

1 INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF THOMASTON

2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

3 FEBRUARY 22, 2021

4 7:30 P.M.

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8 P R E S E N T:

9 STEVEN WEINBERG, MAYOR

10 JAMES E. SHARKEY, DEPUTY MAYOR

11 JILL MONOSON, TRUSTEE

12 TO-ON PANG, TRUSTEE

13 BURTON S. WESTON, TRUSTEE

14 DENISE KNOWLAND, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

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23 JENNIFER DEVLIN  
24 COURT REPORTER

1           MAYOR WEINBERG: Welcome everybody to the  
2 Board of Trustees meeting for -- let's see --  
3 Monday, February 22, 2021, for the Village of  
4 Thomaston. We are opening the meeting at  
5 7:34 p.m.

6           Due to public health and safety concerns  
7 related to COVID-19, and pursuant to  
8 Governor's Executive Orders, this meeting of  
9 the Board of Trustees is not being held in  
10 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: 815 1413 5069,  
23 Password: 205974, 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 Steven Weinberg.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Here.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor James Sharkey.

DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Here.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee Jill Monoson.

TRUSTEE MONOSON: Here.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee To-on Pang.

TRUSTEE PANG: Here.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee Burton Weston.

TRUSTEE WESTON: Here.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Village

1 Administrator Denise Knowland. Here.

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

5 May I have a -- Jim, can you read the  
6 resolution to approve the minutes of the  
7 February 8, 2021, Board meeting?

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Okay.

9 RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board  
10 of Trustees meeting held on January 11, 2021,  
11 are hereby offered for approval and  
12 acceptance.

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Would you accept  
14 changing the date to February 8, 2021?

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I beg your pardon.  
16 Make it February 8th.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Is there a  
18 second?

19 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Are there any questions  
21 or comments regarding the minutes?

22 TRUSTEE WESTON: We're good.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Call the question.

24 Denise, please call the roll.

1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
2 Mayor Sharkey.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

4 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
5 Monoson.

6 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

7 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
8 Pang.

9 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
11 Weston.

12 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

13 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
14 Weinberg. Mayor Weinberg.

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Five  
17 votes in favor, zero opposed, no abstentions.

18 The motion is adopted.

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20 MAYOR WEINBERG: The next item on the  
21 agenda is the public hearing on Bill T2021B.

22 At this point I'm opening the public  
23 hearing on Bill T2021B, a local law to amend  
24 the Code of the Village of Thomaston in

1 relation to temporary deferral of time for  
2 payment of real property taxes. It is now  
3 7:38 p.m.

4 Are there any questions or comments from  
5 the Board or from the public?

6 (None.)

7 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I'm  
8 going to check the email, Mayor Weinberg, to  
9 see if anyone sent anything in via email.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: While you're checking, I  
11 will just briefly state that this is a  
12 proposed bill which is to extend the time for  
13 the payment of Village taxes by 30 days, as  
14 permitted by law without penalty. Obviously  
15 due to the COVID-19.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: They  
17 were no emails from the public with regard to  
18 that topic.

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: There being none, Jill,  
20 would you read the motion to close the public  
21 hearing?

22 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'm looking. Okay.  
23 I'm sorry. Am I adopting it?

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: No. You're closing the

1 public hearing. It's 21-27.

2 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Upon motion of -- no.  
3 Sorry.

4 RESOLVED, that the public hearing on Bill  
5 T2021B is hereby closed.

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

7 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion or  
9 question?

10 (None.)

11 Call the question.

12 Denise, please call the roll.

13 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
14 Mayor Sharkey.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

16 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
17 Monoson.

18 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

19 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
20 Pang.

21 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

22 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
23 Weston.

24 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

1 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
2 Weinberg.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

4 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Five  
5 votes in favor, zero opposed, no abstentions.  
6 The motion is adopted.

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8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Ben, would you be  
9 the movant for the motion to adopt the law?  
10 Ben, can you read the motion?

11 TRUSTEE PANG: Sure.

12 RESOLVED, that Bill T2021B is adopted as  
13 Local Law 2-2021, effective immediately.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

15 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion or  
17 question?

18 (None.)

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: There being none, call  
20 the question.

21 Denise, please call the roll.

22 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
23 Mayor Sharkey.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.



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: There  
14 are five votes in favor, zero opposed, no  
15 abstentions. The motion is adopted.

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17 MAYOR WEINBERG: Next item on the agenda  
18 is the 2021 Budget Modifications. Let's see.

19 Burt, would you like to be the movant?

20 TRUSTEE WESTON: Sure.

21 RESOLVED, that the 2020/2021 Budget  
22 Modifications as of February 22, 2021, are  
23 hereby accepted as presented.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

1 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I'll second it.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, can you briefly  
3 tell me what the Budget Modifications are?

4 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Yes.

5 We are increasing the incinerator line  
6 item by \$4,000 and decreasing the contract  
7 refuse item by \$4,000. So net zero change in  
8 the budget there.

9 And for the overtime for the street  
10 cleaning, which are the laborers in the DPW  
11 Department, due to the storms we have to  
12 increase the line items for the budget on  
13 overtime: \$3,159. And we're reducing the  
14 line item for personal service, which is the  
15 salaries. We have not used the full amount  
16 in that -- and that comprises the full-time  
17 laborer and the part timers who when we  
18 budget for the year we do not know exactly  
19 how many hours they will work. So there was  
20 enough excess in that to cover this easily.

21 So net increase in the appropriations in  
22 the budget is zero. Everything still  
23 balances.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion or

1 questions?

2 (None.)

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: There being none, call  
4 the question.

5 Denise, please call the roll.

6 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
7 Mayor Sharkey.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

9 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
10 Monoson.

11 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

12 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
13 Pang.

14 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

15 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
16 Weston.

17 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
19 Weinberg.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

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

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1           MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. New business.

2           I received a letter from Virginia Gill,  
3           the Executive Director of the Gold Cost Arts,  
4           requesting an allocation of funds for their  
5           organization by means of an agreement. And  
6           this is an annual request.

7           And we have -- the Village has annually  
8           declined to allocate funds since the request  
9           really is in the nature of a contribution,  
10          and villages are prohibited by law for making  
11          contributions to charitable organizations or  
12          not-for-profit organizations.

13          Does anyone have any discussion or  
14          question or any request to change the policy  
15          of the Village at this time?

16          TRUSTEE WESTON: No.

17          MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. That did not  
18          require a vote.

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20          MAYOR WEINBERG: On the vouchers I will  
21          be the movant.

22          RESOLVED, that the vouchers in the  
23          aggregate amount of \$55,592.19 are -- (as  
24          itemized on the Abstract of Vouchers dated

1 February 22, 2021), are hereby approved for  
2 payment, all allocated to the General Fund.

3 A copy of the approved voucher list is  
4 attached to the -- will be attached to the  
5 minutes.

6 Is there a second?

7 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Any discussion or  
9 questions?

10 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
11 Weinberg, can you read the total amount  
12 again?

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes. Oh. I'm sorry.

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I think  
15 you made a --

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: I made a mistake.

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Last  
18 month.

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes. This is only  
20 \$37,463.59.

21 TRUSTEE WESTON: There you go. We just  
22 saved 12,000 bucks.

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: There  
24 you go.

1 MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you.

2 TRUSTEE WESTON: Sorry. 18,000 bucks.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Even better.

4 Any other discussion or questions?

5 (None.)

6 Okay. Call the question.

7 Denise, please call the roll.

8 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
9 Mayor Sharkey.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
12 Monoson.

13 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
15 Pang.

16 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
18 Weston.

19 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

20 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
21 Weinberg.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Five  
24 votes in favor, zero opposed, no abstentions.

1 The motion is adopted.

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3 MAYOR WEINBERG: I didn't mean to cut  
4 anyone off on New Business. Did anyone else  
5 have an item of New Business before we left  
6 New Business to go to the Vouchers?

7 (No one.)

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: No one having an item of  
9 New Business, I will take a motion to  
10 adjourn.

11 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll make the motion to  
12 adjourn.

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I'll second.

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: All right. Hearing no  
16 discussion or questions, Denise, please call  
17 the roll.

18 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
19 Mayor Sharkey.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

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: Five  
votes in favor, zero opposed, no abstentions.  
The motion it adopted.

The meeting is closed.

DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: That's got to be a  
record.

(Time noted: 7:46 p.m.)