

1 INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF THOMASTON

2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

3 JANUARY 11, 2021

4 7:30 P.M.

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7 P R E S E N T :

8 STEVEN WEINBERG, MAYOR

9 JAMES E. SHARKEY, DEPUTY MAYOR

10 JILL MONOSON, TRUSTEE

11 TO-ON PANG, TRUSTEE

12 BURTON S. WESTON, TRUSTEE

13 DENISE KNOWLAND, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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22 JENNIFER DEVLIN  
23 COURT REPORTER  
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1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.  
2 We're live.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Welcome everyone to the  
4 Village of Thomaston Board of Trustees  
5 meeting for January 11, 2021. It is now 7:38  
6 p.m. I have to read the following statement  
7 regarding the procedures for this meeting.

8 Due to the public health and safety  
9 concerns related to COVID-19 and pursuant to  
10 Governor's Executive Orders, this meeting of  
11 the Board of Trustees is not being held in  
12 person. The board is meeting by  
13 videoconferencing. The meeting will be  
14 recorded, and a transcription will be  
15 provided at a later date.

16 The public has the opportunity to observe  
17 this meeting live and to submit comments  
18 pursuant to instructions given on the village  
19 website and in the meeting notice.

20 Interested members of the public may provide  
21 comments on an agenda item or public hearing  
22 by calling in during the meeting at (646)  
23 558-8656. Meeting ID: 813 8369 4828.  
24 Password: 198678, or through the written

1 chat section of the Zoom meeting. Comments  
2 may also be provided via email before and  
3 during the meeting to  
4 clerk@villageofthomaston.org.

5 The Village Administrator will now call  
6 the roll for attendance at this meeting by  
7 members of the Board and relevant Village  
8 staff.

9 Denise, please call the roll.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
11 Mayor Sharkey.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Here.

13 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
14 Monoson.

15 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Here.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
17 Pang.

18 TRUSTEE PANG: Here.

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
20 Weston.

21 TRUSTEE WESTON: Here.

22 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
23 Weinberg.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Here.

1 A quorum of the board is in attendance  
2 and we can begin the business of the meeting.

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4 MAYOR WEINBERG: Can we have a motion by  
5 someone for the adoption of the minutes of  
6 the December 14th meeting?

7 TRUSTEE PANG: I'll make the motion.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I'll second.

9 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Ben, would you  
10 read the motion?

11 TRUSTEE PANG: Right.

12 RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board  
13 of Trustees meeting held on December 14,  
14 2020, are hereby approved and accepted as  
15 presented.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion?

17 (None.)

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: Call the question.

19 Denise, please call the roll.

20 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
21 Mayor Sharkey.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
24 Monoson.

1 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
3 Pang.

4 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
6 Weston.

7 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

8 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
9 Weinberg.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
12 are five votes in favor, zero opposed. The  
13 motion is adopted.

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15 MAYOR WEINBERG: The next item on the  
16 agenda is a tax certiorari settlement. This  
17 is a -- I will be the proponent or the  
18 movant.

19 WHEREAS, after extensive negotiations,  
20 the Village Attorney has advised the Board of  
21 Trustees of settlements of pending tax  
22 certiorari matters as herein after described,

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

24 RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees

1 hereby ratifies and approves the following  
2 settlements of pending tax certiorari  
3 litigation and authorizes and directs the  
4 correction of the current tax rolls to  
5 reflect the assessed valuation(s) hereinafter  
6 set forth:

7 Brittany Tenants Stockholders, Inc - 171  
8 South Middle Neck Road. Section 2, Block  
9 139, Lot 443, for tax years 2015/16 through  
10 2020/21, inclusive. Refund of \$9,000.  
11 Assessed valuation \$22,000. Plus a 3-year  
12 moratorium.

13 Is there a second for the motion?

14 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second.

15 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Second.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Burt  
17 Weston will be the second.

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Any discussion?  
19 Are there any questions?

20 TRUSTEE PANG: I do have a question.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure.

22 TRUSTEE PANG: So how much they are  
23 paying for the -- looks like this is a co-op  
24 unit, correct?

1                   MAYOR WEINBERG: Correct.

2                   TRUSTEE PANG: How much they are paying  
3 each year now and how much will be in the  
4 future?

5                   MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, do you know what  
6 the current -- let's see. The present  
7 assessed valuation is \$27,000.

8                   VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I'm  
9 going to look it up right now.

10                   MAYOR WEINBERG: While Denise is looking  
11 it up, that's reflecting a fair market value  
12 of \$4,426,230.00. The county assessment is  
13 \$2,000,943.00 and -- I'm sorry.  
14 \$2,943,167.00.

15                   TRUSTEE PANG: Pretty low, right? This  
16 building is not worth just 2.9 million  
17 dollars.

18                   MAYOR WEINBERG: I'm sorry. I can't hear  
19 you.

20                   TRUSTEE PANG: It should be worth more.  
21 The apartment building should be worth more  
22 than 2.9 million dollars.

23                   MAYOR WEINBERG: I will agree with you,  
24 but unfortunately the assessor will not and

1 courts will not.

2 TRUSTEE PANG: Oh, okay.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: I believe -- you're  
4 absolutely right. It's a farce. Because on  
5 one hand when it comes to the assessor  
6 they're claiming their building is worth less  
7 than \$3,000,000. On the other hand when they  
8 put it up for sale they're claiming their  
9 building is \$6,000,000.00. But the courts  
10 are siding with the valuations of the  
11 assessors.

12 Denise, do you have the information?

13 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I do.  
14 The current -- last year's 2020 tax payment  
15 was \$9,313.65. For '21 the tax rate you're  
16 going to pass tonight is the same rate.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: Right.

18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: The  
19 amount will be \$7,588.90.00

20 TRUSTEE PANG: They get away with murder.  
21 Just kidding.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

23 TRUSTEE PANG: Just curious. How many  
24 units in that building?



1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I'm not  
2 sure how many units there are in that because  
3 that's a co-op, so we bill one bill for the  
4 entire building. So I don't know it offhand.  
5 I can find out tomorrow if you wish.

6 TRUSTEE PANG: That's okay.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Unfortunately bear in  
8 mind the reality or practicality, the cost of  
9 defending or pursuing the claims against them  
10 to try to get a higher assessed valuation and  
11 -- which is not likely to succeed, will  
12 certainly be significantly more than the  
13 proposed settlement.

14 TRUSTEE PANG: Right. I guess Tom did  
15 his best, so we just have to sign off on it.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any other discussion,  
17 comments or questions?

18 (None.)

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay, call the question.  
20 Denise, call the roll please.

21 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
22 Mayor Sharkey.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

24 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee

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Monoson.

TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
Pang.

TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
Weston.

TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
Weinberg.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Five  
votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is  
adopted.

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MAYOR WEINBERG: The next item on the  
agenda is the 2021-2022 budget for the  
Village of Thomaston.

Now, there were two changes that you need  
to consider that were made to the budget that  
we are going to propose that be adopted --  
adopted tonight. One change is to take into  
account the settlement that we just approved.  
Because the assessed valuation is being

1 reduced for that one property, we're going to  
2 -- the Village is going to receive a -- the  
3 tax rate will stay the same, but obviously  
4 because the assessed valuation will be lower  
5 the Village will receive a little bit less in  
6 tax collection for the year '21, '22.

7 We -- in order to have -- make sure that  
8 we have no debt change to the amount line  
9 items in our budget and the total amount of  
10 our budget, we're going to take a little bit  
11 more out of "surplus" in order to cover that  
12 decrease in tax revenue. So there's going to  
13 be no net change. The amount of the budget  
14 will be the same. We're just balancing the  
15 difference from the tax collected with what  
16 will be spent. So the amount remains the  
17 same.

18 Does anyone have any question about that?

19 TRUSTEE PANG: Nope.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: The second change to the  
21 budget occurred just today. Denise -- the  
22 Village worked on this this afternoon. We  
23 received the contract for Vigilant, the  
24 Vigilant fire contract today this afternoon.

1 And there is a slight decrease in the annual  
2 amount of the contract than what we believed  
3 it was going to be for. So we've reduced the  
4 amount of the tax rate that the Village  
5 residents who are north of Grace Avenue pay  
6 for that service. So that -- because they  
7 don't have -- it's not -- it's minimal, but  
8 they don't have to pay as much in tax in  
9 order to pay for the Vigilant contract, which  
10 is a little less than anticipated.

11 So I believe those are the only two  
12 changes to the budget since the one you  
13 reviewed when it was proposed. And that  
14 remains -- the budget goes through changes  
15 that we'll put forth for the hearing tonight.

16 Is there any -- Denise, were there any  
17 other changes?

18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: No.  
19 That was it.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. So are we opening  
21 up the public hearing first, or are we doing  
22 the motion first?

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: We do  
24 the motion first and then we open the public

1 hearing.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. So may I have a  
3 movant for the motion for the tentative  
4 budget of '21/'22?

5 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll make the motion.

6 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: You have  
7 to read the entire -- you have to read the  
8 entire -- I'm sorry.

9 TRUSTEE WESTON: Not the entire budget?

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes. You have to read  
11 the entire budget.

12 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Not the  
13 entire budget, but all of the pages.

14 TRUSTEE WESTON: Yes, I understand.

15 RESOLVED, that the tentative budget for  
16 the 2021-2022 fiscal year is hereby revised  
17 as follows:

18 1. Taxble assessed value of the Village  
19 (as indicated on the "Summary Worksheet") is  
20 adjusted to \$4,234,580.00.

21 2. The Appropriated Fund Balance (as  
22 indicated on "Revenues" page) is adjusted to  
23 \$8,169.00.

24 3. Applied Cash Surplus/Reserves (as

1 indicated on the summary worksheet is  
2 adjusted to \$16,169.00

3 4. The Amount Raised By General Tax (as  
4 indicated on the "Summary Worksheet") is  
5 adjusted to \$1,460,718.00.

6 5. Volunteer Fire (as indicated on the  
7 "Appropriations" page) is adjusted to  
8 \$43,721.00.

9 6. Cost of Fire Protection North of  
10 Railroad (as indicated on the "Summary  
11 Worksheet") is adjusted to \$49,529.00.

12 7. Amount Raised By Fire Tax (as  
13 indicated on "Summary Worksheet") is adjusted  
14 to \$51,572.00.

15 8. The Fire Tax Rate per \$100 of  
16 assessed value (as indicated on "Summary  
17 Worksheet") is adjusted to \$14.489.00

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

19 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Any discussion?

21 (None.)

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Call the question.

23 Denise, please call the roll.

24 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy

1 Mayor Sharkey.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

3 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
4 Monoson.

5 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

6 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
7 Pang.

8 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

9 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
10 Weston.

11 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

12 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
13 Weinberg.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

15 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
16 are five votes in favor, zero opposed. The  
17 motion is adopted.

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19 MAYOR WEINBERG: I am now opening the  
20 public hearing on the 2021-2022 tentative  
21 budget. It's approximately -- it's  
22 approximately 7:52 p.m.

23 Any comments on the budget from the Board  
24 or from the public?

1 Denise, any indication on -- by email or  
2 chat of any --

3 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I'm  
4 going to check the email and confirm if  
5 there's -- and see if anything new has come  
6 in.

7 TRUSTEE WESTON: Are the participants  
8 unable to unmute, Denise, or --

9 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: They can  
10 unmute themselves.

11 TRUSTEE WESTON: Just want to make sure.

12 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I don't  
13 see any questions with regard to the budget.  
14 No comments from the public on the email.

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Thank you. There  
16 being none, I will entertain a motion to  
17 close the public hearing on the 2021-2022  
18 budget.

19 I will be the movant.

20 RESOLVED, that the public hearing on the  
21 2021-2022 Budget is hereby closed.

22 Is there a second?

23 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second it.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there any discussion?



1 (None.)

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, please call the  
3 question.

4 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
5 Mayor Sharkey.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

7 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
8 Monoson.

9 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
11 Pang.

12 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

13 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
14 Weston.

15 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
17 Weinberg.

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
20 are five votes in favor, zero opposed. The  
21 motion is adopted.

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23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Jill, would you  
24 like to be the movant for the Budget for the

1 fiscal year 2021 through 2022?

2 It's Resolution 21-05.

3 TRUSTEE MONOSON: The very long one?

4 TRUSTEE WESTON: Yes. Go, Jill.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yeah, the long one.

6 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay. Really? I'm  
7 reading this whole thing?

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: You are, those four or  
9 five paragraphs.

10 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay. Just checking.

11 RESOLVED, that the budget of the Village  
12 of Thomaston for the fiscal year of March 1,  
13 2021, through February 28, 2022, in the form  
14 attached to these minutes, is hereby approved  
15 and adopted, and that the several amounts set  
16 forth therein be and hereby are apportioned  
17 for the objects and purposes specified, and  
18 that the schedule of salaries and wages  
19 attached to such budget shall be the maximum  
20 salaries to be paid, and it is further,

21 RESOLVED, that a general tax rate of  
22 \$34,495.00 per \$100 assessed valuation is and  
23 the same is hereby levied on all real  
24 property within the Village of Thomaston and

1 further,

2 WHEREAS, that portion of the Village of  
3 Thomaston which is north of the Long Island  
4 Railroad Company property lies --

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I hate  
6 to interrupt, Jill. There is an error on  
7 what you're reading from.

8 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Yeah.

9 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: The rate  
10 is not -- that's not the right rate.

11 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I didn't -- okay. It  
12 seemed a little weird.

13 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yeah.

14 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay.

15 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: It's 14  
16 -- what is it? It's not 14.534.

17 TRUSTEE WESTON: 14.489, correct?

18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: It's  
19 489. Thank you, Burt. I'm sorry about that.

20 TRUSTEE WESTON: That's all right.

21 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay. 34.489?

22 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: No.  
23 14.489 in the next paragraph you're coming  
24 to.

1 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: But the prior paragraph  
3 you read, Jill, is correct.

4 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: The general tax rate is  
6 correct.

7 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay. I'm in the  
8 middle of this paragraph with the Long Island  
9 Railroad.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: Correct.

11 TRUSTEE MONOSON: You want me to start  
12 that again?

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure.

14 TRUSTEE MONOSON: WHEREAS, that portion  
15 of the Village of Thomaston which is north of  
16 the Long Island Railroad Company property  
17 lies outside of the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire  
18 and Water District and no services are  
19 rendered by said Fire and Water District in  
20 said portion in the Village of Thomaston  
21 north of the LIRR property, and no taxes for  
22 such services are levied by the Town of North  
23 Hempstead against the real property located  
24 in said northerly portion of the Village of

1 Thomaston,

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

3 RESOLVED, that an additional tax rate of  
4 14.489 per \$100 assessed valuation be and the  
5 same hereby is levied on all real property  
6 within the Village of Thomaston north of the  
7 Long Island Railroad Company property as it  
8 appears on the assessment roll for 2021-2022  
9 for the protection of persons and property,  
10 said protection to be provided by Vigilant  
11 Engine and Hook and Ladder Company by  
12 contract with the Village of Thomaston. The  
13 cost of such services shall be equal to the  
14 amount raised by the additional tax rate of  
15 14.489 per \$100 assessed valuation, inclusive  
16 of such insurance premium as the Village of  
17 Thomaston shall be required to pay pursuant  
18 to the Volunteer Firefighters' Benefit Laws  
19 of the State of New York as amended.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I'll second it.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion? Any  
23 questions?

24 (None.)

1                   MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Call the  
2 question.

3                   Denise, please call the roll.

4                   VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
5 Mayor Sharkey.

6                   DEPUTY MAYOR SHAKREY: Aye.

7                   VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
8 Monoson.

9                   TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

10                  VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
11 Pang.

12                  TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

13                  VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
14 Weston.

15                  TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

16                  VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
17 Weinberg.

18                  MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

19                  VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
20 are five votes in favor, zero opposed. The  
21 motion is adopted.

22                  MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. So we've  
23 adopted the budget for the '21-'22.

24                  And, Denise, what year is this without a

1 tax increase? Twelve?

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Oh, I  
3 think it's 12. I do think it might be 12.

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: It will be the 12th year  
5 without a tax increase.

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7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Well, in order -- I  
8 guess in order to put this into effect I need  
9 an authorization -- a resolution authorizing  
10 the Mayor to execute the tax warrant.

11 Ben, can you read that to execute the tax  
12 warrant?

13 TRUSTEE PANG: RESOLVED, that the Mayor  
14 is authorized to execute the tax warrant in  
15 the form attached to these minutes.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I'll second.

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion or  
19 questions?

20 (None.)

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Call the question.

22 Denise, please call the roll.

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
24 Mayor Sharkey.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
3 Monoson.

4 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
6 Pang.

7 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

8 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
9 Weston.

10 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
12 Weinberg.

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Five  
15 votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is  
16 adopted.

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18 MAYOR WEINBERG: So now we'll open the  
19 public hearing on Bill T20 -- T2021A  
20 (Generators). It is 8:00 p.m. There is one  
21 revision. One of our trustee's proofreading  
22 realized that there is a word that was -- was  
23 omitted. Specifically where it says, "permit  
24 required, an application for a permit



1           pursuant to this section shall require."

2           We're adding the word "require" payment of  
3           any applicable permit or application. That  
4           is the proposed bill that we are putting  
5           forth at this public hearing.

6           Denise, why don't we insert a resolution  
7           to amend the proposed bill to include that  
8           word?

9           VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Well,  
10          there was also another note on the revision  
11          of the text in D(2) that we discussed prior  
12          to this this afternoon, that you're supposed  
13          to make note of that with the changes to the  
14          version that we looked at last month.

15          MAYOR WEINBERG: So we'll put in the  
16          resolution amending both proposed bills.

17          VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: The  
18          attorney didn't say it would require a  
19          resolution to change it. We just had to make  
20          note of it. And we are going to be  
21          continuing the hearing next month. And we  
22          will be adopting it then therefore in the  
23          amended form at that time.

24          MAYOR WEINBERG: Did we post the proposed

1 bills --

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yes.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: -- prior to their being  
4 amended?

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Last  
6 month there was a version that the Board  
7 reviewed. And I'm going to look at the  
8 minutes from last month and confirm.

9 TRUSTEE WESTON: Yes, we did.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: We reviewed them.

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Right.  
12 It didn't -- the attorney didn't require a  
13 separate resolution, just to note the  
14 revisions during the public hearing was all  
15 that was necessary.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: But what I'm asking -- I  
17 know the proposal -- the proposed bill for  
18 the public hearing was posted on the website,  
19 wasn't it, so that the public could see it?

20 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: No. I  
21 don't know. I don't know. It was just  
22 attached to the minutes last month.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

24 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: But they

1 have the revision -- they have the revision.  
2 Right. The revision of D(2) is on the -- was  
3 on for tonight's meeting. The only thing  
4 that we changed is the missing -- we've added  
5 the missing word in -- on the first section  
6 B1.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: In addition to the added  
8 word on B1 the change to D(2) is as follows:  
9 It includes the requirement that there --  
10 that a generator will not exceed a sound  
11 rating of 70 decibels pursuant to the  
12 manufacturer's specifications, nor operate --  
13 and this is what's being added for the  
14 amended proposal "nor operate at a decibel  
15 level in excess of 70 decibels measured at a  
16 distance of 7 meters from the source."

17 TRUSTEE PANG: I just checked the Village  
18 website. I think we did propose this bill on  
19 the website, on the Village website. I don't  
20 know if it's the new version or the old  
21 version, but we did that.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: So that's -- Denise, I  
23 understand Tom's advice, but let's -- we --  
24 just erring on the side of caution --

1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: -- let's include a  
3 resolution to amend the proposed bill so that  
4 we have it with those two amendments.

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: That is what's being  
7 proposed and considered at the public hearing  
8 with those two changes.

9 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Do you  
10 -- okay. Do you want to continue the public  
11 hearing --

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: We are going to. I want  
13 to adopt the resolution.

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Before  
15 or you -- you want it before? The resolution  
16 is going to come before the continuation or  
17 after the continuation?

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes.

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Before.  
20 Okay. I'm writing it in.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Can I ask a  
22 question?

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: If the sound

1           decibel at the source right at the generator  
2           is 70 decibels, it doesn't seem possible that  
3           3 meters away the decibel would be any  
4           higher. It would actually drift off.

5           MAYOR WEINBERG: It shouldn't. But we  
6           want it -- the Village Attorney had  
7           recommended that we include the suggestion --  
8           the amended language --

9           DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Um-hum.

10          MAYOR WEINBERG: -- because that's the  
11          way to measure whether or not it is exceeding  
12          the requirements. In other words, you have  
13          to specify the distance in terms of where  
14          you're going to take the measurement from in  
15          order to enforce it.

16          DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Okay.

17          MAYOR WEINBERG: And this is what's  
18          common, you know, basically in other similar  
19          code provisions for other villages.

20          DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: All right. Fine.  
21          Thank you.

22          MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. So before we  
23          continue or the public hearing, if we can add  
24          to the minutes the resolution on adding the

1 word "require" and the changes to D(2).

2 Is there any discussion or questions by  
3 the Board about that?

4 TRUSTEE PANG: No.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. I'll be the  
6 movant.

7 Would someone be a second?

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I'll second.

9 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, please call the  
12 roll.

13 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
14 Mayor Sharkey.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
17 Monoson.

18 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
20 Pang.

21 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

22 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
23 Weston.

24 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
2 Weinberg.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

4 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
5 are five votes in favor, zero opposed. The  
6 motion is adopted.

7 \* \* \* \* \*

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. We will now  
9 continue the public hearing on the proposed  
10 bill as amended.

11 Is there any discussion or question from  
12 the Board or any member of the public would  
13 like to speak before the proposed -- for the  
14 proposed bill or against the proposed bill?

15 Yes, Denise.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mr.  
17 Friedman has raised his hand.

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: Can you unmute yourself,  
19 Mr. Friedman. And would you give your name  
20 and address and give us your comments.

21 MR. FRIEDMAN: Can you hear me now?

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes. You're unmuted.

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yes.

24 MR. FRIEDMAN: My name is Joel Friedman.

1 22 Crescent Road, Great Neck, Thomaston.  
2 Great Neck, New York. I'm here with my wife  
3 Marlene, M-A-R-L-E-N-E.

4 And we just -- we weren't able to find a  
5 copy of the proposed bill, the change to the  
6 Village Ordinance on the website. If you  
7 could just give us a brief summary. I assume  
8 that 6 meters equals 19 point -- almost 20  
9 feet. Is that correct as one of the things  
10 that --

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Seven  
12 meters.

13 MR. FRIEDMAN: Seven meters. So that  
14 would be more than 20 feet then; is that  
15 correct? Seven meters is -- so just a brief  
16 -- because we couldn't -- we looked very,  
17 very thoroughly. We could not find a copy.  
18 I guess I overlooked it. Just a brief  
19 summary of what the bill includes, I would  
20 appreciate that.

21 Thank you.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: If I may, Mr. Friedman.

23 And I apologize. We are recorded. And  
24 this is going to become -- we're going to be



1 continuing this hearing at a future date. I  
2 am -- because we have to wait, I believe,  
3 Denise, for formal adoption until the  
4 Planning Commission --

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yes.

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: -- the Nassau County  
7 Planning Commission can actually approve the  
8 form of the bill or take no action with  
9 respect to the form of the bill.

10 So if it's okay with you, I'm -- we're  
11 happy to make sure that the Village emails a  
12 copy of the proposed bill to you so you have  
13 it between now and the next meeting.

14 MR. FRIEDMAN: That would be fine.

15 TRUSTEE PANG: Proposed language of the  
16 bill in the chat room. So you can click on  
17 that link and see that bill.

18 MR. FRIEDMAN: You have our email  
19 address, right?

20 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I'm not  
21 sure. If you click on -- can you view the  
22 chat for this meeting? There is a link that  
23 Mr. Pang has placed in the chat section. If  
24 you click on the bottom where it says "chat,"

1 you should be able to see the chat window.

2 MR. FRIEDMAN: We're using an iPad. It's  
3 not a chat. So if you can give us a brief  
4 instruction we would --

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I can  
6 tell you exactly how to get to it on the  
7 website. If you go to the website and click  
8 on the "meeting schedule," there is a list of  
9 documents under tonight's meeting. And it's  
10 the one entitled Bill T2020A.

11 MRS. FRIEDMAN: Bill T2020A?

12 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Right.  
13 If you click on that link, that will bring up  
14 the text of the document.

15 TRUSTEE WESTON: 2021A.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I'm  
17 sorry. 2021A. I'm sorry.

18 MRS. FRIEDMAN: Thank you.

19 MR. FRIEDMAN: Just, Mayor Weinberg, if I  
20 might ask. The testimony that we gave as New  
21 Business in the previous board meeting --

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Right.

23 MR. FRIEDMAN: -- I believed that you had  
24 indicated that that would be part of the

1 hearing tonight.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Let me quickly answer  
3 your question -- and in terms of directly.  
4 But call Village Hall tomorrow and give them  
5 your email address if you do not find it on  
6 the Village website.

7 MR. FRIEDMAN: I appreciate that. Thank  
8 you.

9 MAYOR WEINBERG: But specifically it  
10 requires a permit application and a permit to  
11 be required or issued for a generator.  
12 Obviously you need a survey. You need a  
13 sketch. You need a description of the  
14 proposed equipment. You need the  
15 manufacturer's specifications and any other  
16 information that may be reasonably requested  
17 by the building inspector.

18 The building official is going to review  
19 the application and consider whether or not  
20 to issue the permit. And specifically it's  
21 calling for a permit for a standby generator  
22 to be located in the rear yard. And there  
23 are certain specifications about that. And  
24 the sound specifications are, as I said, for

1 no more than 70 decibels. And that there --  
2 the building official may in their discretion  
3 require fencing as well as planting to be  
4 visual and sound barriers for the generator.

5 So that really is an overview, a very  
6 short overview of the bill.

7 MR. FRIEDMAN: The only question that I  
8 would -- and I appreciate that. Thank you --  
9 is just the physical distance that the bill  
10 would require from the nearby property owner  
11 that's -- nearby property owners. That's my  
12 major concern.

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: It's subject to the rear  
14 yard and side yard setback requirements as  
15 they already exist per zone. So it can't be  
16 any closer than what the setbacks  
17 requirements are for zoning.

18 MR. FRIEDMAN: Okay.

19 MRS. FRIEDMAN: Okay. Thank you.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, is there any  
21 follow up to that?

22 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I think  
23 that's a pretty fair summary. And I think  
24 you've touched on most of the major points.

1           MAYOR WEINBERG: So obviously we took  
2 your comments to heart. They're reflected in  
3 this bill.

4           MR. FRIEDMAN: It's most appreciated to  
5 the Board --

6           MRS. FRIEDMAN: Thank you.

7           MR. FRIEDMAN: -- and to you, Mayor  
8 Weinberg, for taking such personal interest  
9 in this. Most appreciated.

10          MAYOR WEINBERG: You can thank the  
11 trustees, especially Jill Monoson who worked  
12 very hard on this bill.

13          MRS. FRIEDMAN: Thank you very much.

14          MR. FRIEDMAN: We're most grateful.

15          MAYOR WEINBERG: Are there any other  
16 comments, questions or discussion? Anyone  
17 else from the public that wishes to be heard?  
18 Is there anything that -- in the email or  
19 chat, Denise?

20          VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I will  
21 double check again. There is something in  
22 the email, but it's an item with -- for New  
23 Business. It's something that's not on the  
24 agenda.

1                   MAYOR WEINBERG:   Okay.

2                   VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND:   So when  
3 we get to that point I will read the email.

4                   MAYOR WEINBERG:   Thank you.   All right.

5                   So at some point I will entertain a  
6 motion to continue the public hearing.   As I  
7 said, we need the proposed bill -- the  
8 proposed bill needs to be submitted to the  
9 Nassau County Planning Commission so that  
10 they can determine that they will take no  
11 action and we may proceed.

12                   Who would like to be the movant?

13                   TRUSTEE PANG:   So moved.

14                   MAYOR WEINBERG:   Okay.   Ben, would you  
15 read it please?   It's 21-08.

16                   TRUSTEE PANG:   RESOLVED, that the public  
17 hearing on Bill 2021A is hereby continued to  
18 Monday, February 8, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

19                   MAYOR WEINBERG:   Okay.   Is there a  
20 second?

21                   TRUSTEE MONOSON:   I'll second.

22                   MAYOR WEINBERG:   Okay.   Any discussion?  
23 Any questions?

24                   (Nothing.)

1                   MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, please call the  
2 roll.

3                   VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
4 Mayor Sharkey.

5                   DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

6                   VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
7 Monoson.

8                   TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

9                   VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
10 Pang.

11                  TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

12                  VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
13 Weston.

14                  TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

15                  VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
16 Weinberg.

17                  MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

18                  VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
19 are five votes in favor, zero opposed. The  
20 motion it adopted.

21                  MAYOR WEINBERG: Mr. and Mrs. Friedman,  
22 if you would go back to muting yourselves.

23                  MR. FRIEDMAN: Certainly.

24                  MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you. Okay.

1                   \* \* \* \* \*

2                   MAYOR WEINBERG: I have the high honor  
3 and great distinction of being the movant to  
4 the next resolution, so that I get to read  
5 the longest resolution of the night.

6                   The Board needs to consider a SEQRA  
7 resolution in order to submit the proposed  
8 bill, Bill T2021A, to the Nassau County  
9 Commission -- Planning Commission. So I will  
10 be the movant for Bill T2021A, the local law  
11 to amend the Village of Thomaston in relation  
12 to regulating location and maintenance of  
13 generators.

14                  WHEREAS, the New York State Environmental  
15 Conservation Law and the regulations of the  
16 Department of Environmental Conservation as  
17 contained in 6 NYCRR Part 617 require review  
18 of the possible environmental consequences of  
19 various actions under consideration by the  
20 Boards of Trustees; and

21                  WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is  
22 considering the adoption of legislation  
23 designated T2021A to amend the Village zoning  
24 regulations in relation to establishing



1 standards and regulations for new generator  
2 installations, and to require permits for  
3 such installations; and

4 WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has  
5 considered the nature and impact of the  
6 proposed action;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

8 RESOLVED, that the Board hereby finds and  
9 concludes that the Board of Trustees is the  
10 Lead Agency with respect to the environmental  
11 impact review of Bill T2021A as defined in  
12 the State Environmental Quality Review Act  
13 and its regulations; and

14 (a) the proposed adoption of Bill T --  
15 the proposed adoption of Bill T2021A is an  
16 unlisted action;

17 (b) the Board has considered that the  
18 adoption of Bill T2021A would reduce and  
19 minimize the impact of generators upon  
20 occupants of neighboring properties, and  
21 would protect the public health, safety and  
22 general welfare;

23 (c) the Board has also -- also has  
24 considered the following factors and made the

1 following conclusions in respect to its  
2 review of the environmental impacts of the  
3 proposed action;

4 (i) the proposed action would not result  
5 in any substantial adverse change in existing  
6 air quality, ground or surface water quality  
7 nor quantity, traffic or noise levels, or any  
8 substantial increase in solid waste  
9 production, nor create a substantial increase  
10 in the potential for erosion, flooding,  
11 leaching or drainage problems;

12 (ii) the proposed action would not  
13 result in the removal or destruction of large  
14 quantities of vegetation or fauna,  
15 substantial interference with the movement of  
16 any resident or migratory fish or wildlife  
17 species, impacts on a significant habitat  
18 area, substantial adverse impacts on a  
19 threatened or endangered species of animal or  
20 plant, or the habitat of such a species, or  
21 other significant adverse impacts to natural  
22 resources;

23 (iii) the proposed action would not  
24 impair the environmental characteristics of

1 any Critical Environmental Area;

2 (iv) the proposed action would not  
3 conflict with the community's current plans  
4 or goals as officially approved or adopted;

5 (v) the proposed action would not impair  
6 the character or quality of important  
7 historical, archaeological, architectural or  
8 aesthetics resources or of existing community  
9 or neighborhood character;

10 (vi) the proposed action would not  
11 result in a major change in the use of either  
12 the quantity or type of energy;

13 (vii) the proposed action would not  
14 created a hazard to human health;

15 (viii) the proposed action would not  
16 create a substantial change in the use or  
17 intensity of use of land, including  
18 agricultural, open space or recreational  
19 resources, or in its capacity to support  
20 existing use's;

21 (ix) the proposed action would not  
22 encourage or attract large numbers of persons  
23 to any place for more than a few days,  
24 compared to the number who would come to such

1 place without such action;

2 (x) the proposed action would not  
3 creates changes in two or more elements of  
4 the environment, no one of which would have a  
5 significant impact on the environment, but  
6 when taken considered together would result  
7 in a substantial adverse impact on the  
8 environment;

9 (xi) the proposed action would not  
10 create substantial adverse impacts when  
11 considered cumulatively with any other  
12 actions, proposed or in process;

13 (xii) the proposed action would not  
14 result in substantial adverse impact with  
15 respect to any relevant environmental  
16 consideration, including noise, aesthetics,  
17 traffic, air quality, water quality or  
18 adequacy of water supply, drainage, soil  
19 conditions or quality of life in the  
20 community in general and the immediate  
21 neighborhood in particular;

22 (xiii) the proposed action would enhance  
23 the protection of the environment in the  
24 Village.

1 (d) the proposed action would not have a  
2 significant adverse environmental impact;

3 (e) no further environmental review is  
4 required with respect to the proposed action;  
5 and

6 (f) the Mayor, or his designee, is  
7 authorized to complete a short Environmental  
8 Assessment Form in relation to this proposed  
9 action in a manner consistent with the  
10 foregoing findings; and

11 (g) the Village Administrator, Village  
12 Attorney or the designee of either of them,  
13 shall transmit a full statement of the  
14 proposed action to the Nassau County Planning  
15 Commission as may be required pursuant to  
16 General Municipal Law.

17 Is there any discussion or questions  
18 about what I just read?

19 (None.)

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, please call the  
21 roll.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Wait. Is there a  
23 second?

24 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Is there

1 a second?

2 TRUSTEE WESTON: As long as I don't have  
3 to read it I will second it.

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, please call the  
5 roll.

6 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
7 Mayor Sharkey.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

9 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
10 Monoson.

11 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

12 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
13 Pang.

14 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

15 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
16 Weston.

17 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
19 Weinberg.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

21 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
22 are five votes in favor, zero opposed. The  
23 motion is adopted.

24 \* \* \* \* \*

1           MAYOR WEINBERG: The next item on the  
2 agenda is the resolution of the Village  
3 Election Polling Place.

4           Jim, would you like to be the movant?

5           DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: All right. Let's  
6 see.

7           MAYOR WEINBERG: Go ahead.

8           DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: The Village  
9 Election Polling Place resolution. 21-9  
10 (sic)

11           WHEREAS, pursuant to the Election Law,  
12 the Board of Trustees is required to  
13 designate the polling place for the election  
14 -- the village election to be held on  
15 Tuesday, March 16, 2021, and the hours of  
16 election;

17           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the  
18 polling place for the village election to be  
19 held on March 16, 2021, shall be Robert Stern  
20 Village Hall, 100 East Shore Road, Thomaston,  
21 New York;

22           AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the  
23 hours of said village election shall be from  
24 noon to 9:00 p.m.

1 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

2 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion or  
4 questions?

5 (None.)

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, please call the  
7 roll.

8 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
9 Mayor Sharkey.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
12 Monoson.

13 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
15 Pang.

16 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
18 Weston.

19 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

20 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
21 Weinberg.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
24 are five votes in favor, zero opposed. The



1 motion is adopted.

2 \* \* \* \* \*

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. I will now make a  
4 motion for the Village Election Inspectors.

5 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Election Law,  
6 the Board of Trustees is required at least 40  
7 days prior to the village election to appoint  
8 an even number of inspectors of election and  
9 fix their compensations and designate one of  
10 them as Chair;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

12 BE IT RESOLVED, that the election  
13 inspectors shall be selected from the list of  
14 certified inspectors supplied by Nassau  
15 County, and that should there be a shortage  
16 of election inspectors who are residents of  
17 the Village of Thomaston, that the selection  
18 extend the residency of inspectors to Nassau  
19 County to satisfy the New York State Election  
20 Law conditions for selecting election  
21 inspectors;

22 AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the  
23 following persons are hereby designated and  
24 appointed inspectors of election, and they

1 shall meet on March 16, 2021, at the place  
2 designated for such village election between  
3 the hours of noon and 9:00 p.m., inclusive  
4 for the purpose of the village election:

5 Name, address and parties.

6 Joyce Fountain of 42 Pond Hill Road,  
7 Great Neck. Democrat.

8 Barbara Williams. 54 Pond Hill Road,  
9 Great Neck. Republican.

10 Alternatives to serve as inspectors for  
11 their party in the event that one of the  
12 above-named inspectors of election from their  
13 party cannot serve:

14 Their names and addresses and party are  
15 as follows:

16 Leslie House. 16 Pond Hill Road, Great  
17 Neck. Democrat.

18 Beverly Taylor. 27 Pond Hill Road, Great  
19 Neck. Democrat.

20 Dameon Joyner, Jr. 81 Pond Hill Road,  
21 Great Neck. Democrat.

22 Jermaine A. Fountain. 42 Pond Hill Road,  
23 Great Neck. Republican.

24 Doriet Kashizadeh. 69 Hicks Lane, Great

1 Neck. Republican.

2 AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that Joyce  
3 Fountain be, and hereby is, designated to act  
4 as Chair of said inspectors of election;

5 AND IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the  
6 compensation for each of the aforesaid  
7 inspectors of election shall be paid \$200 for  
8 each day that said inspectors of election may  
9 be required to serve.

10 Is there any discussion or questions?

11 (None.)

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: Call the question again.

13 Denise, please call the roll.

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
15 Mayor Sharkey.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
18 Monoson.

19 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

20 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
21 Pang.

22 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
24 Weston.

1 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
3 Weinberg.

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Five  
6 votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is  
7 adopted.

8 \* \* \* \* \*

9 MAYOR WEINBERG: The next item on the  
10 agenda is the consulting agreement for the  
11 Village Building Department.

12 The purpose of the motion is to allow for  
13 additional hours that the building official  
14 may work pursuant to the consulting  
15 agreement. Denise, were there -- Mike has  
16 been working very hard for the Village and  
17 doing an amazing job. He's probably one of  
18 the best building inspectors that the Village  
19 has had.

20 And he's finding that the number of  
21 building permit applications has just  
22 skyrocketed. Especially it's been remaining  
23 high -- especially -- not just residential,  
24 but especially on the commercial side. So

1 he's been putting in more time. So we need  
2 to amend the consulting agreement  
3 accordingly.

4 What is it we're providing for, Denise?  
5 What --

6 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: In  
7 paragraph 6 of the agreement -- this is the  
8 same agreement that we adopted last January  
9 -- we are increasing the number of hours, the  
10 maximum number of hours in a 2-week period to  
11 20 hours. It previously was 10 hours in the  
12 2-week period.

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. So that's the  
14 change.

15 I will be the movant.

16 RESOLVED, that the -- well, you know  
17 what, the way it's worded if someone else  
18 could be the movant, that would be great.

19 TRUSTEE WESTON: I will make the motion.

20 RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to  
21 execute, on behalf of the Village, the  
22 proposed consulting agreement with Michael F.  
23 McNerney Architect PLLC for consulting  
24 services to be performed with respect to

1 Village building department applications,  
2 construction and other related matters.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

4 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion? Any  
6 questions?

7 (None.)

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. There being none,  
9 call the question.

10 Denise, please call the roll.

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
12 Mayor Sharkey.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
15 Monoson.

16 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
18 Pang.

19 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

20 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
21 Weston.

22 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
24 Weinberg.

1                   MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

2                   VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
3 are five votes in favor, zero opposed. The  
4 motion is adopted.

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6                   MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Jill, would you  
7 kindly move for the appointment of the  
8 Village building inspector?

9                   TRUSTEE MONOSON: Sure.

10                  VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
11 Weinberg, you actually have to appoint -- you  
12 have to say you're appointing him if you  
13 would. If you would.

14                  MAYOR WEINBERG: I would be happy to.

15                  RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of  
16 the Village of Thomaston hereby approves the  
17 Mayor's appointment -- well, I am  
18 appointing --

19                  VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: You have  
20 to say --

21                  MAYOR WEINBERG: I'm appointing Michael  
22 F. McNerney, R.A. as building inspector --

23                  TRUSTEE MONOSON: Now I can do it.

24                  MAYOR WEINBERG: -- to serve without

1 compensation and for a term at the pleasure  
2 of the Mayor.

3 Would someone be the -- that's my  
4 appointment. Would someone be the movant?

5 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I will move.

6 RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of  
7 the Village of Thomaston hereby approves the  
8 Mayor's appointment of Michael F. McNerney,  
9 R.A., as building inspector to serve without  
10 compensation and for a term at the pleasure  
11 of the Mayor.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

13 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you.

15 Any discussion or questions?

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Question, your  
17 Honor. Why do we say to serve without  
18 compensation when he gets paid?

19 TRUSTEE PANG: I had the same question.

20 TRUSTEE WESTON: He's getting paid as a  
21 consultant, not a building inspector.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Okay. Thank you.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: That's why we have the  
24 consulting agreement.



1 Any other questions or discussion?

2 (None.)

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Being none, call  
4 the question.

5 Denise, please call the roll.

6 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
7 Mayor Sharkey.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

9 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
10 Monoson.

11 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

12 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
13 Pang.

14 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

15 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
16 Weston.

17 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
19 Weinberg.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

21 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
22 are five votes in favor, zero opposed. The  
23 motion is adopted.

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1           MAYOR WEINBERG: The next item on the  
2 agenda is the approval of Vigilant Fire  
3 Protection and Ambulance Service Contract.  
4 Would someone like to be the movant to  
5 approve the contract?

6           VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: No. We  
7 can't approve. We're just setting the public  
8 hearing date. Sorry. We need to have a  
9 public hearing next month.

10          MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes.

11          TRUSTEE MONOSON: You want me to do it?

12          MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure.

13          TRUSTEE MONOSON: RESOLVED, that the  
14 Board of Trustees shall hold a public hearing  
15 on Monday, February 8, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.  
16 with respect to the proposed 2021 Fire  
17 Protection and Ambulance Service Contract  
18 between Vigilant Engine and Hook & Ladder  
19 Company and the Village of Thomaston; and it  
20 is further,

21                 RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator  
22 is hereby directed to publish, post and  
23 otherwise give notice of such hearing as may  
24 be required by law.

1 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

2 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second it.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion? Any  
4 questions?

5 (None.)

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: Hearing none, call the  
7 question.

8 Denise, please call the roll.

9 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
10 Mayor Sharkey.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

12 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
13 Monoson.

14 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

15 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
16 Pang.

17 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
19 Weston.

20 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

21 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
22 Weinberg.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

24 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There

1 are five votes in favor, zero opposed. The  
2 motion is adopted.

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4 MAYOR WEINBERG: We have the Public Works  
5 Reports.

6 Obviously there was a lot of clean up in  
7 the village. It's hard to remember the -- it  
8 was warm in the beginning of December. And  
9 we were -- or towards the middle of December.  
10 The cracked ceiling was performed in the  
11 Village. And then we had a 10-inch plus  
12 snowfall and the snow was removed. We --  
13 thanks to the storm in the village we had a  
14 fallen tree on Lodge Road.

15 We also installed briefly a public  
16 service banner on South Middle Neck Road  
17 saying -- which was manufactured or made by  
18 the Town of North Hempstead sign shop. We  
19 installed it across Middle Neck Road saying,  
20 "wear a mask, save lives". But unfortunately  
21 in the storm it came down. And we put it up  
22 again and it came down again. We might move  
23 it over to Colonial Bridge. It might be  
24 easier to put it up along the fence.

1           And resident requests to -- there were at  
2           least seven resident requests that were  
3           worked on and completed with respect to tree  
4           branches, streetlights, storm drain, etc.  
5           There's also some cement block was removed.  
6           Some work was done on Shadow. Upcoming work  
7           we'll probably continue much of the same.

8           Any comment or questions on the public --

9           TRUSTEE WESTON: Just to compliment Benny  
10          and the crew on the snow removal. They did  
11          it promptly and they did it effectively. If  
12          you compare our streets to some of the  
13          surrounding villages, it was no comparison.  
14          He did a great job.

15          MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you. We will tell  
16          him.

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18          MAYOR WEINBERG: New Business.

19          Denise, you mentioned there was an email.  
20          Someone wanted to bring up something?

21          VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yeah.  
22          There was an email I'm going to read from  
23          Jonathan Levy. He says the maintenance staff  
24          at 185 South Middle Neck Road was working on

1 the parking lot last night at 11:30 p.m. with  
2 a gas snow blower. And he wanted to know --  
3 can he assume that's a lateness of the hours  
4 contrary to the Village Code? And if so,  
5 what can be done, if anything?

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: Absolutely. Obviously I  
7 think, Denise, this is the first time we've  
8 heard about that. So I think a letter is in  
9 order to the managing agent.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.  
11 All right. We will get working on that  
12 tomorrow.

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you. Anyone else  
14 have anything else for New Business?

15 (No one.)

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17 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. We'll  
18 entertain a resolution on the vouchers.

19 Who would like to read that?

20 TRUSTEE PANG: I will make a motion.

21 RESOLVED, that the vouchers in the  
22 aggregate amount of \$60,955.53 (as itemized  
23 on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday,  
24 January 11, 2021), are hereby approved for

1 payment, all allocated to the General Fund.

2 A copy of the approved voucher list is  
3 attached to these minutes.

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

5 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion or  
7 questions?

8 TRUSTEE PANG: I do.

9 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes.

10 TRUSTEE PANG: I look at the voucher  
11 list. No. 2 -- 895 -- no. 2893 looks like  
12 some architect's fee.

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes.

14 TRUSTEE PANG: What is that? Can you  
15 explain a little bit more?

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure. Cashin Spinelli &  
17 Ferretti is doing engineering services and  
18 engineering review of building permit  
19 applications at a commercial property. I  
20 believe they're on multiple -- and the  
21 particular property in question, what was the  
22 address, Denise?

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: 805  
24 Northern Boulevard.

1                   MAYOR WEINBERG: I think --

2                   VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: The new  
3 building.

4                   MAYOR WEINBERG: It's multiple  
5 applications that they have -- where the work  
6 is being done floor by floor that one -- Mike  
7 doesn't have the proper license. It is  
8 something that does require an engineer to  
9 review. And, two, he really doesn't have the  
10 time to review as well. So Mike is working  
11 closely with them. They're working on it  
12 together.

13                   VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: And you  
14 should understand also that the applicant is  
15 -- has put up money in advance of the review.  
16 And they will be paying for that additional  
17 said service. So we took a deposit prior to  
18 sending the materials out.

19                   So that's going to be reimbursed from the  
20 Trust and Agency Account where that money is  
21 being held. When the review is completed --  
22 there may be an additional invoice in the  
23 next month for the same project. They have a  
24 revised set that they're looking at



1 currently.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: We pay it --

3 TRUSTEE PANG: We pay and lay it out and  
4 we get reimbursed for it?

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yes.

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: We pay it and then we  
7 get reimbursed.

8 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yes.

9 TRUSTEE PANG: One more question about  
10 2910. Looks like we obtained some software.

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Oh.  
12 Milliman Inc. That is -- each year when we  
13 do the audit we have to do the GASB fee. Now  
14 it's GASB fee 74.75 which is the -- it's the  
15 way in which we calculate the other  
16 post-employment benefits calculation in that  
17 report. That is an online service that we  
18 use. We input the information. We update it  
19 annually.

20 The \$2,400 is a 24-month use of their  
21 program. So the last time we purchased it,  
22 you know, it's expired for this current. So  
23 we should be -- we will use that. It's the  
24 same amount that we paid 2 years ago or a

1 little more than 2 years ago, whenever it  
2 was.

3 TRUSTEE PANG: So it's the software to  
4 calculate what?

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Right.  
6 It -- you can either use an actuary firm to  
7 help you with the report. This is a less  
8 expensive option. When they first started  
9 requiring it we did use an actuary.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: May I interrupt?

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Sure.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: Ben, I'm sorry. Are you  
13 familiar with the GASB requirement?

14 TRUSTEE PANG: No, I'm not.

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: The GASB requirement --  
16 I am not an accountant by trade, so I am not  
17 an expert in this. But as I understand it,  
18 it's a requirement that the Village, all  
19 municipalities, have to annually report their  
20 pension obligations, including -- I think it  
21 includes medical insurance too. Whatever it  
22 is they have to pay out --

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yes.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: -- forever. In other

1 words, at this moment in time based upon the  
2 number of employees and their benefits  
3 assuming a certain life expectancy. You have  
4 to do a life expectancy for each individual  
5 civil servant, calculate what their benefits  
6 are that the Village will have to pay out not  
7 next year, not this year, but for the entire  
8 expected lifetime of each civil servant.

9 TRUSTEE PANG: Got it.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: So obviously in order to  
11 come up with that calculation you either have  
12 to hire an actuary or you have to utilize a  
13 program. It's to report. The idea behind it  
14 is to report the -- in a footnote in a  
15 financial statement what the potential future  
16 obligation is of the -- of that municipal  
17 agency.

18 TRUSTEE PANG: Understood. Thank you.

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any other questions or  
20 discussion regarding the vouchers?

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Nope.

22 TRUSTEE WESTON: No.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. Do we have a  
24 second?

1 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: I think we did have a  
3 second.

4 There was our discussion. Any questions?

5 (None.)

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: No more.

7 Call the question.

8 Denise, please call the roll.

9 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
10 Mayor Sharkey.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

12 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
13 Monoson.

14 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

15 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
16 Pang.

17 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
19 Weston.

20 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

21 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
22 Weinberg.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

24 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Did you

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say aye?

MAYOR WEINBERG: I said aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion it is adopted.

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MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a motion to adjourn this meeting?

TRUSTEE WESTON: I make a motion to adjourn.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second the motion to adjourn.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion or questions?

TRUSTEE WESTON: I think I will filibust.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: All in favor.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Call the roll.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I'm thinking about it.

MAYOR WEINBERG: We will count that as a

1 yes.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Jim, we're just  
3 going to hang out.

4 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
5 Monoson.

6 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

7 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
8 Pang.

9 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
11 Weston.

12 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

13 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
14 Weinberg.

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
17 are five votes in favor, zero opposed. The  
18 motion it is adopted. The meeting is closed.

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: I thank you.

20 (Time noted: 8:44 p.m.)

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