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INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF THOMASTON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE  
FEBRUARY 8, 2021  
7:30 P.M.

- P R E S E N T:
- STEVEN WEINBERG, MAYOR
  - JAMES E. SHARKEY, DEPUTY MAYOR
  - JILL MONOSON, TRUSTEE
  - TO-ON PANG, TRUSTEE
  - BURTON S. WESTON, TRUSTEE
  - DENISE KNOWLAND, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

JENNIFER DEVLIN  
COURT REPORTER

1           MAYOR WEINBERG: The Board of Trustees  
2           for the Village of Thomaston meeting today,  
3           Monday, February 8, 2021, via  
4           videoteleconference. It is 7:33 p.m.

5           Before we call the roll, I will read the  
6           following notice. Due to public health and  
7           safety concerns related to COVID-19, and  
8           pursuant to Governor's Executive Orders, this  
9           meeting of the Board of Trustees is not being  
10          held in person.

11          The Board is meeting by  
12          videoconferencing. The meeting will be  
13          recorded and a transcription will be provided  
14          at a later date. The public has the  
15          opportunity to observe this meeting live  
16          online and to submit comments pursuant to  
17          instructions given on the Village website and  
18          in the meeting notice.

19          Interested members of the public may  
20          provide comments on an agenda item or public  
21          hearing by calling in during the meeting at  
22          (646) 558-8656, Meeting ID: 899 8017 2370,  
23          Password: 723120, or through the written  
24          chat section of the Zoom meeting. Comments

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may also be provided via email before and during the meeting to clerk@villageofthomaston.org.

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

Denise, please call the roll.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Here.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Here.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee Jill Monoson.

TRUSTEE MONOSON: Here.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

TRUSTEE PANG: Here.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

TRUSTEE WESTON: Here.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Denise

1 Knowland, Village Administrator, here.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: A quorum of the Board is  
3 in attendance, and we can begin the business  
4 of this meeting.

5 Jim, would you please -- would you like  
6 to move and read the resolution to adopt the  
7 minutes of January 11th?

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Very good.

9 RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board  
10 of Trustees meeting held on December 14, 2020  
11 (sic) are hereby --

12 TRUSTEE MONOSON: No. It's January 11th.  
13 January 11th.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Substitute January 11th.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I got the old --  
16 I'm sorry.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: That's alright.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Let's see. Here  
19 we go.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: You finished. Are  
21 hereby approved and accepted as presented.

22 Is there a second?

23 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Any discussion?

1 (None.)

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. Call the  
3 question.

4 Denise, please call the roll.

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
6 Mayor Sharkey.

7 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

8 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
9 Monoson.

10 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
12 Pang.

13 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
15 Weston.

16 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
18 Weinberg.

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

20 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
21 are five votes in favor, zero opposed, no  
22 abstentions. The motion is adopted.

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24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. The next item on

1 the agenda is the Cable Commission/PATV  
2 update. Bob Schaufeld is our Village  
3 representative for the Northshore Cable  
4 Commission. And he's going to give us an  
5 update on the status of PATV and the  
6 franchise renewal progress.

7 MR. SCHAUFELD: As you know, the cable  
8 franchises with Altice and Verizon have both  
9 expired. And we have hired an attorney, Dan  
10 Cohen, who has been negotiating with both  
11 cable companies. And we're making some  
12 progress, but it's a long process because  
13 they are not willing to part with money. And  
14 we expect that the process is going to go on  
15 for at least another year.

16 TRUSTEE WESTON: Another year?

17 MR. SCHAUFELD: But there is a temporary  
18 operating authority, so that the terms of  
19 both franchise agreements remain in effect  
20 during the period of negotiation.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there anything that  
22 the village government within -- you know,  
23 that are on the peninsula or the municipal  
24 entities that are being serviced by PATV, is

1           there anything they can do to bring pressure  
2           to bear to try to bring the -- Altice and  
3           Verizon to the table to conclude this sooner  
4           rather than later?

5           MR. SCHAUFELD: Unfortunately absent a  
6           showing of their negotiating in bad faith  
7           there's nothing that we can do to force them  
8           to act any more expeditiously. And they have  
9           been responsive. They're just not in any  
10          rush to settle it, because any settlement  
11          would most likely cost them more than they're  
12          paying now.

13          MAYOR WEINBERG: Now, I understand that  
14          PATV is having some budget issues.

15          MR. SCHAUFELD: Yes. That is the reason  
16          that I reached out to the Board.

17          MAYOR WEINBERG: Tell us a little bit  
18          about that.

19          MR. SCHAUFELD: There has been a change  
20          in the way they are allowing us to spend the  
21          money that we receive. Right now we receive  
22          two different types of funding. We get a  
23          franchise fee from both Verizon and Altice.  
24          And we also get what we call a PEG Grant,

1 which is a per subscriber fee per month.

2 Based upon the current regulations we can  
3 no longer use the PEG Grant money towards  
4 operations. We can only use it towards  
5 equipment. And we've spoken to some tax  
6 advisors. And they said we can theoretically  
7 say that rent and facilities maintenance is  
8 not really operational money. And even if we  
9 do that, we're still short for operations  
10 because our budget is -- our operation budget  
11 is mostly employees. So there's very little  
12 that we can do to recharacterize their  
13 salaries. So we've tried fundraising. And  
14 we have not been successful in making up the  
15 difference.

16 And the only option we have is to utilize  
17 the 1 percent additional franchise fee that's  
18 available. The law provides that the  
19 municipality can charge up to 5 percent. And  
20 presently the villages are charging 4  
21 percent, and 1 percent goes to public access.  
22 So we would ask to increase it from 4 to 5  
23 and have that additional 1 percent go to  
24 public access.



1           MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. When you say the  
2           village is charged, how does that occur?

3           MR. SCHAUFELD: That's part of the  
4           franchise agreement.

5           MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

6           MR. SCHAUFELD: And you most likely get a  
7           check quarterly from Verizon and Altice  
8           representing your 4 percent.

9           MAYOR WEINBERG: I see. Okay. So  
10          currently you're saying we charge 4 percent.  
11          Three percent goes to the Village and 1  
12          percent goes to PATV?

13          MR. SCHAUFELD: That is correct.

14          MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. And what is it  
15          that you're proposing that the Village  
16          consider?

17          MR. SCHAUFELD: That we increase it from  
18          4 percent to 5 percent and that 2 percent  
19          goes to PATV.

20          MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. And in terms --  
21          now, do you know, is this something we need  
22          to -- do you know whether or not we would --  
23          is this something that would be passed by a  
24          resolution, or this something that involves a

1 local law that we have to involve the Village  
2 attorney?

3 MR. SCHAUFELD: This would not require a  
4 local law. This is something that would just  
5 have to be passed when the franchise is  
6 renewed.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. If this -- has  
8 there been any discussion with any of the  
9 other villages?

10 MR. SCHAUFELD: At the last meeting of  
11 the commission we decided that each of the  
12 commissioners would reach out to his or her  
13 village to broach the subject.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Has there been  
15 any feedback yet?

16 MR. SCHAUFELD: Shirley Bruno, the former  
17 executive director, had spoken to a number of  
18 the village mayors going back 6 or 7 months  
19 just to get a feeling for how they would  
20 react to it. And she spoke to, I think, four  
21 or five. And they were all favorable.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. My -- well, we'll  
23 take an informal poll of the Board, if you  
24 will. If we were to implement this, is this

1 something that can go into effect once it's  
2 approved?

3 MR. SCHAUFELD: This is something that  
4 would not go into effect until the new  
5 franchise was signed.

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

7 TRUSTEE WESTON: So you're saying that's  
8 a year from now or --

9 MR. SCHAUFELD: It could be a year from  
10 now or -- we can't get a specific date to get  
11 it resolved sooner rather than later.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: So this is something you  
13 want to place as a potential funding source  
14 in the future? It's not for immediate  
15 funding now?

16 MR. SCHAUFELD: Right. We just want to  
17 know that when it gets to the point where --  
18 at this point we have not told the cable  
19 companies this is what we're thinking because  
20 we're trying to get them to give us the PEG  
21 money and get as much money as we can for our  
22 budget and then say, oh, by the way, we're  
23 going to take this additional 1 percent  
24 because we need it to survive.

1                   MAYOR WEINBERG: What is your current  
2 operational budget?

3                   MR. SCHAUFELD: Right now it's around  
4 \$600,000.

5                   MAYOR WEINBERG: And how much of that is  
6 salary?

7                   MR. SCHAUFELD: About -- close to  
8 \$500,000.

9                   MAYOR WEINBERG: And what -- and  
10 currently what is the -- in terms of the  
11 revenue side from what you're getting from  
12 the cable companies on the PEG money, what  
13 are you taking in?

14                   MR. SCHAUFELD: We're taking in on the  
15 PEG side -- the franchise fee side is about  
16 \$160,000 from each. And then maybe the PEGs  
17 are around 120 each.

18                   MAYOR WEINBERG: When you say "each," per  
19 cable company?

20                   MR. SCHAUFELD: Per cable company.

21                   MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. So we're talking  
22 320 and 240.

23                   What makes up the difference?

24                   MR. SCHAUFELD: We get some grants.

1 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

2 MR. SCHAUFELD: We had some fundraising.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. All right.

4 So is -- do I understand this correctly,  
5 this isn't something that requires any  
6 immediate action tonight?

7 MR. SCHAUFELD: No, it doesn't.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: In fact, you don't want  
9 that?

10 MR. SCHAUFELD: This was more to provide  
11 information, seek feedback so that when the  
12 time came it wouldn't come as --

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: A shock.

14 MR. SCHAUFELD: -- a shock.

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: We understand.

16 And on behalf of the Board you tell them  
17 we're not giving you another percent of  
18 anything, and they better give you more PEG  
19 money.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Rob, this is Jim  
21 Sharkey. May I ask you a few questions?

22 MR. SCHAUFELD: Certainly.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Of the  
24 percentages, 2 percent that you take and the

1 3 percent that the villages take, do you have  
2 an absolute number on those percentages?

3 TRUSTEE WESTON: I was just going to ask  
4 how that translates.

5 MR. SCHAUFELD: The number fluctuates  
6 based upon their revenue. And it has been  
7 declining over the past half a dozen years.  
8 So for example, we just received a check from  
9 Altice today representing the fourth quarter.  
10 And it was \$6,000 less than we had budgeted  
11 for --

12 TRUSTEE WESTON: Right.

13 MR. SCHAUFELD: -- based upon our  
14 projection of what we thought it would be.  
15 And we've been budgeting in anticipation of  
16 having decreases in revenue for a while, but  
17 this came as a shock to us that the decrease  
18 was even more than we anticipated.

19 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: One last question.

20 Can you tell me or tell the Board how  
21 many employees you actually have on a  
22 full-time basis?

23 MR. SCHAUFELD: We have six full time.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Okay.

1 TRUSTEE PANG: I also have a question.

2 If the utilities do not agree to the 1  
3 percent increase, will that cause a lawsuit?  
4 Would that cause normal lawyers' fees?

5 MR. SCHAUFELD: The 1 percent is only  
6 discretionary on our side. The cable  
7 companies have to pay up to 5 percent by law.  
8 It's just a question of how much the villages  
9 will ask for. The Village of Russell  
10 Gardens, for example, does not take any  
11 franchise fees for itself. And we just get  
12 the 1 percent franchise fee for public access  
13 on behalf of Russell Gardens. The other 14  
14 villages each take the 3 percent for the  
15 village and 1 percent for us.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Rob, it's Jim  
17 again.

18 You probably have seen the same articles  
19 that I have. There appears to be a notion  
20 that the cable companies are in deep trouble,  
21 that they're losing membership and that there  
22 are other technical improvements that would  
23 almost wipe them out and make them redundant.

24 Is that part of your -- you anticipate

1 any of these things? What in heaven's name  
2 will you do if they go?

3 MR. SCHAUFELD: That's our biggest fear.  
4 And we are hoping that somewhere down the  
5 road the legislation will change so that we  
6 can get franchise fees on other services like  
7 streaming or Internet versus cable  
8 television. Right now the cable companies  
9 are providing three different services on the  
10 wires that come into our homes. They get  
11 television, Internet and cable television  
12 service.

13 We only get the franchise fee on the TV  
14 portion. So if TV continues to decline or  
15 just disappears altogether where everyone  
16 just does streaming and cuts the cord, then  
17 under the current law we would lose all  
18 sources of income and we would go out of  
19 business. We try not to talk about that  
20 because that's doom's day.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: So basically as a  
22 backup you're looking for the state  
23 legislature to come up with some cash in a  
24 sense to hold you even?



1 MR. SCHAUFELD: No. It wouldn't be the  
2 state. It would be the FCC regulations --

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Okay.

4 MR. SCHAUFELD: -- that defines what kind  
5 of services are subject to franchise fees.  
6 If that definition stayed the way it is, then  
7 the whole notion of community television  
8 would disappear.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Right. It's a  
10 changing world.

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a lobbying  
12 effort to change the definition?

13 MR. SCHAUFELD: There are lobbying  
14 efforts on the issue of PEG support money  
15 being usable for operations, which would  
16 help. And with the change in the chairman of  
17 the FCC based upon the new administration,  
18 that could change the way that they approach  
19 things, because that's 4 years.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Well, does anyone  
21 have any further questions?

22 (None.)

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Bob, thank you very much  
24 for your time and thank you for the update.

1 MR. SCHAUFELD: Thank you. Anytime you  
2 want to hear from me just let me know.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Thanks, Bob.

4 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Thanks, Bob.

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Thank  
6 you.

7 MR. SCHAUFELD: Take care.

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9 MAYOR WEINBERG: The next item on the  
10 agenda is the continued public hearing on  
11 T2021A - Generators. I would like to open  
12 the continued public hearing on Bill T2021A,  
13 a local law to amend the Code of the Village  
14 of Thomaston in relation to generators. It  
15 is 7:54 p.m.

16 And the Nassau County Planning Commission  
17 has issued Resolution No. 10408-21  
18 recommending local determination on Bill  
19 T2021A.

20 Are there any comments from the public?

21 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Is there anybody from  
22 the public here?

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There is  
24 no one from the public here. No one in the

1 waiting room. Let me check the email and  
2 make sure there's no comments that have  
3 arrived since we started the meeting.

4 No emails have arrived from the public on  
5 that topic.

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Before we close  
7 the public hearing, are there any comments  
8 from the Board on the proposed resolution?

9 (None.)

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Nope.

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: There being none we will  
12 close the public hearing.

13 Now on motion of -- I will make the  
14 motion.

15 RESOLVED, that the public hearing on --  
16 well, we have -- on Bill T2021A is hereby  
17 closed.

18 Is there a second?

19 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Any questions?

21 (None.)

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right.

23 Denise, 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: This is to close the  
12 hearing?

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes.

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yes, to  
15 close the hearing.

16 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

17 No. I have a question.

18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
19 Weinberg.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

21 Okay. Well --

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

1           MAYOR WEINBERG:  Would someone be the  
2           movant -- and then we'll get Burton's  
3           questions -- for Resolution 21-18?

4           TRUSTEE MONOSON:  I'll move.  You want me  
5           to do it?

6           MAYOR WEINBERG:  Sure.

7           TRUSTEE MONOSON:  RESOLVED, that Bill  
8           T2021A is adopted as Local Law 1-2021,  
9           effective immediately.

10          MAYOR WEINBERG:  Is there a second?

11          TRUSTEE PANG:  I'll second.

12          MAYOR WEINBERG:  Okay.  Any discussion?

13          (None.)

14          MAYOR WEINBERG:  Burt, what is your  
15          question?

16          TRUSTEE WESTON:  I have an application  
17          pending for a generator install for -- about  
18          to come in.  So I don't know if that poses a  
19          conflict.

20          MAYOR WEINBERG:  You can abstain.

21          TRUSTEE WESTON:  Okay.

22          Any other question or discussion?

23          (None.)

24          MAYOR WEINBERG:  Okay.  There being none,

1 Denise, call the roll.

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
3 Mayor Sharkey.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
6 Monoson.

7 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

8 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
9 Pang.

10 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
12 Weston.

13 TRUSTEE WESTON: I will abstain.

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
15 Weinberg.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
18 are four votes in favor, zero opposed, one  
19 abstention. The motion is adopted.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right.

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22 MAYOR WEINBERG: The next item on the  
23 agenda is a public hearing on 2021 Vigilant  
24 Fire Protection & Ambulance Service Contract.

1 We're opening the public hearing on the  
2 proposed 2021 contract for Fire Protection and  
3 Ambulance Service provided by Vigilant Engine  
4 & Hook & Ladder Company, Inc. for the portion  
5 of the Village of Thomaston north of the Long  
6 Island Railroad tracks.

7 Okay. Any -- the Board has in its packet  
8 the documentation provided by Vigilant as  
9 required by Village Law.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: It was  
11 provided by email because it was about 90  
12 pages.

13 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Yeah, I was going to  
14 say --

15 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: So  
16 everyone -- when I emailed it to you the  
17 other day I asked you to read it because I  
18 wasn't going to be printing it because of the  
19 volume.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: I know everyone did.  
21 Village Law Section 4-412(3)(9)(a-1)(i).  
22 Is there anyone from the public that  
23 wishes to be heard?

24 (No one.)

1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I'll  
2 check the email. There's no one in the  
3 waiting room. I will check the email again.

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right.

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: No one  
6 in the email.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Any comments or  
8 questions from the Board?

9 (None.)

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. There's being  
11 none would someone make the motion on 21-19?

12 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll move upon --  
13 RESOLVED, that the public hearing on --  
14 I'm sorry.

15 WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the  
16 Village of Thomaston --

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: No. No.  
18 No. You were right.

19 TRUSTEE WESTON: Just close the hearing?

20 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Close  
21 the hearing.

22 TRUSTEE WESTON: Public hearing on 2021,  
23 Vigilant Fire Protection and Ambulance  
24 Service Contract is hereby closed.



1 MAYOR WEINBERG: I'll second.

2 Any discussion?

3 (None.)

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: Call the question.

5 Denise, 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, no  
23 abstentions. The motion is adopted.

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1           MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Jill, would you  
2           like to be the movant for the Vigilant Fire  
3           Protection and Ambulance Service Contract?

4           TRUSTEE MONOSON: Sure. So that's --

5           MAYOR WEINBERG: 21-20.

6           TRUSTEE MONOSON: Right.

7           WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the  
8           Village of Thomaston hereby finds and  
9           determines that it has received sufficient  
10          information and documentation regarding the  
11          matters described in Village Law Section  
12          4-412(3)(9)(a-1)(i) to permit the Village to  
13          review and consider the proposed fire  
14          protection and emergency ambulance service  
15          contract between the Village and Vigilant  
16          Engine & Hook & Ladder Company, Inc.

17          Now, therefore, be it

18          RESOLVED, that the proposed 2021 contract  
19          between the Village and Vigilant Engine &  
20          Hook & Ladder Company Inc., for fire  
21          protection and emergency ambulance service  
22          for the portion of the Village north of the  
23          Long Island Railroad tracks is accepted; and  
24          it is further

1           RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to  
2           execute the contract on behalf of the  
3           Village.

4           MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

5           TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second.

6           MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Any questions or  
7           discussion?

8           (None.)

9           MAYOR WEINBERG: 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: Five  
24          votes in favor, zero opposed, zero

1 abstentions.

2 The motion is adopted.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: I think you left me out,  
4 but I'm an "aye."

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Oh, I'm  
6 sorry, Mayor Weinberg.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

8 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I'm  
9 sorry.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: Now you have five.

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I  
12 apologize. Now I have five.

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14 MAYOR WEINBERG: The next time on the  
15 agenda is the proposed Village Code change.  
16 This is Bill T2021B. This is a motion.

17 RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held  
18 on -- and we will pick a date -- 2021 at 7:30  
19 p.m. with respect to the proposed adoption of  
20 Bill T2021B entitled "A local law to amend  
21 the Code of the Village of Thomaston" in  
22 relation to temporary deferral of the time  
23 for payment of real property taxes." And it  
24 is further

1           RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is  
2           directed to publish, post and otherwise give  
3           notice of such hearing as may be required by  
4           law.

5           This bill is being proposed based upon a  
6           law that was passed by the State Legislature  
7           and signed by the Governor. It allows the  
8           Village to extend the time for people to pay  
9           their taxes. This will extend the time --  
10          the proposed local law will extend the time  
11          approximately 30 days.

12          We would like to have this in place  
13          before the end of the fiscal year because  
14          technically taxes are due February 28th,  
15          although without penalty March 30th. In  
16          order to extend it 30 days we would like to  
17          have this done before February 28th. We were  
18          looking at the week of the 22nd. Will we  
19          have everyone -- could we do this on February  
20          22nd?

21                 TRUSTEE WESTON: I can do the 22nd. I  
22                 can't do the 23rd.

23                 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I can do the 22nd.

24                 MAYOR WEINBERG: Ben, are you available

1 the 22nd?

2 TRUSTEE PANG: Yes, I am.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I'm free too.

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: Good. All right. So  
5 the date in the resolution will be February  
6 22, 2021.

7 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: And is there -- I'm  
9 sorry. Is there a second to the resolution?

10 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second.

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Any discussion or  
12 question about the resolution or the proposed  
13 local law?

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
15 Weinberg, I just would like to offer a slight  
16 correction. The taxes are billed and due as  
17 of March 1st, not February 28th.

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: I accept your  
19 correction.

20 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Any other  
22 comments?

23 (None.)

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. Call the

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question.

Denise, please call the roll.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee 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: There are five votes in favor, zero opposed, zero abstentions. The motion is adopted.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

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MAYOR WEINBERG: Ben, would you like to be the movant for the resolution for the

1 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees?

2 TRUSTEE PANG: Sure. Related to  
3 Resolution 21-22?

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: Right.

5 TRUSTEE PANG: RESOLVED, that a special  
6 meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held  
7 on February 22, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Great.

9 Is there a second?

10 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second.

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. Any  
12 discussion or questions?

13 (None.)

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Call the question.

15 Denise, please call the roll.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
17 Mayor Sharkey.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
20 Monoson.

21 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

22 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
23 Pang.

24 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.



1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
2 Weston.

3 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

4 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
5 Weinberg. Mayor Weinberg.

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

7 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Five  
8 votes in favor --

9 TRUSTEE WESTON: We didn't leave you out  
10 this time. We need you to respond.

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Five  
12 votes in favor, zero opposed, no abstentions.  
13 The motion is adopted.

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15 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Next item on the  
16 agenda. 2020/2021 Budget Modifications.

17 I will make the motion.

18 RESOLVED, that the 2020/2021 Budget  
19 Modifications as of February 8, 2021, are  
20 hereby accepted as presented.

21 I will ask for a second.

22 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, could you please  
24 -- it was in the Board packet, but just

1                   briefly just for the record, what were the  
2                   budget modifications?

3                   VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND:   Sure.

4                   Okay.   So in your voucher package it will  
5                   be that we did receive the tax bill for the  
6                   sewer tax which the Village is not exempt  
7                   from.  They were slightly higher than we  
8                   budgeted and anticipated.  So we are  
9                   adjusting that property tax line item from  
10                  \$1,600 to \$1,934.  A difference of \$334,  
11                  which will be taken out from the line item  
12                  for unallocated insurance which we were under  
13                  budget on.

14                  In the area of street maintenance we're  
15                  making a few adjustments there.  The line  
16                  item for equipment repair we're increasing  
17                  \$500.  And we're taking the \$500 -- reducing  
18                  the \$500 under gas, oil and tires, which we  
19                  had a little bit of a surplus on so far.  For  
20                  supplies we're increasing that line item  
21                  \$1,000.  And we are decreasing a line item  
22                  for signs by \$1,000.

23                  And the last grouping is under  
24                  sanitation.  Incinerator costs are up this

1 year largely due to the storms and disposal  
2 debris. Those are the charges for dumping  
3 the debris at the Town of North Hempstead  
4 Solid Waste Management Authority. So that we  
5 need to increase by \$4,000. And we did not  
6 use all of our budgeted amount for the refuse  
7 contract, the sanitation contract. So we're  
8 reducing that item for \$4,000. So net change  
9 in appropriations is zero.

10 And that is the summary.

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you.

12 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: You're  
13 welcome.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion? Any  
15 questions?

16 (None.)

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: Call the question.

18 Denise, please call the roll.

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
20 Mayor Sharkey.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

22 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
23 Monoson.

24 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
2 Pang.

3 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

4 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
5 Weston. Trustee Weston.

6 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Can't hear you.

7 TRUSTEE WESTON: You can't hear me now?

8 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Now we can hear you.

9 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Now we  
10 can hear you.

11 TRUSTEE WESTON: That's weird.

12 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Is that  
13 an "aye"?

14 TRUSTEE WESTON: Yes. Aye.

15 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.  
16 And Mayor Weinberg.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: Burt is sitting next to  
18 me too long.

19 Aye.

20 TRUSTEE WESTON: I don't know what  
21 happened. I'm not muted.

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

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2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Well, as if we  
3 don't know what's coming next. Public Works  
4 Report. Gee, I wonder what's on it.

5 TRUSTEE WESTON: They did a great job.

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: Snow removal, snow  
7 removal and more snow removal.

8 TRUSTEE MONOSON: And there's more  
9 coming.

10 TRUSTEE WESTON: And bravo. They did  
11 really a fabulous job.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: We will pass that along.  
13 And in addition before the snow came  
14 there was a street light repair and cracked  
15 sealing and sweeping of village streets, park  
16 maintenance and a couple of resident  
17 requests. And upcoming work: snow removal,  
18 street sweeping.

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: You know  
20 what, Mayor Weinberg, I think this is my  
21 error. There was no cracked sealing this  
22 past month. I think I --

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Probably not.

24 TRUSTEE MONOSON: That's because they

1 can't see the cracks under all the snow.

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I'm  
3 sorry. I did not delete that, so we will  
4 remove that.

5 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Sealed with snow.

6 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: We'll  
7 remove that from the report.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: It's not a good sealant,  
9 but it works temporarily.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Right.  
11 We should have some snow and ice sealant.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. There's the  
13 Public Works report.

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15 MAYOR WEINBERG: Let's see. Where are we  
16 now. On the -- anyone have any items of New  
17 Business? Okay.

18 On Deposit Refunds. Let's see. Jim, are  
19 you at 21-24?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Let's see. No,  
21 I'm not.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. I will read it.

23 RESOLVED, that the refunds of deposits,  
24 in the aggregate amount of \$5,000 -- is that

1 right, Denise?

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: That's  
3 correct.

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: -- (as itemized on the  
5 Abstract of Refunds dated Monday, February 8,  
6 2021), are hereby approved for disbursement  
7 from the Trust and Agency Fund.

8 A copy of the approved refund list is  
9 attached to those minutes.

10 Is there a second?

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Second.

12 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

13 Go ahead. Let Jim second.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion? Any  
15 questions?

16 (None.)

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. And this was a --  
18 was this a road opening deposit, Denise?

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yes. It  
20 was a road opening deposit on Summer Street  
21 that was completed. And the superintendent  
22 has signed off on the finished product.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Good. Any discussion?  
24 Any questions?

1 (None.)

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Call the question.

3 Denise, please call the roll.

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, no  
21 abstentions. The motion is adopted.

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23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Oh, boy. We are now up  
24 to the Vouchers.



1 Ben, can you bring us home?

2 TRUSTEE PANG: Sure.

3 Related to -- related to Resolution  
4 21-25.

5 RESOLVED, that the vouchers, in the  
6 aggregate amount of \$55,592.19 (as itemized  
7 on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday,  
8 February 8, 2021), are hereby approved for  
9 payment, all allocated to the General Fund.

10 A copy of the approved voucher list is  
11 attached to these minutes.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

13 TRUSTEE WESTON: I will second.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion or  
15 question?

16 (None.)

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: Call the question.

18 Denise, please call the roll.

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
20 Mayor Sharkey.

21 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

22 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
23 Monoson.

24 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
2 Pang.

3 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

4 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
5 Weston.

6 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

7 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
8 Weinberg.

9 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
11 are five votes in favor, zero opposed, no  
12 abstentions. The motion is adopted.

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14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Jim, would you like to  
15 make the motion to adjourn at 8:14 p.m?

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I shall make the  
17 motion that the Board of Trustees retires for  
18 the evening, date being January -- February  
19 the 8th of 2021.

20 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second, third and  
21 fourth.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Any discussion or  
23 question about this?

24 (None.)

1 MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, call the roll.

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
3 Mayor Sharkey.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
6 Monoson.

7 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

8 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
9 Pang.

10 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
12 Weston.

13 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
15 Weinberg.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
18 are five votes in favor, zero opposed, no  
19 abstentions. The motion is adopted.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you all, and to  
21 all a good night.

22 (Time noted: 8:14 p.m.)

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