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INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF THOMASTON  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES - VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022  
7:30 P.M.

P R E S E N T :

STEVEN WEINBERG, MAYOR

JILL MONOSON, TRUSTEE

TO-ON PANG, TRUSTEE

BURTON S. WESTON, TRUSTEE

DENISE KNOWLAND, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

JENNIFER DEVLIN  
COURT REPORTER

1           MAYOR WEINBERG: Good evening everybody.  
2           Calling to order the Board of Trustees  
3           meeting on Monday, February 14th via  
4           videoconference at 7:30 p.m. I'm opening the  
5           meeting at 7:35. And I have to read the  
6           following announcement.

7           Due to public health and safety concerns  
8           related to COVID-19, and pursuant to New York  
9           State law, this meeting of the Board of  
10          Trustees is not being held in person. The  
11          Board is meeting by videoconferencing. The  
12          meeting is being recorded, and a  
13          transcription will be provided at a later  
14          date.  
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16          The public has the opportunity to observe  
17          this meeting live online and to submit  
18          comments pursuant to instructions given on  
19          the Village website and in the meeting  
20          notice.

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

Denise, please call the roll.

1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.

2 Trustee Jill Monoson.

3 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Here.

4 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
5 To-on Pang.

6 TRUSTEE PANG: Here.

7 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
8 Burton Weston.

9 TRUSTEE WESTON: Here.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
11 Steven Weinberg.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: Here.

13 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: And  
14 Village Administrator Denise Knowland.

15 Here.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: A quorum  
18 of the Board is in attendance and the Board  
19 can begin the business of the meeting.

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22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Ben, would you like to  
23 make the motion to approve the minutes of  
24 January 10, 2022?

TRUSTEE PANG: Sure.

1 RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board  
2 of Trustees meeting held on January 10, 2022,  
3 are hereby approved and accepted as  
4 presented.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Is there a  
6 second?

7 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any comments or  
9 discussions or questions?

10 (There was no response.)

11 TRUSTEE PANG: I do find one spelling  
12 error. Usually I don't care about spelling  
13 errors. But in this case it's the name of  
14 the chair for the inspection. It's wrong.  
15 So I think we should correct that.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: I'm sorry. Where is  
17 that?

18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Where is  
19 that?

20 TRUSTEE PANG: Resolution 22-07. Towards  
21 the end. And it further resolved that  
22 Maryann Ghermezian.... that last name is  
23 spelled wrong compared with the one above.

24 It's missing an "H."

1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Oh,

2 okay. I see. Okay. Got it.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any other corrections?

4 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Thank

5 you.

6 TRUSTEE PANG: No. That's all I can see.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you.

8 Call the question for adoption of the

9 minutes, including that correction.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.

11 So that would be -- the resolution would be  
12 to approve and accepted as amended?

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Is that  
15 -- you agree with that, Mr. Pang --

16 TRUSTEE PANG: Yes.

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: -- that  
18 wording? Okay.

19 All right. So Mr. Pang made the motion.

20 Jill Monoson second.

21 So Trustee Monoson, your vote.

22 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
24 Pang.

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TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
Weston.

TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
Weinberg.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

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

MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

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MAYOR WEINBERG: The next resolution is  
22-12. Special Meeting of the Board of  
Trustees.

Upon motion of the Mayor, Steve Weinberg,  
WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation  
Commission (Commission) has approved requests  
to designate the building at 124 South Middle  
Neck Road, Thomaston, as a landmark pursuant  
to Village Code Chapter 120; and

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation  
Commission has transmitted a written  
determination stating its finding and

1 conclusions to the Board of Trustees; and

2 WHEREAS, 120-4(E)(2) or 2(D) of the  
3 Village of Thomaston Code grants the Board of  
4 Trustees authority to -- it says "affirm." I  
5 believe the word should be "confirm" or  
6 modify a determination of the Commission  
7 provided that such action is considered at a  
8 public hearing of the Board.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

10 RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees  
11 shall hold a special meeting and public  
12 hearing for such purpose on February 24,  
13 2022, at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom videoconference  
14 webinar; and it is further  
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16 RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator  
17 give legal notice of such special meeting and  
18 public hearing as required by law.

19 Is there a second?

20 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second it.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any comments or  
22 discussion by the Board?

23 TRUSTEE WESTON: No.

24 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I just wanted to say  
one thing that I wanted to -- I mean, no one

1 really spoke at the hearing other than the  
2 Commission. And I just wanted to thank the  
3 members of the Commission for their service  
4 on the Landmark Commission, because I know  
5 that it took a lot of work. And I know they  
6 spent a lot of time and effort. So I just  
7 wanted to express my gratitude to them for  
8 doing that.

9 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. Thank you.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
11 Weinberg, I'm just checking the code to see  
12 if that is "affirm" or "confirm." If you  
13 give me one moment.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Please let's make sure  
15 it's correct.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Affirm:  
17 A-F-F-I-R-M.

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: So that  
20 is Section E. So we have to -- it's E(2).  
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22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: And the  
24 D(2) should be deleted or the D(2) is  
actually deleted. That's a mistake.



1 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Just say E(2).

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: It  
3 should just say E(2). And "affirm" is the  
4 correct word.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: As long as we have the  
6 correct language of the code. Excellent.

7 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.  
8 All right.

9 So I will call the vote.

10 Trustee 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: Four  
22 votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is  
23 adopted.  
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1           MAYOR WEINBERG: Jill, can you take the  
2 next resolution, the heating repairs at  
3 Village Hall?

4           TRUSTEE MONOSON: Sure.

5           WHEREAS, in mid-January 2022, the heating  
6 system in the meeting room at the Village  
7 Hall ceased to operate properly, as a result  
8 of which there was insufficient heat to  
9 permit continuation of proper and necessary  
10 Village Hall operations; and

11           WHEREAS, B&R Plumbing and Heating of Long  
12 Island, Inc., 315 Smithtown Boulevard,  
13 Nesconset, New York 11767, provides  
14 maintenance service on the HVAC systems at  
15 the Village Hall pursuant to an annual  
16 service contract; and

17           WHEREAS, B&R Plumbing and Heating of Long  
18 Island, Inc. is familiar with the HVAC  
19 systems at the Village Hall and has  
20 previously provided satisfactory service with  
21 respect thereto;

22           WHEREAS, B&R Plumbing and Heating of Long  
23 Island, Inc. made several service calls to  
24 troubleshoot the issue with the heating

1 system in the meeting room at Village Hall  
2 and determined, in consultation with the  
3 manufacturer of the heating equipment, that  
4 the existing ductwork is undersized for the  
5 equipment and causing the unit to lock out;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, B&R Plumbing and Heating of Long  
8 Island, Inc. provided a quotation in the  
9 amount of \$3,850.00 to make necessary  
10 alterations to the existing ductwork to  
11 increase air flow through the system; and

12 WHEREAS, the Village solicited two (2)  
13 verbal quotations from All Seasons Air  
14 Conditioning, Inc. and Maccarone Plumbing,  
15 Inc. to perform such work, in response to  
16 which each company replied that it would need  
17 to send a technician to perform diagnostics  
18 in order to confirm the issue with the unit,  
19 for which the Village would be required to  
20 compensate each prospective service provider  
21 at the following rates:

22 (1) All Seasons Air Conditioning, Inc:  
23 \$285.00 for the first hour, \$100.00 for each  
24 additional 30 minutes.

1 (2) Maccarone Plumbing, Inc: \$288.00  
2 per hour; and

3 WHEREAS, the foregoing events took place  
4 in winter, at which time it was necessary to  
5 have heat in the meeting room zone, which  
6 also includes office space and a file room;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, the lack of heat constituted an  
9 emergency situation and danger to health,  
10 which warranted exigent remedial action, in  
11 response to which the Mayor authorized B&R  
12 Plumbing and Heating of Long Island, Inc. to  
13 perform the necessary remedial work on an  
14 emergency basis;

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16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

17 RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees  
18 hereby ratifies the action of the Mayor in  
19 accepting the quotation of B&R Plumbing and  
20 Heating of Long Island Inc. in the amount of  
21 \$3,850.00 and authorizing B&R Plumbing and  
22 Heating of Long Island, Inc. to perform the  
23 necessary repairs on an emergency basis.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second.

1           MAYOR WEINBERG: Any comments or  
2 questions or discussions among the Board?

3           TRUSTEE WESTON: I assume the work is  
4 resolved, whatever the issues were. We have  
5 heat back in the town hall, Village Hall?

6           MAYOR WEINBERG: Crossing our fingers,  
7 yes.

8           VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yes.  
9 Yes.

10          MAYOR WEINBERG: Without jinxing it, yes.

11          TRUSTEE WESTON: Okay.

12          MAYOR WEINBERG: And yet, Ben, you look  
13 like you had something to say.

14          TRUSTEE PANG: No. It's all right.

15          MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. Anybody  
16 else?

17                   (There was no response.)

18          MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. Hearing  
19 nothing further, call the question.

20          VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
21 Monoson.

22          TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

23          VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
24 Pang.

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TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
Weston.

TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
Weinberg.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

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

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MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Burt, would you  
take the next resolution please, the  
replacement of the salt spreader?

TRUSTEE WESTON: Sure.

RESOLUTION 22-14

WHEREAS, during the winter storm season  
in early 2022, a Village salt spreader  
purchased by the Village in 2012 and  
scheduled to be replaced in the 2022/23  
fiscal year ceased to be in useful condition;  
area.

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Public  
Works was able to make a temporary repair,

1 but believed that this temporary repair will  
2 not be sufficient for the remainder of the  
3 current snow season; and

4 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for the  
5 Village to have working salt spreader  
6 equipment to protect public health and safety  
7 during the current winter season, such that a  
8 purchase had to be completed before the next  
9 regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of  
10 Trustees when such purchase could be  
11 approved; and

12 WHEREAS, in accordance with the Village  
13 procurement policy and in anticipation of  
14 purchase of a new salt spreader in 2022/23  
15 fiscal year, the Superintendent of Public  
16 Works had solicited quotes for the purchase  
17 of a replacement salt spreader; and

18 WHEREAS, upon the unexpected breakdown of  
19 the existing salt spreader, in compliance  
20 with the Village procurement policy, the  
21 Superintendent of Public Works again  
22 contacted vendors regarding purchase of a new  
23 2.5 cubic yard salt spreader, two of which  
24 vendors advised that the equipment would not

1 be available for several months, and one of  
2 which vendors advised that if the equipment  
3 were ordered promptly, it could be delivered  
4 within 1 to 1.5 weeks; and

5 WHEREAS, in order to obtain this  
6 necessary equipment as quickly as reasonably  
7 possible, and in time for the current winter  
8 season, after individual consultation with  
9 the other members of the Board of Trustees,  
10 the Mayor directed that the Village proceed  
11 immediately to order the purchase from the  
12 vendor with the earliest anticipated delivery  
13 date.  
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15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

16 RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees  
17 hereby ratifies, confirms and approves the  
18 aforesaid action of the Village and its  
19 officials to purchase the Vasso Systems,  
20 Inc., a SaltDogg Model Pro 2500 2.5 cubic  
21 yard salt spreader with Poly Hopper and  
22 auger, for delivery to the Village Public  
23 Works Department within 1 to 1.5 weeks, at a  
24 cost not to exceed \$6,530.00, in accordance  
with the quote dated December 21, 2021.



1 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

2 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Any questions,  
4 comments, discussions?

5 Denise, I believe you can correct me if  
6 I'm wrong, but I think the delivery came in  
7 time for the event that we had over the  
8 weekend?

9 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yes, it  
10 did.

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: And it was utilized and  
12 -- throughout the Village.

13 No other comments.

14 Call the question.

15 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.

16 Trustee Monoson.

17 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
19 Pang.

20 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

21 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
22 Weston.

23 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

24 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor

1 Weinberg.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

3 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Four  
4 votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is  
5 adopted.

6 TRUSTEE WESTON: I would note just for  
7 the record -- sorry. I should have spoken  
8 before. But the other two bids were well in  
9 excess of the bid that was accepted. One  
10 total I think was \$9,829.00. And the other  
11 was \$8,332.00. Just so the record is clear.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you.

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14 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right.

15 Ben, can you take the next resolution,  
16 please?

17 TRUSTEE PANG: Sure.

18 RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees  
19 hereby ratifies the Mayor's appointment of  
20 Michael J. Manovsky as part-time substitute  
21 laborer, effective January 28, 2022, subject  
22 to the proof -- to be compensated at the rate  
23 of \$26.00 per hour, subject to the approval  
24 of the Nassau County Civil Service

1 Commission; and it is further

2 RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator  
3 is authorized and directed to file any and  
4 all forms reasonably necessary to comply with  
5 the requirements of the Nassau County Civil  
6 Service Commission to implement this  
7 resolution.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

9 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. There was a  
11 -- unfortunately one of the part-time  
12 laborers generally was not available when  
13 Benny needed -- when the Superintendent of  
14 Public Works needed someone to work.  
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16 So again our Superintendent of Public  
17 Works was able to find someone who wanted to  
18 make an application. And he obtained -- the  
19 Superintendent obtained the application, and  
20 I reviewed it. This is a gentleman who wants  
21 to work part-time. And obviously we want our  
22 time labor staff to be complete, especially  
23 during the winter months, to deal with any  
24 type of storm cleanup.

TRUSTEE MONOSON: Has he worked in any of

1 the other villages before?

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: No. This is someone who  
3 is a -- also from the fire department and is  
4 available to do this work on a part-time  
5 basis. And I'm -- you know, obviously I'm  
6 sure he's qualified to -- obviously to  
7 operate the vehicle, the equipment. And  
8 Benny will train him and put him to work.

9 TRUSTEE WESTON: So it's in effect a  
10 substitution of an existing employee who  
11 hasn't been available? It's not additional  
12 hours that we're going to fund?

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: That's correct. That's  
14 correct.

15 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Right. And it's the  
16 same rate that the other person was being  
17 paid?  
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19 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes.

20 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay. Great.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Any other  
22 comments or questions?

23 (There was no response.)

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Hearing none, call the  
question.

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Please call the roll.

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: Four  
votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is  
adopted.

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MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. The next item on  
the agenda is for the 2022 Village Election.  
It's the agreement with the Nassau County  
Board of Elections.

Upon the motion of Mayor Weinberg,

WHEREAS, the Village of Thomaston will be  
conducting on Tuesday, March 15, 2022,

1 between the hours of noon and 9:00 p.m; and

2 WHEREAS, the Village has requested that  
3 the Nassau County Board of Elections provide  
4 election services consisting of the provision  
5 and usage of voting machines compliant with  
6 the New York State Election Law, including  
7 all equipment and supplies necessary to  
8 conduct voting operations (voting systems) as  
9 well as training and assistance concerning  
10 voting machine operation; and

11 WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of  
12 Elections requires that the Village of  
13 Thomaston enter into a Memorandum of  
14 Agreement for such election systems and  
15 training; and

16 WHEREAS, the Nassau County Board of  
17 Elections requires the acceptance and  
18 execution of such Memorandum of Agreement by  
19 a deadline prior to the schedule date of the  
20 Board's next regular monthly meeting; and

21 Whereas, in order to assure that the  
22 Village would be compliant with the State law  
23 for using voting machines in the March 15,  
24 2022, Village general election, the Mayor

1           executed the Memorandum of Agreement in a  
2           form approved by the Village Attorney;

3                   NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

4                   RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees,  
5           hereby ratifies the action of the Mayor in  
6           executing the Memorandum of Agreement with  
7           the Nassau County Board of Elections.

8                   Is there a second?

9                   TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second it.

10                   MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Denise, could you  
11           give the background on this? Essentially  
12           this was an agreement that is required to be  
13           in place?

14                   VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Right.

15                   MAYOR WEINBERG: It's pretty much not  
16           negotiable -- not pretty much. It is a  
17           non-negotiable agreement.

18                   VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Correct.

19                   MAYOR WEINBERG: It is an identical  
20           agreement that any municipality must enter  
21           into with the Nassau County Board of  
22           Elections in order to utilize their  
23           equipment. And obviously we want the  
24           equipment to be -- and the -- we want the

1 equipment. We want the inspectors to be  
2 trained for the upcoming Village Election.

3 Denise, is there anything that you would  
4 like to add?

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I just  
6 want to make a correction to the resolution.  
7 The first sentence, the "whereas" --

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes.

9 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: "the  
10 Village of Thomaston will be conducting." It  
11 should insert "the Village Election on  
12 Tuesday, March 15, 2022." That was the --  
13 the "Village Election" was left off there.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: I will accept that  
15 amendment.

16 TRUSTEE WESTON: So do we have an  
17 estimated cost of what -- I assume we use one  
18 machine?  
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20 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: We have  
21 one machine.

22 TRUSTEE WESTON: One ballot marking  
23 device?

24 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: And one  
ballot marking device.



1 TRUSTEE WESTON: Okay.

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: The  
3 pricing is on the --

4 TRUSTEE WESTON: Yeah, on Schedule B.

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yeah, on  
6 the Schedule B.

7 And actually they do not train -- there  
8 is a line item for "inspector training."  
9 They will not train those -- the election  
10 inspectors for the Village specifically. The  
11 people that we use are on the list. And they  
12 were trained by the Nassau County Board of  
13 Elections for the general election.

14 I pointed that out to some -- I asked  
15 them about that. And they said, no. That's  
16 just our general schedule, but we won't be  
17 doing that. So that -- we will not be paying  
18 that \$25.00 fee.

19 We will have one machine. As you said,  
20 that's the cost -- the cost is listed as  
21 \$300.00. The AutoMARK ballot marking device  
22 is \$150.00 for the rental. The ballot --  
23 they design the ballot template. That's  
24 \$50.00.

1 TRUSTEE WESTON: Okay.

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: So those  
3 will be the costs stated with that agreement.

4 TRUSTEE WESTON: Okay.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any other questions,  
6 comments or discussion?

7 TRUSTEE PANG: So I -- in the past we  
8 used paper ballots. And this is the first  
9 time we use electronic ones. Is this because  
10 we expect a big turnout? That's why we use  
11 electronic scan machines?

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: I don't know if we'll be  
13 having a big turnout or not.

14 Denise, what would --

15 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: The  
16 thought was that we might have a larger  
17 turnout this year, as we have other  
18 candidates and not -- people are running --  
19 it's considered a contested election. And we  
20 figured that if there were going to be more  
21 ballots, it would be much more efficient to  
22 use the scanner machine.

23 TRUSTEE PANG: Okay. So we going to  
24 totally rely on this scanning machine? We're

1 not going to have a manual re -- or is it  
2 where the count is very close we will have a  
3 manual recount?

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: One thing has nothing to  
5 do with the other. Denise, please.

6 What I was going to add is also the other  
7 consideration for utilizing the machine was  
8 just in terms of keeping obviously accurate  
9 track of the votes as oppose to -- not that  
10 there was anything inaccurate about the  
11 paper. But if you have more ballots,  
12 presumably this machine would be more  
13 accurate in terms of count.

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15 But, Denise, do you know what the rules  
16 are in terms of -- regardless of whether you  
17 have a machine or not, the recount rules I  
18 believe are different. What is that, Denise?

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.  
20 So the ballots voted on at the election for  
21 people who come in person are scanned and  
22 tabulated electronically. If there are any  
23 of those that are put in the scanner that are  
24 write-in votes, those will have to be hand  
counted. The absentee ballots will have to

1 be hand counted. Those are not scannable.

2 So we will have some hand counting.

3 Now, as far as the election results, the  
4 current law according to the training from  
5 NYCOM -- the current law is that if the votes  
6 are -- the margin of victory is 20 votes or  
7 less or .05 percent or less, then there's  
8 some mandatory recount. The Village does not  
9 do the recount. The Nassau County Board of  
10 Elections does the recount. So that all the  
11 materials would be turned over to the County  
12 for that.

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14 TRUSTEE WESTON: The physical ballots  
15 themselves are scanned and retained? In  
16 other words --

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Right.  
18 They are retained.

19 TRUSTEE PANG: Thanks.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Anybody have any  
21 comments or questions? Anything to discuss?

22 (There was no response.)

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Hearing none, call the  
24 question.

Denise, please call the roll.

1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
2 Monoson.

3 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

4 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
5 Pang.

6 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

7 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
8 Weston.

9 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
11 Weinberg.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

13 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Four  
14 votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is  
15 adopted.  
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18 MAYOR WEINBERG: Jill, can you take the  
19 next resolution please?

20 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Sure.

21 RESOLUTION 22-17

22 Whereas, the Village of Thomaston will --  
23 I think it should say the Village of  
24 Thomaston election, right? I think there is  
a word missing.

1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Oh,  
2 okay. There we go.

3 TRUSTEE MONOSON: WHEREAS, the Village of  
4 Thomaston election will be conducted on March  
5 15, 2022, between the hours of noon and 9:00  
6 p.m. at the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire  
7 District's facility located at 25 Prospect  
8 Street, Thomaston, New York 11021; and

9 WHEREAS, the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire  
10 District (the "District") requires all  
11 entities using the District's facilities to  
12 execute an Indemnification/Hold Harmless  
13 Agreement and comply with the District's  
14 insurance requirements.

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16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

17 RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees  
18 hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute an  
19 Indemnification/Hold Harmless Agreement as  
20 required by the Manhasset-Lakeville Fire  
21 District.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

23 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second it.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any comments, questions  
or discussion?

1 TRUSTEE PANG: So again this is the first  
2 time the election is being involved in the  
3 firehouse? Because usually we have the  
4 voting in the Village Hall.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: Again, it's a contested  
6 election. If there is a larger turnout,  
7 obviously the firehouse has more capacity in  
8 term of handling that.

9 TRUSTEE PANG: Okay. Got it. Got it.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, anything else  
11 about that?

12 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: No. It  
13 also allows, you know, for a little more  
14 space. We are having four election  
15 inspectors instead of two. We have more  
16 tables. And people can spread out as well.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: Spread out. And people  
18 who come can spread out. And everything can  
19 proceed more safely with respect to any  
20 health concerns or issues.

21 Okay. Anything else on that, Denise?

22 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: No. I  
23 don't think so.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any other comments,

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questions or discussions.

(There was no response.)

MAYOR WEINBERG: Hearing none, call the question.

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: Four votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is adopted.

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MAYOR WEINBERG: Burt, would you take the next resolution --

TRUSTEE WESTON: Sure.

MAYOR WEINBERG: -- the Village Code



1 Change.

2 TRUSTEE WESTON: This is Resolution  
3 22-18.

4 WHEREAS, with certain specified  
5 exceptions, the New York State Public  
6 Officers Law, the New York State Village Law,  
7 and Chapter 33 of the Village Code requires  
8 that Village officers be residents of the  
9 Village of Thomaston; and

10 WHEREAS, the Village is required pursuant  
11 to New York State Election Law to designate  
12 inspectors of election from a list of  
13 qualified inspectors provided by Nassau  
14 County Board of Elections; and

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16 WHEREAS, the list of qualified inspectors  
17 supplied by the Nassau County Board of  
18 Elections sometimes includes persons who are  
19 residents of Nassau County, but who are not  
20 residents of the Village of Thomaston; and

21 WHEREAS, the Public Officers Law allows  
22 the Village Board of Trustees, by resolution,  
23 to provide that certain officers of the  
24 Village may reside outside of the Village,  
but within Nassau County; and

1           WHEREAS, to assure that the Village is in  
2           compliance with Public Officers Law, the  
3           Village Law and the Election Law, the Board  
4           of Trustees deems it in the best interests of  
5           the Village to require that inspectors of  
6           election appointed by the Board of Trustees  
7           need not be residents of the Village of  
8           Thomaston, provided that such inspectors be  
9           residents of Nassau County.

10           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

11           RESOLVED, effective immediately, that  
12           Section 33-1 of the Village Code be, and  
13           hereby is, amended by adding thereto a new  
14           subsection, to be Subsection D, to read as  
15           follows:  
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17           "D. Notwithstanding the provisions of  
18           Subsection B hereof, inspectors of election  
19           at Village elections need not be residents of  
20           the Village of Thomaston, but must be  
21           residents of the County of Nassau."

22           And it is further

23           RESOLVED, that the Village Administrator  
24           shall notify General Code Publishers Corp. of  
          the adoption of this resolution, for

1 inclusion in the Village Code publicly made  
2 available by such company.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

4 TRUSTEE PANG: I'll second.

5 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Before you -- can I  
6 just ask you a question?

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure.

8 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Did we try to find  
9 people in the Village of Thomaston?

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise?

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: We do.  
12 Not everyone is available or interested.

13 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay. Yeah. No. I  
14 saw the alternates were -- looks like they  
15 were Thomaston people, but not the people who  
16 are actually selected, right?

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Right.  
18 It was a mix of people and who called back  
19 and who was -- you know, got in touch with us  
20 first.

21 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Partially we weren't  
23 able to confirm. And what this allows us is  
24 the flexibility to pick from the County list.

1           Going forward at any future election we can  
2           certainly -- if our Village residents express  
3           interest we can certainly try to accommodate  
4           that. But this gives us flexibility if we  
5           have to go outside the Village, if you will,  
6           to have a further list.

7           VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: And we  
8           have done this previously for the last  
9           several years via the resolution that we  
10          passed in January that extends the residency.  
11          This will make it formal into the Village  
12          Code and you won't have to put the extra  
13          language in the resolution going forward.

14          TRUSTEE MONOSON: Right. I recall that.  
15          Thank you.

16          TRUSTEE PANG: The Village election  
17          inspectors needs to be trained before they  
18          become an inspector?

19          VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yes.  
20          Yes. They are trained by the County. They  
21          have to take the annual training if they work  
22          the Village election so they know how to  
23          utilize the machinery, the equipment, the  
24          voting systems.

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MAYOR WEINBERG: Any other comments,  
questions? Other discussion here? None?

Call the question.

Denise, please call the roll.

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: Four  
votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is  
adopted.

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MAYOR WEINBERG: Ben, would you take the  
next resolution, the appointment of Village  
election inspectors.

TRUSTEE PANG: Sure.

1 RESOLVED, on January 10, 2022, the Board  
2 of Trustees appointed two (2) Republican  
3 election inspectors and three (3) alternate  
4 Republican inspectors for the village  
5 election to be held on March 15, 2022; and

6 WHEREAS, one (1) of the Republican  
7 inspectors appointed on January 10, 2022,  
8 cannot serve as an election inspector and all  
9 three (3) alternate inspectors declined to  
10 serve.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

12 RESOLVED, that the following persons are  
13 hereby designated and appointed inspectors of  
14 election, and shall meet on March 15, 2022 at  
15 the place designated for such village  
16 election, between the hours of noon and 9:00  
17 p.m., inclusive, for the purpose of the  
18 village election.  
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20 Linda Emanuel. I'm not sure if I  
21 pronounced that correctly. 36 Barstow Road.  
22 Great Neck. Republican.

23 Alternatives to serve as inspectors for  
24 their party in the event that one of the  
above-named inspectors of election from their

1 party cannot serve:

2 Aristeia Gauriel. 1 Jordan Drive, Great  
3 Neck. Republican.

4 Lucy Luo. 30 Valley View Road. Great  
5 Neck. Republican.

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Is there a  
7 second?

8 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

9 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any comments, questions  
10 or discussion?

11 (There was no response.)

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. If we -- Denise,  
13 is it fair to say that it was because of this  
14 sequence of events with respect to the  
15 Republican inspectors that that's why we  
16 adopted the prior resolution?  
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18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Actually  
19 the prior resolution the Village Attorney  
20 provided before this change of events, which  
21 happened last week, the end of the week. So  
22 they kind -- almost came simultaneously.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Both came in handy.  
24 Okay.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yes.

1 Yes. Who would have thought -- yeah -- that  
2 three alternates would all decline. It's  
3 unusual, but it happens.

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right.

5 TRUSTEE PANG: Question. Just curious.  
6 Why they are all Republicans, no Democrats?

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Because the Democrats --

8 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: The  
9 Democrats are willing to serve.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: -- registered as  
11 inspectors. You're required to have a  
12 certain number of Democrats and the same  
13 number of Republicans as your inspectors.  
14 And the Democrats -- correct me if I'm wrong  
15 Denise -- accepted the assignment?

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Right.  
17 We had two that we appointed in January and  
18 two that we appointed Republicans in January.  
19 One of the two Republicans cannot do it.  
20 They declined. And then the three alternates  
21 I had for Republicans that you already  
22 appointed in January did not want to do it as  
23 well.  
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MAYOR WEINBERG: So we're replacing the



1 one open Republican spot.

2 TRUSTEE PANG: Got it. Understood.

3 Thank you.

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any other comment,  
5 question, discussion?

6 (There was no response.)

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Hearing none, Denise,  
8 call the question.

9 Please call the roll.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
11 Monoson.

12 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

13 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
14 Pang.

15 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
17 Weston.

18 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
20 Weinberg.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

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

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2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. We will now open  
3 the public hearing on the 2022 Vigilant Fire  
4 Protection and Emergency Ambulances Services  
5 Contract.

6 It is 8:12 p.m.

7 I see that David Weiss is here.

8 MR. WEISS: I am.

9 MAYOR WEINBERG: Mr. Weiss, thank you for  
10 joining us.

11 MR. WEISS: You're killing me on  
12 Valentine's Day, but I'm here for you.

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: I apologize to you, your  
14 wife and your family.

15 MR. WEISS: I don't know about your wife,  
16 but this is breaking my mojo, if you know  
17 what I'm saying.

18 How are you all?

19 TRUSTEE WESTON: Good. Thanks, David.

20 MR. WEISS: Thank you.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. We are -- if you  
22 can give -- we have members of the public  
23 that are here for the first time for this --  
24 hearing this event on the agenda.

1           So why don't you give a little background  
2 as to what the proposal -- what's being  
3 considered by the Board?

4           MR. WEISS: You're asking me to give the  
5 proposal?

6           MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes. Sure.

7           MR. WEISS: Well, we submit the budget  
8 every year to the villages. The budget -- I  
9 don't have the exact because I'm driving  
10 right now. I think we're at 2.8 percent  
11 increase over last year. A noticeable part  
12 of the increase is due to a new fire truck  
13 that we purchased and the debt service that  
14 goes with it. Everything else is relatively  
15 flat in regards to the budget other than the  
16 debt service. A little on the labor side  
17 went up a tad, but nothing dramatic.

18           MAYOR WEINBERG: Just so the public  
19 knows, this is the contract that the Village  
20 of Thomaston has with Vigilant for fire  
21 protection and emergency ambulance service.  
22 This applies to the Village of Thomaston  
23 residents that live north of the Long Island  
24 Railroad tracks. The -- that part of the

1 Village is serviced by Vigilant. The  
2 remaining part of the Village is serviced by  
3 Manhasset Lakeville.

4 The -- David, please correct me if I'm  
5 wrong --

6 MR. WEISS: Yes. Let's hope not.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: -- but there is a -- and  
8 Denise as well -- there is a separate tax  
9 rate that's applied where the Village  
10 residents that received this service pay  
11 based upon the tax rate collectively pay for  
12 the annual amount of the contract? The  
13 amount of the contract this year is -- for  
14 the Village, Denise, can you --

15 TRUSTEE WESTON: \$44,939.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you. So that  
17 provides a little additional background.

18 Is there anyone from the public that  
19 wishes to be heard?

20 MS. HALPERN: Hi. This is Wendy Halpern.  
21 I have a question.

22 So how does it work? Because I know if  
23 you call an ambulance -- and I don't live  
24 north of tracks -- but do they -- do you

1 charge the insurance as well, or does the --  
2 the Village's payment to you, is that in lieu  
3 of any insurance coverage? How does it work  
4 basically?

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: Great question.

6 MR. WEISS: That's a great question.

7 So the -- I can speak for Vigilant. And  
8 I believe I can speak for Manhasset  
9 Lakeville. We do not collect a fee for the  
10 service that we provide for ambulance  
11 service. Nothing gets charged to your  
12 insurance. It's covered throughout the  
13 residents and the tax base.

14 MS. HALPERN: Okay. So there's no bill  
15 to the residents?

16 MR. WEISS: There's no bill at this time  
17 to the residents. No.

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: Absolutely not. What  
19 you may wish to know is that when you call an  
20 ambulance, you can call for the ambulance of  
21 your choice. You can call 911. And  
22 actually, David, I don't want to put you on  
23 the spot, but in the case of an emergency,  
24 because there's also a question as to

1 quote/unquote how calls gets routed, what is  
2 the best thing for a resident to do for the  
3 fastest service?

4 MR. WEISS: Right. That's a great  
5 question.

6 So there's two methods of calling for  
7 911. One is obviously call 911. 911 gets  
8 routed through -- I'll call it like the  
9 Nassau County system. The Nassau County  
10 operator will get it and then through their  
11 stages will reroute the call to us. There is  
12 a delay generally with that. I would say it  
13 could be anywhere from 2 to 5 minutes of a  
14 delay, which is built into the system.

15 Or you can call directly to the fire  
16 department. If you're living on the Vigilant  
17 side you can call directly to the 482-5000  
18 number. Or if you live on the Manhasset  
19 Lakeville side because your district is split  
20 you can call the Manhasset Lakeville  
21 dispatcher directly. It will definitely get  
22 you an ambulance faster.

23 Does that make sense?  
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MAYOR WEINBERG: And, David, I don't want

1 -- yes, it does. That's why I wanted to  
2 point that out for our residents, especially  
3 our residents who are listening.

4 MR. WEISS: Yeah.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: And I -- I hope this  
6 isn't stepping on any toes. If someone  
7 wanted to call Northwell directly, do they --  
8 can they call that number? And would that be  
9 handled more quickly than calling 911?

10 MR. WEISS: That's an interesting  
11 question, because I truly don't know how  
12 Northwell handles 911 calls. I can't speak  
13 for them.

14 I can tell you that Vigilant -- and I can  
15 only speak for our entity -- is way under the  
16 state average of an 8-minute response. We're  
17 probably averaging somewhere between 5 to 6  
18 1/2 minutes to respond to a scene.

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: So there you go.  
20 Everyone can use their judgment as to making  
21 -- they can call our volunteers right in our  
22 neighborhood direct, or they can call 911,  
23 which might take longer. Or they can call  
24 another provider, which way or may not take

1 longer. Obviously we know how responsive our  
2 local volunteers have been, considering the  
3 number of calls that they get.

4 I guess David had another question. You  
5 certainly field an awful lot of calls --

6 MR. WEISS: Yes, I do.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: -- which is pretty  
8 amazing how you do that and do that with the  
9 -- well under, you know, the state response  
10 time.

11 MR. WEISS: Thank you.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: And obviously day in day  
13 out handle all of those calls professionally.

14 MR. WEISS: Thank you.

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: And to the best of their  
16 professional ability. And we -- knock wood  
17 -- successfully. But I think for people to  
18 understand what you do, how many calls do you  
19 average in a -- you know, for a certain  
20 period of time.

21 MR. WEISS: Right. So we're averaging --  
22 I'm just going to do a round number -- about  
23 1,900 ambulance calls a year. That's a  
24 calendar year. And that's all ambulance



1 calls. And we do another -- it doesn't  
2 affect really -- well, it does affect your  
3 area a little bit. We do about another 300  
4 to 350, I'll call it emergency response,  
5 which is fire trucks and rescue calls. But  
6 1,900 calls average for ambulance calls a  
7 year in the Peninsula of Great Neck, which is  
8 the train tracks just north to the tip of  
9 Kings Point.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure.

11 MR. WEISS: We are -- just for a  
12 statistical aspect -- we're the second --  
13 probably the second busiest department in  
14 Nassau County. And actually probably the  
15 first one is Port Washington because they're  
16 a very large district.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Great. Sure.  
18 And Manhasset Lakeville is a large district.

19 MR. WEISS: Yes. Manhasset Lakeville,  
20 yes, in the fire sense is a tremendous  
21 district.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure. Sure.

23 Any our comments, questions?

24 TRUSTEE WESTON: The differential between

1 last year and this year, consistent with that  
2 a 2.75 percent increase?

3 MR. WEISS: Actually we've been under  
4 that consistently. This is probably the  
5 first year in a little bit that we had a  
6 little bump. And that's just really because  
7 of the debt service.

8 TRUSTEE WESTON: Okay.

9 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any other comments,  
10 questions, discussion?

11 TRUSTEE PANG: Just how many ambulance  
12 you have, you know, let's say the date of --

13 MR. WEISS: Sure. We are running three  
14 ambulances that we have in the district. And  
15 they're fully stocked, all identical, with  
16 the latest updated medical equipment and  
17 cardiac resuscitation devices on the market.

18 TRUSTEE PANG: Okay. Got it. Thank you.

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Andrew Cronson  
20 has his hand up.

21 MR. CRONSON: Thank you, Mayor Weinberg.  
22 And thank you everyone for being here on this  
23 wonderful Valentine's Day. There's nowhere I  
24 would rather be than a Board of Trustees

1 meeting for the Village of Thomaston.

2 I don't know if Mr. Weiss happens to know  
3 offhand, but given the sort of very large  
4 statistics that were just mentioned for  
5 response for need from the community for  
6 services, has there been any projections or  
7 sort of understanding from the department  
8 about any future needs, understanding the  
9 increase in population and density in Great  
10 Neck?

11 MR. WEISS: Great question. It is a  
12 concern of the -- of our firehouse. I know I  
13 can probably share that with most -- probably  
14 most of the other firehouses that the  
15 increase in population and the building  
16 that's going on is of concern. We have seen  
17 -- the interesting thing -- the interesting  
18 thing about the call volume, it's been pretty  
19 consistent the same level over the past five  
20 years, even with the bump in COVID responses  
21 that we did about a year and a half ago.

22 It is a concern -- I guess the answer is  
23 yes. It is a concern about the building  
24 that's going on and the population growth. I

1 don't know what the projections could be.  
2 The immediate problems that we're seeing  
3 locally is the traffic flow down Middle Neck  
4 Road. That is -- at this moment that's our  
5 concern. It's a problem.

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure.

7 MR. WEISS: I know it doesn't address  
8 your exact question. But if there's a  
9 problem right now for us, it is the  
10 congestion on Middle Neck Road.

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: Mr. Chagrin.

12 MR. CHAGRIN: Good evening. Thank you,  
13 Mayor Weinberg. Just a general crazy  
14 question. I did join a little bit late, so  
15 sorry if this has already been addressed. I  
16 apologize.

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18 I notice that from what I'm hearing Mr.  
19 Weiss mentioned that Vigilant covers north of  
20 the tracks up through and/or including Kings  
21 Point. So the contract for Vigilant, this is  
22 just our portion of -- or I should say  
23 Thomaston's portion of their total contract.  
24 We don't cover all of the contract, correct?

MAYOR WEINBERG: Absolutely. Correct.

1 Absolutely.

2 MR. CHAGRIN: Okay. Thank you.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: The question. Thank  
4 you.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Any other  
6 comments, questions, discussion?

7 (There was no response.)

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Hearing none, we will  
9 close the -- Burt, can you give a motion to  
10 close the public hearing?

11 TRUSTEE WESTON: Yeah. I'll make a  
12 motion to close the public hearing.

13 TRUSTEE PANG: I'll second it.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: I'm sorry. But I'm here  
15 to second it.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Sorry.  
17 That was -- we'll let Mr. Wang's words stand.

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: I just want you to have  
19 one less word to have to edit. No worries.

20 Burt, would you read the resolution  
21 please?

22 TRUSTEE WESTON: Resolution 22-20.

23 RESOLVED, that the public hearing on the  
24 2022 Vigilant Fire and Services Contract is

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hereby closed.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Call the question.

Denise, please call the roll.

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: Four votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is adopted.

MAYOR WEINBERG: The resolution David Weiss has been waiting for.

RESOLUTION 22-21.

Upon motion of Mayor Steve Weinberg,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the

1 Village of Thomaston hereby finds and  
2 determines that it has received sufficient  
3 information and documentation regarding the  
4 matter described in Village Law  
5 4-412(3)(9)(a-1)(i) to permit the Village to  
6 review and consider the proposed fire  
7 protection and emergency ambulance service  
8 contract between the Village and Vigilant  
9 Engine & Hook & Ladder Company, Inc.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

11 RESOLVED, that the proposed 2022 contract  
12 between the Village and Vigilant Engine &  
13 Hook & Ladder Company, Inc. for fire  
14 protection and emergency ambulance service  
15 for the portion of the Village north of the  
16 Long Island Railroad tracks is accepted; and  
17 it is further  
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19 RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to  
20 execute the contract on behalf of the  
21 Village.

22 Is there a second?

23 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any other further  
questions, comments by the Board?

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(There was no response.)

MAYOR WEINBERG: Hearing none, call the question.

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: Four votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is adopted.

MAYOR WEINBERG: We have the next -- thank you, David.

MR. WEISS: Have a good night everybody.

TRUSTEE MONOSON: Thank you David.

MR. WEISS: Have a wonderful night.

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1           MAYOR WEINBERG: We have 2020/21 budget  
2 modifications.

3           Jill, if you can read that resolution.

4           TRUSTEE MONOSON: Sure.

5           RESOLUTION 22-22

6           RESOLVED, that the following 2021/2022  
7 budget modifications as of February 14, 2022,  
8 are hereby accepted as presented:

9           You want me to read across the table  
10 here?

11          MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure.

12          TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay. In the first  
13 category under Clerk-Treasurer, Item A1325.2,  
14 which is Equipment, the adopted amount was  
15 \$6,250. The proposed modification is \$3,050,  
16 which is the resulting difference of \$3,200  
17 less on that line.

18          The second item is A1325.4c, Legal  
19 Notices. The adopted budget was \$2,000. The  
20 proposed modification is \$2,200, resulting in  
21 an increase of \$200.

22          The third item is A1325.4d,  
23 Miscellaneous. The adopted amount was  
24 \$6,750. The proposed modification is \$9,750,

1 resulting in an increase of \$3,000.

2 So the net is zero for that category.

3 Next is Special Items. The first item is  
4 A1950.4, Property Taxes. The adopted amount  
5 was \$1,600. The proposed modification is  
6 \$2,138, resulting in an increase of \$538.

7 The second item is A1964.4, Refund of  
8 Taxes. The adopted amount was \$8,500. The  
9 proposed modification is \$7,962, resulting in  
10 a decrease of \$538, for a net difference of  
11 zero. So the change in appropriations is  
12 zero.

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14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, can you give us  
15 the plain English reason of why we're doing  
16 this?

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Well, we  
18 had a lot of legal notices this year, some of  
19 them were quite lengthy. So we're going a  
20 little bit above what we anticipated on the  
21 legal notices. The "miscellaneous," that is  
22 largely due in part to the cost of  
23 transcribing all the additional meetings that  
24 we've had via Zoom. So that is why we have  
to increase that.

1           And as far as the property taxes, the  
2 Village is required to pay the sewer tax.  
3 And for many years it's been stable, around  
4 \$1,600 or a little less than that. There was  
5 an increase in the I guess -- in that -- due  
6 to two things I think: the assessment  
7 changed from Nassau County --

8           MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

9           VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: -- and  
10 they may have changed the rate for the sewer  
11 district. So that's where the change is on  
12 that side from the 38 -- not too far off  
13 though.

14           MAYOR WEINBERG: Very good. Thank you.

15           Is there a second?

16           TRUSTEE PANG: I'll second it.

17           MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. Any  
18 comments, questions, discussion by the Board?

19           (There was no response.)

20           MAYOR WEINBERG: Hearing none, Denise,  
21 please call the roll.

22           VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
23 Monoson.  
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          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: Four  
11 votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is  
12 adopted.

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15 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. On the -- let me  
16 see. In terms of Public Works, Public Works  
17 has obviously been busy with snow removal and  
18 salt -- road salt obviously in terms of  
19 trying to prevent icing on our roads.  
20 There's been some truck maintenance. The new  
21 salt spreader was installed and used this  
22 past week, as I mentioned previously. There  
23 was at least one streetlight repair. And  
24 there were four residents requests that were  
completed.

1           We'll see and obviously we'll -- the  
2           future work will be weather dependent. We'll  
3           see if we're turning a corner or not, how  
4           much more snow we'll get. And there --  
5           obviously we'll take a look and watch our  
6           roads in case we need to do any pothole  
7           repair or anything along those lines.

8           TRUSTEE PANG: I do have one comment.

9           MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure.

10          TRUSTEE PANG: I saw Benny is working on  
11          that manhole at the intersection of Highland  
12          and Colonial. There is a manhole that always  
13          has water coming out.

14          MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes.

15          TRUSTEE PANG: I think, you know, he  
16          tried to look into it. He tried to get  
17          Verizon to go into it, but Verizon said it's  
18          not their problem. And when I saw Benny last  
19          time probably two or three weeks ago, he said  
20          that he's going to perform a test to see if  
21          there's any chlorine in the water to try to  
22          find out where the source of the water is  
23          coming from.  
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          Do you know the answer? Do you know if

1 he has done it?

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Not yet. We don't have  
3 the results yet of the test because he wanted  
4 to test the water to see if that could  
5 identify the source. We'll certainly follow  
6 up with him on that. Because obviously just  
7 spreading salt or breaking it up is not the  
8 way to address that condition.

9 TRUSTEE PANG: Right. Okay. Got it.  
10 Thank you.

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure. Absolutely.  
12 Nancy Sherman, you had your hand up.

13 MS. SHERMAN: Good evening and Happy  
14 Valentine's Day to everybody.

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you.

16 MS. SHERMAN: It's wonderful to spend it  
17 with the Board of the Village of Thomaston.

18 And I have a question for you. You know,  
19 I understand that a new salter was purchased.  
20 And my question is: The new truck that was  
21 purchased for Thomaston for approximately  
22 \$80,000 or so, is that used as a snow plow  
23 and/or for other purposes also?  
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MAYOR WEINBERG: I believe it is. But

1 let me talk with the superintendent and get  
2 back to you to make sure.

3 MS. SHERMAN: I would appreciate that.

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure.

5 MS. SHERMAN: So in going with that, my  
6 question is I know that other villages have  
7 contracted out snow removal and salting. And  
8 my question is, has the Village of Thomaston  
9 ever looked into that?

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: I don't know when we  
11 have looked into it. Obviously we have  
12 invested in it in terms of doing that  
13 in-house.

14 MS. SHERMAN: I understand that. So my  
15 question is whether it might be more cost  
16 effective for the few snows we have per year  
17 to contract that out instead of buying  
18 expensive equipment. And my only question  
19 was whether the Village had ascertained  
20 whether that, in fact, would be true or not.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Previously I believe the  
22 -- that was looked at. But it was a long --  
23 sometime ago. And the investment was made in  
24 the equipment and in the salt and doing that

1 in house. And I certainly know that the  
2 superintendent has taken significant pride in  
3 doing this.

4 And in terms of the equipment itself, as  
5 was stated previously, when the equipment has  
6 been turned around or resold, we have gotten  
7 significant resale value because of the way  
8 the equipment is maintained and then in terms  
9 of purchasing the new equipment to replace  
10 it. But I certainly -- we certainly  
11 appreciate the question. And it certainly is  
12 something I'll discuss with the  
13 superintendent.

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15 MS. SHERMAN: Yes. I would like a  
16 response. Thank you very much.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: You're welcome.

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19 MAYOR WEINBERG: If we can go to the next  
20 resolution. That's it. Who's next. Burt?

21 TRUSTEE WESTON: Sure.

22 RESOLUTION 22-23

23 RESOLVED, that the refunds of deposits in  
24 the aggregate amount of \$5,425.44 (as  
itemized on the Abstract of Refunds dated



1 Monday, February 14, 2022), are hereby  
2 approved for disbursement from the Trust and  
3 Agency Fund.

4 A copy of the approved refund list is be  
5 attached to the minutes.

6 The two audited refunds are -- one is to  
7 West Meadow Contracting which is a deposit  
8 refund of an unused portion of a deposit of  
9 \$2,774.50. And one is to Stanley Levine for  
10 again a refund of unused portion of deposit  
11 of \$2,650.94, giving rise to the total of  
12 \$5,425,44.

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14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

15 TRUSTEE PANG: I second it.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any comments, questions,  
17 discussions?

18 TRUSTEE PANG: Yeah. Question.

19 I think usually we refund the money to  
20 homeowner when they have some renovation.  
21 But in this case the first one, West Meadow  
22 Contracting, it sounds like not a homeowner.  
23 Almost make up the garbage collection, but  
24 it's not. Why making the deposit?

MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, do you know the

1 answer?

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I do.

3 That was a deposit for review of plans by  
4 an engineer for mechanical drawings for a  
5 commercial building permit. So the  
6 contractor working for the tenant in the  
7 space, they paid the deposit for that. So  
8 we're refunding it to the same people that  
9 paid us a deposit. It was not for a  
10 homeowner job. It was not for a Zoning Board  
11 or anything like that. It was for outside  
12 review by an engineer for the mechanical  
13 drawings on a commercial project.

14 TRUSTEE PANG: Got it. Okay. Thank you.

15 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Okay.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any other comments  
17 questions, discussions?

18 (There was no response.)

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. Denise, call  
20 the roll.

21 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
22 Monoson.

23 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

24 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee

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TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
Weston.

TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
Weinberg.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

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

MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

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TRUSTEE WESTON: Mayor, there are two  
hands up. Nancy Sherman. I don't know if  
that's a continuation or not from before.  
And I think Wendy Halpern may have her hand  
up. I don't know again if that's a  
continuation. I just -- if they haven't  
taken it down yet or questions.

MS. SHERMAN: Mine wasn't taken down, so  
you can take that down.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you.

Wendy, what was your question?

1 MS. HALPERN: My question was on the  
2 refund of vouchers.

3 So have we refunded the money -- I guess  
4 we are part of the Village. Have we refunded  
5 the money to the applicant for the 124 Middle  
6 Neck Road application? Because I don't  
7 recall seeing that on the refunds in the last  
8 several --

9 MAYOR WEINBERG: We have not because we  
10 have not.

11 MS. ALPERN: Okay. Are they entitled to  
12 a refund, or what's -- because I know they  
13 withdrew the application. So I just wasn't  
14 sure why --

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: I don't believe they  
16 were entitled to a refund.

17 MS. HALPERN: Denise, is that right?

18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: That is  
19 correct.

20 MS. HALPERN: Okay.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

22 MS. HALPERN: Right. Then I saw on the  
23 invoice list the Cashin Spinelli. What was  
24 that for? What was that for? Because I

1 don't remember seeing something recent with  
2 them either.

3 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: That was  
4 for the mechanical review for the commercial  
5 project.

6 MS. HALPERN: For the Tower Ford?

7 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: No. No.  
8 For a different project. The building permit  
9 review of the plans that I was telling Mr.  
10 Pang about that are being refunded.

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: There was a deposit that  
12 was taken from the applicant for that project  
13 that pays for that service.

14 MS. HALPERN: I understand.

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

16 MS. HALPERN: Thank you.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. Can we have  
18 -- Jill, can we have the motion?

19 MS. SHERMAN: I do have another question.  
20 I do have another question.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure.

22 MS. SHERMAN: Thank you. I had raised my  
23 hand a second time. So my question is in  
24 follow up to Wendy Halpern's question.

1 Do you know whether the applicant for the  
2 permit owes any money to the Village as a  
3 result of that application?

4 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Which  
5 applicants are you talking about?

6 MS. SHERMAN: For 124 South Middle Neck  
7 Road.

8 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I am --  
9 I have to review all of the invoices for that  
10 and determine if they do owe anything else.

11 MS. SHERMAN: All right.

12 And just in follow up, Denise. I had  
13 served a FOIL request back in December, but I  
14 still don't have -- that I still don't have a  
15 response to, which was a request for also the  
16 records of Mr. Levin regarding his billing  
17 towards that project and how much was going  
18 to be paid for by the owner of 124 South  
19 Middle Neck Road and the additional expenses  
20 that the applicant should have also paid, in  
21 addition to a multitude of other documents.

22 Do you know when that response is going  
23 to be forthcoming?  
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VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I do not

1 know. We are in a very, very busy part of  
2 the Village -- the Village cycle. And  
3 there's a lot of work that we're doing. I've  
4 been working on it when I can. But there is  
5 -- your request is very voluminous. And  
6 there is a lot of other work and other  
7 guidelines that we have. And we have a small  
8 staff. So we're doing the best that we can.  
9 I'm sorry that it's taking so long, but  
10 there's just not enough time in the week to  
11 do everything at this time.

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13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you.

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15 MAYOR WEINBERG: Jill, can you take care  
16 of the vouchers, please?

17 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Sure.

18 RESOLUTION 22-24

19 RESOLVED, that the vouchers in the  
20 aggregate amount of 98,466.12 (as itemized on  
21 the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday,  
22 February 14, 2022), are hereby approved for  
23 payment, all allocated to the General Fund.

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

1 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

2 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second it.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. Any  
4 comments, questions, discussion?

5 (There was no response.)

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

8 Denise, please call the roll.

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: Four  
22 votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is  
23 adopted.  
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1           MAYOR WEINBERG: I'll take a motion to  
2 adjourn.

3           TRUSTEE PANG: I'm sorry. Can I ask one  
4 more question?

5           MAYOR WEINBERG: Sure.

6           TRUSTEE PANG: I tried to item.

7           I know there is a random break-in on  
8 Highland Avenue about two weeks ago. It's on  
9 the west side of Highland, so it's not a part  
10 of our Village. But I'm just curious. Is  
11 there any police report on how many  
12 break-ins, how many crimes that happened in  
13 the Village every month? Do we know?

14           MAYOR WEINBERG: We've been fortunate.  
15 We haven't had a break-in in the Village.  
16 And I'm meeting with the -- our local -- our  
17 designated community POP officer on that very  
18 issue. While it's across the street, it's  
19 still of concern. And we have been fortunate  
20 in terms of not having burglaries in the  
21 Village as a whole.

22           And the larger problem seems to be with  
23 vehicles either being left unlocked or  
24 packages in the vehicle. That's the more

1 consistent problem throughout the Village and  
2 throughout -- and throughout, you know, our  
3 community as a whole.

4 Denise, do you have anything to add to  
5 that based upon the report?

6 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: No.  
7 There's been no other information on that  
8 particular incident. We have contacted --  
9 asked the police to share information, but  
10 they have not supplied anything at this time.

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: So we certainly keep in  
12 touch with them on it. I don't believe that  
13 they've apprehended a suspect on it. I  
14 happen to have personal knowledge of that  
15 situation. Fortunately the -- fortunately  
16 literally the person was out of the house.  
17 It happened to be in the afternoon. And they  
18 came home. And literally someone was at -- a  
19 stranger was at their front door. And  
20 because they came home at that moment and  
21 obviously, you know, screamed and obviously  
22 called attention to the situation,  
23 fortunately for all concerned the person just  
24 left and ran. That's literally what happened

1 at this incident.

2 But still of course we're following up  
3 with the police on that. The -- typically  
4 where -- again typically we have not had  
5 burglaries within the Village boundaries, per  
6 say. And that's been looking at reports, you  
7 know, going back for years. And at best you  
8 might have one. And very -- and very often  
9 there was more of an explanation for that as  
10 oppose to a random stranger where you do see  
11 a little more criminal activity other than  
12 the auto activity that I described is  
13 occasionally at one of the, you know,  
14 commercial places like, you know, on -- along  
15 Northern Boulevard which might be at the gas  
16 station or something like that.

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18 TRUSTEE PANG: Okay. Good to know.

19 So you're saying from what you remember  
20 in the last two or three years we don't have  
21 a break-in in Thomaston?

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: If we do, at best it's  
23 something like one a year. It is literally a  
24 handful. And we're very thankful for that.

TRUSTEE PANG: Okay. Do you have a kind

1 of a monthly report from the police  
2 department to kind of give this kind of  
3 statistics to --

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yeah. They report to us  
5 monthly.

6 TRUSTEE PANG: Okay.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: And we follow up to find  
8 out what it is. Because when they do report,  
9 everything -- almost -- the reason why I say  
10 it's so few, I mean, this last one obviously  
11 is of more significant concern. I cannot  
12 remember an incident over the past years that  
13 are not raising the level of concern that I  
14 just described in this past incident.

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16 Because when we do get the report, I  
17 immediately call the police. And we find out  
18 -- they cannot tell -- they give us -- they  
19 cannot give us chapter and verse on exactly  
20 what happened. But they can give us an idea  
21 of what is involved. And again it's been  
22 that the garage door was left open, the back  
23 door was left open. There was literally a --  
24 someone -- it could have been a relative or  
friend, you know, some acquaintance that came

1 -- that took something without permission, or  
2 it was the car that was left open.

3 The biggest problem really is the car  
4 that's left open. The biggest problem. And  
5 especially now the police say this -- I'm  
6 glad you asked the question. The police say  
7 this -- and it's always good. They always  
8 remind us.

9 You know, with the new technology that  
10 you -- you know, the way the mirrors are, it  
11 signals. It signals to the thief that your  
12 car is either locked or unlocked. So they  
13 know on the position of the mirror if your  
14 car is unlocked. And all they have to do is  
15 open the door and take whatever's in there.  
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17 On occasion it's because someone left  
18 something in plain sight in the car. And so  
19 it was visible, they knew what it was and  
20 they -- or it seemed to -- could be something  
21 of value, so they broke in and took it.

22 But in any event I'm scheduling a meeting  
23 with the POP officer certainly to follow up  
24 on that and to follow up on what we could do  
to remind our residents to be safe and what

1 steps we can do to better protect our  
2 residents.

3 TRUSTEE PANG: All right. Thank you for  
4 your response.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. Okay.

6 Motion to adjourn?

7 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll move.

8 TRUSTEE PANG: I'll second.

9 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. And hearing --  
10 I'm sure there's no comments, questions or  
11 discussions.

12 Denise, please call the roll.

13 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
14 Monoson.

15 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
17 Pang.

18 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
20 Weston.

21 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

22 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
23 Weinberg.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

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VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Four votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is adopted. And the meeting is closed.

MAYOR WEINBERG: I thank everyone for coming. And I wish everyone a happy Valentine's Day.

TRUSTEE WESTON: Happy Valentine's Day.

TRUSTEE MONOSON: Have a good night.

(Time noted: 8:51 p.m.)

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