

1 INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF THOMASTON

2 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCE

3 MARCH 8, 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: This is the monthly  
2 meeting of the Board of Trustees for the  
3 Village of Thomaston. And I have to read the  
4 following statement for the procedure for  
5 this meeting.

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: 820 2956 0737,  
23 Password: 244839, or through the written  
24 chat section of the Zoom meeting. Comments

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

The Village Administrator will now call the roll for attendance at the 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 Monoson.

TRUSTEE MONOSON: Here.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

TRUSTEE PANG: Here.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

TRUSTEE WESTON: Here.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Village

1 Administrator Knowland. Present.

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3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. A quorum of board  
4 is in attendance and we can begin the  
5 business of this meeting.

6 Ben, can you read the motion for the  
7 adoption of the minutes for February 22,  
8 2021?

9 TRUSTEE PANG: Sure.

10 RESOLUTION 21-31.

11 RESOLVED, that the minutes of the Board  
12 of Trustees meeting held on February 22,  
13 2021, are hereby approved and accepted as  
14 presented.

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

16 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second it.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion? Any  
18 questions?

19 (None.)

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Denise, please call the  
21 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: Jim, can you read  
18 Resolution 21-32 for the Public Employer  
19 Health Emergency Plan.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: RESOLUTION 21-32.

21 Be it RESOLVED, that the Village of  
22 Thomaston Health Emergency Plan is up for  
23 adoption. And the Mayor and the Village  
24 Administrator are authorized to file

1                   certifications of adoption as may be required  
2                   by law.

3                   MAYOR WEINBERG:   Is there a second?

4                   TRUSTEE WESTON:    I will second it.

5                   MAYOR WEINBERG:    Any discussion or  
6                   questions?

7                   (None.)

8                   MAYOR WEINBERG:    This fulfills the  
9                   mandatory requirement by state law of all  
10                  municipalities to have a health emergency  
11                  plan on file.

12                  Hearing no discussion or questions call  
13                  -- Denise, call the question.  Please call  
14                  the roll.

15                  VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND:  Deputy  
16                  Mayor Sharkey.

17                  DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY:  Aye.

18                  VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND:  Trustee  
19                  Monoson.

20                  TRUSTEE MONOSON:  Aye.

21                  VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND:  Trustee  
22                  Pang.

23                  TRUSTEE PANG:  Aye.

24                  VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND:  Trustee

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Weston.

TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
Weinberg.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

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

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MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. The next item on  
the agenda is temporary continuation of  
services provided by Meadow Carting Corp.

Burt, would you like to be the movant?

TRUSTEE WESTON: Surely.

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2020, the Board  
of Trustees adopted Resolution No. 20-104  
authorizing the Mayor to temporarily continue  
collection and disposal of solid waste  
services provided by Meadow Carting Corp.  
pursuant to the terms and conditions of the  
agreement with the Village which expired on  
October 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees authorized  
the Mayor to temporarily continue in effect

1 the services of Meadow Carting Corp. upon the  
2 same terms and conditions until such time as  
3 the Village has entered into a new agreement  
4 for the collection and disposal of solid  
5 waste pursuant to law, provided, however,  
6 that temporary services shall not continue  
7 after April 1, 2021, unless further  
8 authorized by the Board of Trustees, and

9 WHEREAS, the Village has not authorized a  
10 new agreement for the collection and disposal  
11 of solid waste services.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS

13 RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized  
14 temporarily to continue in effect the  
15 services of Meadow Carting Corp. upon the  
16 same terms and conditions until such time as  
17 the Village has entered into a new agreement  
18 for the collection and disposal of solid  
19 waste pursuant to law, provided, however,  
20 that temporary services shall not continue  
21 after July 1, 2021, until further authorized  
22 by the Board of Trustees.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you.

24 Is there a second?



1 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I'll make the  
2 second.

3 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Second.

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: Jim is the second.

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Jim  
6 Sharkey seconds. Okay.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion or  
8 questions?

9 TRUSTEE WESTON: Just a question.

10 Have they proposed a new contract as yet  
11 or --

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: They have not. I guess  
13 they proposed it by simply continuing the  
14 existence of the prior contract with no  
15 increase.

16 TRUSTEE WESTON: Okay.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: That's been extended.  
18 Any other discussion or questions?

19 (None.)

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Call the  
21 question.

22 Denise, please call the roll.

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
24 Mayor Sharkey.

1 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

2 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
3 Monoson.

4 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

5 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
6 Pang.

7 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

8 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
9 Weston.

10 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

11 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor  
12 Weinberg.

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

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

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18 MAYOR WEINBERG: The next item on the  
19 agenda is the Public Works report.

20 Well, I don't even think I have to read  
21 it. I think everybody knows what they've  
22 been doing. Obviously they've been doing  
23 residual storm cleanup. They have been doing  
24 snow removal. They continue to sweep village

1 streets -- and I'm sure that's going to  
2 continue -- and cleaning up after all the  
3 storms that we've had.

4 A little bit of truck maintenance,  
5 streetlight repair, a lot of picking up of  
6 branches due to wind storms, a lot of moving  
7 of salt. We've had a lot of icing on the  
8 road. And there are two resident's requests  
9 which are for streetlights.

10 And they also obviously were busy loading  
11 up the debris from the storm in the Dumpster.  
12 They will continue with sweeping the village  
13 streets. They will continue with increasing  
14 the wattage, if you will, along Shorewood to  
15 Highland. And snow removal if needed. Maybe  
16 not. Maybe we're past this. And start  
17 spring clean up.

18 Once again we're going to do it on the  
19 record. Burt was -- significantly pointed  
20 out at the last meeting, and we're going to  
21 repeat it at this meeting, obviously the  
22 Public Works Department did a phenomenal  
23 job --

24 TRUSTEE WESTON: They did.

1           MAYOR WEINBERG: -- with our snow removal  
2           and keeping our streets free of ice so people  
3           were able to move about relatively soon after  
4           the storm. Storms. Plural.

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6           MAYOR WEINBERG: New Business. The  
7           Manhasset -- well, the Water Pollution  
8           Control District inquired. We have it in the  
9           script as The Water Authority of Great Neck  
10          North --

11          VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I'm  
12          sorry.

13          MAYOR WEINBERG: -- but it's actually the  
14          Water Pollution Control District inquired  
15          about the possibility of I guess purchasing  
16          road salt with the village. Apparently  
17          they've been -- one of the commissioners  
18          approached me and told me that they've been  
19          buying salt by the -- I guess by the 5-pound  
20          can because they don't use that much of it.  
21          It's certainly not cost effective. But they  
22          use it obviously for their front stoop and  
23          sidewalk and for their parking lot.

24          And essentially what they need is one

1 truckload. They have their own truck. They  
2 just need to load it up with salt. So they  
3 would pay a fee that we would negotiate that  
4 would cover the cost of the salt, the cost of  
5 loading up their truck and an administrative  
6 fee just to share in the burden of storing it  
7 and ordering it. It would probably work out  
8 cheaper for them than ordering it from Home  
9 Depot by the can.

10 So if that is acceptable to the parties,  
11 we can negotiate an agreement. I look  
12 forward to presenting you with an IMA, an  
13 intermunicipal agreement, that would  
14 accomplish that task.

15 It wouldn't interfere with our snow  
16 removal operations because the loading of  
17 their truck would occur before the event.  
18 They would not -- because they use so little,  
19 they don't need to reload during the event.  
20 They probably won't even need to reload after  
21 the event.

22 And given the size of the storage, the  
23 amount of salt we have on hand, it would not  
24 put the Village in a position where we would

1 not -- the Village would not have sufficient  
2 salt. We wouldn't run out of salt during any  
3 event. So -- and we have a contract where we  
4 are required to take delivery of salt at  
5 several times during the season. So I just  
6 wanted to give you that highlight of an item  
7 to come.

8 There is a deposit refund. Denise, what  
9 is -- I'll make the motion.

10 RESOLVED, that the refunds of deposits in  
11 the aggregate amount of \$2,387.00 (as  
12 itemized on the Abstract of Refunds dated  
13 Monday, March 8, 2021), are hereby approved  
14 for disbursement from the Trust and Agency  
15 Fund.

16 Is there a second?

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I'll make a  
18 second.

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: And, Denise, what is  
20 this refund for?

21 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: That is  
22 for a deposit we took for a building permit  
23 in a commercial building on Northern  
24 Boulevard: 805 Northern Boulevard. It was

1 for an engineering review, an outside  
2 engineer. The building inspector wanted some  
3 of the mechanical drawings reviewed by a  
4 special engineer. So they gave us some money  
5 upfront. We have now paid the bill for the  
6 services that were rendered by the engineer.  
7 And the remaining amount is their refund.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any other discussion or  
9 questions?

10 TRUSTEE WESTON: No.

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: There being none, call  
12 the question.

13 Denise, please call the roll.

14 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Deputy  
15 Mayor Sharkey.

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

17 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
18 Monoson.

19 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

20 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
21 Pang.

22 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

23 VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Trustee  
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TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

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

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MAYOR WEINBERG: Before I move onto vouchers, did anyone else have any new business or questions? Denise, did anyone email, text or chat a question or a comment?

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR KNOWLAND: I see nothing in the chat. Let me just check the email. Give me one moment. Okay. There's no questions in -- that came in on the email during the meeting or before. I checked it before the meeting as well.

MAYOR WEINBERG: All right.

Ben, would you like to be the movant for the vouchers?

TRUSTEE PANG: Sure.

RESOLVED, that the vouchers in the aggregate amount of \$37,599.90 (as itemized



1 on the Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday,  
2 March 8, 2021), are hereby approved for  
3 payment, all allocated to the General Fund.

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

6 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

7 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any discussion or  
9 question?

10 (None.)

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: 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: There  
5 are five votes in favor, zero opposed, no  
6 abstentions. The motion is adopted.

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8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Well, last item on at  
9 agenda is a motion to adjourn. Who would  
10 like to be the movant?

11 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll make the motion.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: Who is the second?

13 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll second it.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: At 7:52 there being no  
15 further business, we move to adjourn the  
16 meeting.

17 Is there -- being no discussion or  
18 questions, 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: Five  
11 votes in favor, zero opposed. The motion is  
12 adopted and the meeting is closed.

13 (Time noted: 7:52 p.m.)

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