think we have a great Police Department.

5 Yeah, I wanted to have a Lynbrook stamp on
6 it, that is really our plan.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: And, what about
8 the surrounding communities, the Police
9 Departments, do you know if they signed off on the
10 Nassau County plan?

11 CHIEF PALLANDINO: Overall, it was tough at
12 first, because you know, put yourselves in the
13 position, you basically were told what you were
14 doing is not right.

15 So, some Chiefs dragged their feet a little
16 bit. They were obstinate about it.

17 It produced some anger and part of that
18 problem came from the fact that ninety to ninety-
19 five percent of the booklet they sent, we were
20 already doing.

21 You know when you take this job, you are
22 not really a bragger.

23 There are a lot of things, incredible
24 things that - - incredible things that guys do
25 every day - -

1 MAYOR BEACH: The book that came down from
2 Albany with the guidelines and the different
3 suggestions, there were many of those that we
4 already do and there are a lot of things in there
5 that they, um, we could not compare our community
6 to, which makes it a little awkward for us, a lot
7 of those things, they do not happen, here.

8 CHIEF PALLADINO: Exactly.

9 MAYOR BEACH: And, they respect people.

10 CHIEF PALLADINO: Thank you so much. I
11 appreciate that.

12 Thank you so much.

13 In many occasions, the whole Department is
14 always complimented.

15 You complimented the Inspector before. He
16 is awesome at his job.

17 We work together.

18 We have a good time downstairs and we are
19 moving things forward.

20 And, um, I said a lot of people, it just,
21 it becomes a layer, another project that I have to
22 do and sometimes, you know, people, you know had a
23 hard time dealing with it and wanted more
24 direction.

25 I think in the long run, it was greater

1 that we didn't get much direction because, then,
2 this way, we could sit down and do what we wanted.

3 And, again, it was accepted by the
4 community and I believe it is a good plan.

5 And, the door is always opened.

6 Part of it, we are going to have open door
7 meetings.

8 If you want to come down and tell us
9 something that we can do better, I am always open
10 to listen and try, maybe they don't understand why
11 we do something a certain way and you know, we can
12 explain it to them a little better and that is
13 what it is about.

14 TRUSTEE BECKER: Mayor, if I could ask a
15 quick question.

16 MAYOR BEACH: Yes.

17 TRUSTEE BECKER: Chief, this is great stuff
18 that we are doing, however, I think the residents
19 should be reminded that a lot of the police work
20 that our officers do have to do with their
21 training and the training at the Academy and their
22 ongoing training.

23 And, I just want to make sure that the
24 residents understand that this is something that
25 you and the Board have always taken extremely

1 serious and have always, you know, pushed for, you
2 know, the very highest level of training for all
3 of our officers and I just remind the residents of
4 that.

5 CHIEF PALLADINO: Definitely, just aside to
6 that, part of like sort of a snafu that we started
7 a training program, as we did, Nassau County was
8 in a bad way a bunch of years ago financially,
9 they just weren't doing much training, so, we
10 revamped ourselves.

11 I have twelve certified trainers
12 downstairs, New York State Certified Trainers.

13 There use to be probably the biggest
14 lacking that we had.

15 We had no one that could teach, no one that
16 wanted to teach. In society, it tends to be a big
17 problem, people doing public speaking and all of
18 that.

19 We have twelve people. I have three guys
20 that do firearms and use force.

21 Right, now, four of us are trained in
22 procedural justice.

23 We were lauded by the Governor on a
24 conference call recently because we took to it.

25 I sat through the training myself because

1 I wanted to make sure it was good training to get
2 involved with and I made great friends with the
3 Instructor.

4 And, we are on-board with this.

5 It is procedural justice.

6 It is a forward way of thinking of things
7 and a lot of it we have been doing already.

8 We are just not marketing it.

9 We went out and got our taser and whatever
10 comes down the road, we will add on new equipment
11 and be able to train it inhouse and it saves us a
12 lot of money and it saves the Village a lot of
13 money and it saves - - um, a lot of times we can
14 roll something out quickly.

15 We will roll out procedural justice in the
16 month of May and it will be done and, then, if we
17 ever want to redress it, we will redress it,
18 everything.

19 We take it to be inhouse and I have a lot
20 of more training in mind.

21 We will become experts on and try to do it
22 inhouse and not only a training day, we actually,
23 you know, we have taken doing stuff during our
24 tours.

25 One incident, in particular, we had

1 a discrepancy about how to do a Felony car stop
2 and, um, there was a debate about it at lunchtime,
3 some of the guys were talking about it and, then
4 right after lunch, they broke out and we went to
5 Wilcox Alley and they were doing Felony car stops.

6 So, you know when you have some downtime,
7 you use downtime to train.

8 It is a wonderful thing. So, that is where
9 I want to go and that is where I see us going.

10 TRUSTEE BECKER: Just to reiterate that, we
11 have wonderful, certified trainers in our
12 Department, which is a huge asset for the
13 training.

14 And, the training has, obviously, helped us
15 in the past but more importantly, now, moving
16 forward, it is going to, I feel, it is going to be
17 a huge asset.

18 CHIEF PALLADINO: Having a trainer on
19 staff, you remember these trainers other than me
20 and Inspector Murphy, the other eleven trainers
21 are fully integrated into our Department.

22 So, they go out on patrol. They are Desk
23 Officers. They are on patrol. They are always
24 available so they do train on the side during the
25 tour at certain times.

1 So, it is nothing to be afraid of and
2 something that we are all aware of.

3 MAYOR BEACH: Thank you.

4 TRUSTEE BECKER: Thank you, Chief.

5 TRUSTEE REARDON: Thank you, Brian, you and
6 Inspector Murphy did a wonderful job.

7 It was wonderful to be part of and
8 experience that.

9 You brought in many different people from
10 our community and I think that it should be noted
11 what an open mind and how transparent the Lynbrook
12 Police Department wants to be because it was
13 obvious the whole time that you want the residents
14 to know what you are doing and what you are doing
15 to protect them.

16 So, I thank you for that.

17 MAYOR BEACH: I might add that Trustee
18 Boccio and Trustee Reardon were on that Committee.

19 CHIEF PALLADINO: Yes, they were. I was
20 trying not to name people directly. I don't want
21 to.

22 You guys were great.

23 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: To echo that, one of the
24 things that was very telling, as you indicated, we
25 did conduct a survey, a Village-wide survey

1 and it was a survey that captured a great number
2 of participants which was good.

3 We weren't sure what the feedback was going
4 to be.

5 And, to that point, we were trying to
6 figure out a baseline of where we are, how far we
7 were ahead of the curve on just connecting with
8 the community and having an understanding of
9 overall positive feedback.

10 And, I think that speaks to your leadership
11 and the leadership among your people and the tone
12 that you set which made our job a little more
13 refine as to what we need to target and what we
14 can do better.

15 So, it was a very eye-opening experience,
16 that way and it kind of confirmed what we thought
17 that we are doing a good job.

18 We can always do better, but, the letter
19 that we received and the feedback that we received
20 was terrific.

21 It was a great starting point and that is
22 to be commended by you and your leadership.

23 CHIEF PALLADINO: Thank you very much.

24 MAYOR BEACH: Thank you, Brian.

25 CHIEF PALLADINO: Anything further?

1 (Whereupon, "no" was heard. After, the
2 following ensued.)

3 MAYOR BEACH: A Motion to approve.

4 TRUSTEE BECKER: So moved.

5 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: Second.

6 MAYOR BEACH: All those in favor?

7 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
8 After, the following ensued.)

9 MAYOR BEACH: Do you need me to sign that
10 right, now?

11 CHIEF PALLADINO: Why not.

12 TRUSTEE REARDON: It was a great job by you
13 guys.

14 MAYOR BEACH: I know you are dying to get
15 it in right, now. Thank you, Brian.

16 Great job, thank you very much.

17 Next on 7-C, the grievance from DPW, the
18 Arbitrator sided with the Village and denied the
19 grievance.

20 Um, it was just recommended that the Board
21 has the final say, everyone agrees with the
22 grievance that it was awarded to the Village?

23 (Whereupon, "yes" was heard by all. After,
24 the following ensued.)

25 MAYOR BEACH: So, I ask for a Motion

1 to approve the grievance.

2 TRUSTEE REARDON: So moved.

3 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: Second.

4 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

5 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.

6 After, the following ensued.)

7 MAYOR BEACH: Thank you.

8 I ask Mr. Stanton to come up and talk about
9 outdoor dining.

10 SUPERINTENDENT OF BUILDINGS STANTON: Good
11 Evening, Mayor and Board.

12 I want to take this opportunity to talk
13 about the outdoor dining program that you
14 implemented prior to the Winter.

15 It was very successful.

16 Now that we have the Spring and Summer
17 coming, I am asking the Mayor and the Board if we
18 can work together and modify the existing
19 conditions and speak to restaurant owners and see
20 what we can do to modify it in the upcoming
21 season.

22 MAYOR BEACH: Great, Brian.

23 Is this Board in agreement to do the
24 outdoor dining for the restaurants?

25 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: So moved.

1 TRUSTEE REARDON: Second.

2 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

3 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.

4 After, the following ensued.)

5 MAYOR BEACH: I have been getting questions
6 from them that is good, thank you, Brian.

7 8-A is the demolition of a residential
8 property that we have and there were three bids,
9 one for one hundred and fifty-one thousand, one
10 for one hundred and forty-seven thousand eight
11 hundred and seventy-five dollars and one for
12 seventy-eight thousand dollars.

13 Woe, that is some variable and I recommend
14 that Frank Robustello & Son for seventy-eight
15 thousand dollars get the job.

16 TRUSTEE BECKER: Mr. Mayor, where are the
17 properties?

18 What are the addresses of these properties
19 and how many are there?

20 MAYOR BEACH: One property on Carpenter
21 Avenue by the Firehouse.

22 TRUSTEE REARDON: Next door to the
23 Firehouse.

24 MAYOR BEACH: Excuse me?

25 TRUSTEE REARDON: Next door to the

1 Firehouse.

2 MAYOR BEACH: Do you know the address?

3 DEPUTY VILLAGE CLERK ONORATO: 36 Carpenter
4 Avenue.

5 TRUSTEE BECKER: It is just the one
6 property?

7 MAYOR BEACH: Yes. Motion.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: So moved.

9 TRUSTEE REARDON: Second.

10 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

11 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
12 After, the following ensued.)

13 MAYOR BEACH: Next is the replacement of a
14 vehicle at DPW to receive bids for replacement.

15 There is a 1997 DPW Pickup that has seen
16 its last day.

17 The chassis is breaking.

18 The motor is still running. The chassis
19 broke.

20 They are asking for a new vehicle and they
21 could utilize some CHIPS funding for that.

22 A Motion to approve?

23 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: So moved.

24 TRUSTEE BECKER: Second.

25 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

1 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
2 After, the following ensued.)

3 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Twenty-four years
4 out of that vehicle.

5 MAYOR BEACH: Getting our money out of it.

6 TRUSTEE REARDON: It is older than me.

7 MAYOR BEACH: Next we have Parking Field
8 14, there seems to be a discrepancy with some of
9 the meters in our Village.

10 Some are .50 cents an hour, other are .25
11 cents an hour.

12 And, there is a problem with the computer
13 in it and instead of buying a whole new program to
14 keep the .25 cents, so, we do have a computer for
15 the .50 cents an hour.

16 I recommend converting it to .50 cents, so
17 all the meters in the Village are unified with the
18 same amount.

19 So, I need a Motion.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: So moved.

21 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: Second.

22 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

23 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
24 After, the following ensued.)

25 MAYOR BEACH: Next is the Spring, Summer

1 sports schedule from Pioneer Sports.

2 Everyone had the opportunity to review
3 this?

4 (Whereupon, "yes" was heard by all. After,
5 the following ensued.)

6 MAYOR BEACH: Everyone in agreement?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: They have been
8 popular programs, doing well.

9 Kids seem to like them. Parents like them.

10 MAYOR BEACH: I need a Motion.

11 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: So moved.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Second.

13 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

14 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
15 After, the following ensued.)

16 MAYOR BEACH: Next is the field usage. We
17 have been talking about this for some time.

18 We should start getting the people on the
19 field and there is a fee of thirty-five dollars an
20 hour and forty-five dollars an hour after 7:00
21 p.m.

22 TRUSTEE REARDON: This is the ballfield.

23 MAYOR BEACH: For the turf, I believe.

24 TRUSTEE REARDON: No, the ballfield.

25 MAYOR BEACH: The ballfield at Greis

1 Park, yes and the soccer field at Ocean will be
2 fifteen dollars.

3 So, we are talking thirty-five dollars an
4 hour for the turf and forty-five an hour after
5 7:00 p.m.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: The only thing I
7 think is after the 7:00 p.m. part.

8 MAYOR BEACH: Yes.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Just because, you
10 know, in the Summer and the Winter sports, if you
11 have the lights, I think it is kind of a light
12 thing.

13 MAYOR BEACH: So, can I table that, then or
14 is this something that we want to get going?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Ten dollars for
16 the lights.

17 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: I think it should be
18 reflective of the use of the lights so if it is
19 not in that season.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: I don't want to
21 charge somebody ten dollars for daylight.

22 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: Correct.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Have them not to
24 be able to get lights when it is darker in the
25 Winter at 5:00 o'clock.

1 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: Agreed.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: So, I think we
3 just need to change that to like thirty-five
4 dollars and forty-five for the lights.

5 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: Season dependent, I think.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Yeah, you know,
7 with the time.

8 MAYOR BEACH: Do we feel we need this
9 right, now or do we need more conversation on it?

10 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: If you want to do
11 twilight, the word, put there "twilight," that
12 would be implemented by the season that we are
13 going to be in and reflect that.

14 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: It is
15 interesting. I am not trying to complicate
16 matters.

17 MAYOR BEACH: This is very complicated,
18 actually.

19 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: There is a
20 constitutional issue with regard to, um, renting
21 out public Park space.

22 MAYOR BEACH: Correct.

23 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: And, without
24 getting too into it, I am not going to bore the
25 Board with it but, you know, the Mayor and

1 myself and Mr. Boccio have spoken at length about
2 this.

3 I don't see a problem constitutionally
4 having, um, a set fee at thirty-five dollars and
5 forty-five dollars if the lights are on.

6 Constitutionally, you are not selecting a
7 group or anything like that, that would be more,
8 you are not differentiating from residents and
9 non-residents.

10 It is across the board sweep.

11 So, Mike's proposal, I don't mind, um, from
12 a legal basis if you do want to adopt that and
13 modify that tonight or if you want to discuss it
14 more and try to iron it out.

15 MAYOR BEACH: I would prefer to modify it
16 but discuss it more.

17 I am thinking forty-five dollars is not
18 covering the lights, you know, the illumination of
19 the field and we briefly spoke about it, what is
20 the cost to the Village for turning on those
21 lights, not that we are looking to beat up
22 anybody, I would say.

23 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: One thing if I
24 could mention, Mayor and just for the public at
25 home, it is very interesting when you look at

1 the electric rates, you are not paying for the
2 electric usage, that is the big sort of, um, price
3 item or big ticket item.

4 What you are paying for that gets very
5 expensive is the ability to turn it on because
6 LIPA has to have that amount of electricity
7 reserved at all times so when you flick your
8 switch, everything lights up.

9 Now, this has been alleviated, somewhat in
10 recent years with LED lights.

11 You know if you remember playing Little
12 League in Greis Park in the '70's and '80's, maybe
13 back in the day when I did, those lights would be

14 - -

15 MAYOR BEACH: Are you going back to the
16 '70's?

17 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: Yes, Mayor.

18 TRUSTEE REARDON: I wouldn't know.

19 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: But, um, you
20 almost could feel the heat on them.

21 They were using so much electricity.

22 MAYOR BEACH: Yes.

23 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: Now, it is a
24 very different thing but the rates are still, um,
25 you know, aggressively priced by LIPA to say

1 the least.

2 We did discuss this - -

3 MAYOR BEACH: Correct.

4 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: - - Mike and
5 one thing we came up with is the 7:00 o'clock,
6 sort of administratively, an easier time to, um,
7 bill everybody and 7:00, it is easier for
8 bookkeeping and keeping track of as opposed to
9 fluctuating times based on sunset throughout the
10 year and that is why the decision for the forty-
11 five dollars after 7:00 p.m. was made.

12 And, again, it is really a determination
13 for the Board.

14 I don't see a constitutional issue, here at
15 all with regards to how you want to administrate
16 it.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: I am fine leaving
18 it after 7:00.

19 MAYOR BEACH: It can always be amended
20 later.

21 TRUSTEE BECKER: Mr. Mayor, if I could, I
22 think it might be a good idea to have the
23 Recreation Department give us their feedback and
24 see what their thoughts are.

25 MAYOR BEACH: They have already been

1 spoken to about it.

2 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: Yeah, humbly, I
3 think what the Mayor is alluding to, the turf
4 field is going to see unprecedented use at Greis
5 Park, that is why I don't want to see - - that is
6 why the Village came together and rebuilt this
7 wonderful field.

8 There is going to be some growing pains and
9 kinks.

10 Perhaps a decision to strongly contemplate
11 would be, if you know, do thirty-five an hour and
12 forty-five after 7:00 and revisit it in a few
13 months and see how it is working.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: I am fine with
15 that.

16 MAYOR BEACH: A Motion to move as is with
17 the option to make the amendments, if necessary?

18 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: So moved.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Second.

20 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

21 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
22 After, the following ensued.)

23 MAYOR BEACH: Thank you.

24 We had a proposal for a concession stand, I
25 think, at Greis Park with Broadway and 74th Street

1 Corporation.

2 It seems like it is a reputable firm. John
3 was looking into it.

4 While I speak of John, John is not feeling
5 well.

6 I like to thank Valerie for stepping in. I
7 appreciate you being here, Valerie and the Board
8 does.

9 So, I would like to move forward with this
10 concession stand offer and possibly have the
11 gentleman come in and speak to us.

12 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: Mayor, if I
13 just may add - -

14 MAYOR BEACH: Sure.

15 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: Typically, each
16 year my office prepares a food concession
17 agreement that would be signed on behalf, you
18 know, by yourself, as the Chief Executive of the
19 Village and the concessionaire, as well.

20 What is in the packet is a proposal and
21 background information and I just wanted to
22 assuage any concerns that the Board may have.

23 You know, we do have a formal written
24 contract when, you know, before the season starts
25 and we execute that each year.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: And, they provide
2 you with all the necessary insurance, licenses?

3 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: Certainly.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: All of that.

5 MAYOR BEACH: This gentleman seems well
6 established, too.

7 VILLAGE ATTORNEY ATKINSON: It does seem
8 that way and it is, um, we are not a City of one
9 hundred and fifty thousand with eleven
10 concessions.

11 We do have one at Greis and you know if it
12 is a warm Summer and the pool is really busy, I am
13 sure the concession could be quite busy.

14 If it is a covid Summer with a lot of rain,
15 you know, it is a very different financial, um,
16 result for the concessionaire, so - -

17 MAYOR BEACH: So, a Motion to approve of
18 the gentleman coming in and speaking to him?

19 TRUSTEE BECKER: So moved.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Second.

21 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

22 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
23 After, the following ensued.)

24 MAYOR BEACH: And, an add-on, here is the
25 pool opening.

1 We are going to be moving forward with the
2 pool.

3 I know last year we did daily rates. This
4 year we will be doing, I think, registration on,
5 here, too, for the Swim Team.

6 We are going to run the pool like we did in
7 the past.

8 So, the information will be down at Greis
9 Park.

10 It will be coming out. Everyone in
11 agreement in doing this and make a Motion to open
12 up the pool?

13 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: So moved.

14 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: Second.

15 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

16 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
17 After, the following ensued.)

18 MAYOR BEACH: The fees will stay the same
19 as the past years but there was a price on the
20 Swim Team registration was one hundred and twenty-
21 five.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: One hundred and
23 twenty-five dollars.

24 MAYOR BEACH: For the Swim Team
25 registration.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: That all depends
2 if the league moves forward.

3 MAYOR BEACH: Okay, so, we approved that,
4 okay, great.

5 Getting back to normal.

6 And, then, the Fire Department would like
7 to have the Wounded Warriors Fundraising event on
8 September 25th on Saturday.

9 A Motion to approve?

10 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: So moved.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Second.

12 MAYOR BEACH: All those in favor?

13 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
14 After, the following ensued.)

15 MAYOR BEACH: Okay, thank you.

16 Then storage trailer on 5 Freer Street.

17 Mr. Stanton?

18 And, you had correspondence with Mr. Barton
19 about this and you worked out a safe area for this
20 trailer.

21 This is a trailer - - I will let you speak
22 about it.

23 BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT STANTON: Yes, it
24 is really a leasing trailer, not a storage
25 trailer.

1 And, we are dealing with Mr. Barton and Mr.
2 Barton had provided the Village with all the
3 proper insurances.

4 We went out there on the site. We measured
5 everything.

6 The trailer is going to be 8 x 20 tucked in
7 on the sidewalk, so, you will have ample room to
8 get by the trailer.

9 He will put in all the necessary
10 safeguards.

11 He will have the entranceway of the trailer
12 in the rear of the trailer that is off to the
13 side; this way, anybody that comes to it would not
14 be walking into the street, they would be able to
15 walk in through the back of the trailer.

16 He is going to allocate a couple of spaces
17 behind the trailer so anybody that comes, they
18 would be on the same side of the trailer and
19 approach the trailer right through the back.

20 They requested from April to October is the
21 timeline and I don't foresee any real issues or
22 concerns with the situation as I have spoken to
23 Mr. Bartone and primarily use of the trailer would
24 be after the normal business hours of construction
25 of the site which there is already ample space

1 between the construction and the placement of the
2 trailer.

3 So, life safety should not be a concern.

4 MAYOR BEACH: Should not be?

5 BUILDING SUPERINTENDENT STANTON: Is not a
6 concern.

7 MAYOR BEACH: Okay, thank you. A Motion to
8 approve?

9 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: So moved.

10 TRUSTEE REARDON: Second.

11 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

12 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
13 After, the following ensued.)

14 MAYOR BEACH: And, next is the bills.

15 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: I move that the bills
16 listed on the abstract and audited vouchers be
17 paid as soon as they have been duly audited by
18 the majority.

19 MAYOR BEACH: Second?

20 TRUSTEE REARDON: Second.

21 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

22 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard by all.
23 After, the following ensued.)

24 MAYOR BEACH: Thank you, that concluded our
25 agenda.

1 Um, I just want to say we have the holidays
2 coming, Passover and Easter and the Police Chief
3 is relaxing the - - the Police Chief is doing
4 this, now, relaxing parking from Saturday, 3/27 to
5 April 5th.

6 So, it is March 27th to April 5th.

7 The nighttime parking will be relaxes.

8 Also, just a quick note, Mike and Courtney
9 Davies finally had a little baby girl Sunday
10 night.

11 I believe it was Sunday morning.

12 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was
13 heard. After, the following ensued.)

14 MAYOR BEACH: Congratulation, Michael and
15 now you can get use to everybody else when you
16 learn how not to sleep at night. Good luck.

17 Anybody else have anything to say?

18 TRUSTEE BECKER: If I may, Mr. Mayor, I
19 want to wish everybody a Happy Passover and
20 Easter.

21 And, the Middle School Wrestling Team and
22 Varsity Wrestling Team, believe it or not, they
23 were able to squeeze in some wrestling season,
24 there.

1 Obviously, not a full season, just a bunch
2 of matches and practices, but, they did extremely
3 well and I tip my hat to them.

4 Wrestling is a tough sport as it is and to
5 be able to compete in the middle of a pandemic is
6 impressive.

7 And, so, I just wanted to congratulate them
8 and their coaches.

9 And, lastly, we lost a very dear friend of
10 the Village, a long-time resident and a gentleman
11 that I went to school with way back when Joe Fiore
12 past away, sadly, from complications from COVID.

13 If we could just have a moment of silence
14 for him.

15 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was
16 observed by all. After, the following ensued.)

17 TRUSTEE BECKER: Thank you, Mayor.

18 MAYOR BEACH: Welcome.

19 Anything else?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: A couple of
21 things, quickly, first, I want to say
22 congratulations to Darlene DiCaro, her son, John,
23 move onto the Hollywood phase of American Idol.

24 So, Lynbrook's own, John DiCaro will be in
25 Hollywood competing.

1 So, congratulations to Darlene and John
2 DiCaro.

3 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was
4 observed. After, the following ensued.)

5 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: We hope to see him
6 do well in the future, so, watch the show and root
7 him on.

8 MAYOR BEACH: John did our National Anthem
9 quite a few times at our different events.

10 TRUSTEE REARDON: And, he is an alumni.

11 MAYOR BEACH: Great family.

12 TRUSTEE REARDON: Yep.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: One of the things
14 I just wanted to follow up on, Mayor, is the Mayor
15 mentioned about Inspector Murphy and the work he
16 had done prior to the pandemic.

17 He had petitioned this Board, um, as one of
18 his duties as the technology officer and obtained
19 licenses so that our employees could work from
20 home.

21 So, that when the pandemic hit, we really
22 had seamless transitions from the number of
23 employees, whether it was in the Village Hall
24 Office, Building Department, Court Department,
25 wherever it was, they could, you know, work

1 from home, log on from home and get their work
2 done and you know, it allowed this Village Hall to
3 continue and you know the Building Department and
4 everyone else to continue in their operations.

5 And, you know, it really was kind of
6 foresighted thought to do that because, you know,
7 talking to some surrounding Villages, they didn't
8 have that ability.

9 They didn't have the ability for their
10 employees to work safely from home and you know,
11 it was not something that he knew the pandemic was
12 coming, better than anybody else, planning ahead
13 and I want to thank Inspector Murphy for all his
14 work on that and really allowed a year to go by in
15 this Village, this Village Hall did not miss a
16 thing in what needed to get done.

17 And, again, Happy Passover and Happy Easter
18 to everyone out there.

19 TRUSTEE REARDON: Yes.

20 TRUSTEE BECKER: Mr. Mayor, one last thing,
21 I like to congratulate Laura and Mike and Judge
22 McLaughlin on their victories and also a shout out
23 to their opponents Dave O'Neil and Josh Margoles
24 for a good, competitive race.

25 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: I wanted to add that

1 we have tomorrow night at VFW, March 23rd from 7:00
2 to 9:00 registration for the Titans Football
3 Program starts, so, we are excited to hopefully be
4 on the field starting August all those planned,
5 um, so, if you are interested in the football
6 program, you can start registration tomorrow from
7 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

8 MAYOR BEACH: On the new field.

9 TRUSTEE BOCCIO: A new field.

10 TRUSTEE REARDON: What a positive sign to
11 see that, you know football is coming back.
12 Cheering is coming back and these kids will
13 hopefully go back to some sort of organized
14 activities, as much as they can.

15 So, I think it is great that football is
16 going to get going.

17 MAYOR BEACH: Thank you. Thank you all for
18 tuning in.

19 Be well and be safe. Thank you. A Motion
20 to close the Meeting.

21 TRUSTEE BECKER: So moved.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR HAWXHURST: Second.

23 MAYOR BEACH: All in favor?

24 (Whereupon, a vote of aye was heard and the
25 Meeting was concluded at 7:50 p.m.)

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I, do hereby certify that the foregoing
testimony in the matter of the Village of Lynbrook
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.

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