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INCORPORATED VILLAGE OF THOMASTON

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

APRIL 12, 2021

6:00 p.m.

HELD VIA ZOOM

P R E S E N T:

MAYOR STEVEN WEINBERG

DEPUTY MAYOR JAMES SHARKEY

TRUSTEE JILL MONOSON

TRUSTEE BURTON WESTON

TRUSTEE TO-ON PANG

DENISE KNOWLAND, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Jean Marie Feinman  
Court Reporter

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1                   MAYOR WEINBERG: Good evening. This  
2                   is Mayor Weinberg. I'm calling to order  
3                   the Village of Thomaston Board of Trustees  
4                   meeting for April 12, 2021. It is now  
5                   7:37 p.m. I have to read the following  
6                   statement regarding the procedures for  
7                   this meeting:  
8                   "Due to public health and safety concerns  
9                   related to Covid-19, and pursuant to  
10                  Governor's Executive Orders, this meeting  
11                  of the Board of Trustees is not being held  
12                  in-person. The Board is meeting by  
13                  videoconferencing. The meeting will be  
14                  recorded and a transcription will be  
15                  provided at a later date. The public has  
16                  the opportunity to observe this meeting  
17                  live on-line and to submit comments,  
18                  pursuant to instructions given on the  
19                  Village website and in the meeting notice.  
20                  Interested members of the public may  
21                  provide comments on an agenda item or  
22                  public hearing by calling in during the  
23                  meeting at (646)558-8656, Meeting ID 830  
24                  2307 6518, Password 835332 or through the  
25                  written chat section of the Zoom meeting.

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1           Comments may also be provided via e-mail  
2           before and during the meeting to  
3           clerk@villageofthomaston.org."

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

8           Denise, please call the roll.

9           MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

10          MAYOR WEINBERG: Here.

11          MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

12          DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Here.

13          MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

14          TRUSTEE PANG: Here.

15          MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

16          TRUSTEE MONOSON: Here.

17          MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

18          TRUSTEE WESTON: Here.

19          MS. KNOWLAND: Village administrator  
20          Denise Knowland - here.

21          MAYOR WEINBERG: The first item on  
22          the agenda is the results of the election.  
23          The Village -- Denise, would you like to  
24          read the results of the election.

25          MS. KNOWLAND: Yes. Mayor Weinberg,

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1           there was an omission in what you're  
2           reading from. Just announce that there's  
3           a quorum of the Board in attendance.

4           MAYOR WEINBERG: There is a quorum  
5           of the Board in attendance.

6           MS. KNOWLAND: Thank you. The  
7           Village election held on March 16th, the  
8           results are as follows:

9           For the Office of Mayor:  
10          Steven Weinberg, 24 votes.  
11          For the Office of Trustee: Jill S.  
12          Monoson, 22 votes.  
13          For the Office of Burton S. Weston, 25  
14          votes.

15          And those are the results of the  
16          election. Everyone who was elected has  
17          already been sworn in and signed and filed  
18          the required oath of office.

19          MAYOR WEINBERG: Excellent.

20          DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY:  
21          Congratulations to one and all.

22          MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you.

23          TRUSTEE WESTON: Thank you.

24          MAYOR WEINBERG: The next item on  
25          the agenda is the approval of the minutes.

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1 Ben, would you kindly make that motion.

2 TRUSTEE PANG: Sure. As regard to  
3 resolution 21-36, it's resolved that the  
4 minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting  
5 held on March 8, 2021, are hereby approved  
6 and accepted as presented.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

8 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

9 MR. WEINBERG: Is there any  
10 questions or comments about the minutes?  
11 Hearing none. Call to question?  
12 Denise, please call the roll.

13 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

14 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Here or Aye.  
15 Aye.

16 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

17 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

18 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

19 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

20 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

21 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

22 MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

24 MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.

25 Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion

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1 is a adopted.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. This is the  
3 organizational meeting of the Board of  
4 Trustees of the Village of Thomaston. So  
5 as their Mayoral appointment, the Board  
6 Deputy Mayor and for the Director of PATV,  
7 I would like to appoint James Sharkey as  
8 Deputy Mayor and Robert Schaufeld as  
9 Director of Public Access Television  
10 Corporation for the Village of Thomaston.

11 There are appointments that require  
12 Board approval. I would like to make the  
13 following appointments for indeterminate  
14 terms at the pleasure of the Mayor except  
15 as otherwise noted:

16 For the Commissioner of Public  
17 Works, I will appoint myself, Steven  
18 Weinberg.

19 Commissioner of Administration: James  
20 Sharkey.

21 Commissioner of Cable Television and  
22 Representative: Robert Schaufeld.

23 Emergency Coordinator: Burton Weston.

24 Commissioner of Planning and Development:  
25 Steve Weinberg.

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1 Commissioner At Large: Lawrence  
2 Greengrass.  
3 Building Commission: Steven Weinberg,  
4 To-on Pang, James Sharkey.  
5 Superintendent of Public Works: William  
6 Mazurkiewicz.  
7 Village Administrator: Denise Knowland.  
8 Village Historian: Leila Mattson.  
9 Chair and Member of the Design Review  
10 Board: Glen Wilson.  
11 Member of the Design Review Board: Robert  
12 Schaufeld.  
13 Member of the Design Review Board:  
14 Ruchira Madan.  
15 Member of the Design Review Board: Toby  
16 Noren.  
17 Member of the Design Review Board: Robert  
18 Meyer.  
19 Chair and Member of the Landmarks  
20 Preservation Commission: Leila Mattson.  
21 Vice Chair and Member of the Landmarks  
22 Preservation Commission is actually  
23 vacant. There's an opening there.  
24 Member of the Landmarks Preservation  
25 Commission: Miriam Chatinover.

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1 Members of the Landmarks Preservation  
2 Commission: Kathleen Taylor.  
3 Chair and Member of the Tree Board: Glen  
4 Wilson.  
5 Member of the Tree Board: Jill Monoson.  
6 Member of the Tree Board: Toby Noren.  
7 Registrar of Vital Statistic: Town of  
8 North Hempstead Clerk.

9 Dr. Siegel, hi. How are you?

10 DR. SIEGEL: Hi. Good evening.

11 MAYOR WEINBERG: Would you like to  
12 join the Landmarks Preservation Commission  
13 as well?

14 DR. SIEGEL: I'd love to.

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay.

16 DR. SIEGEL: That sounds great.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: They don't meet  
18 often, but we'll put you in that slot.

19 DR. SIEGEL: I've been around long  
20 enough to become one.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Thanks for showing  
22 up.

23 I recommend, with Board approval,  
24 Dr. Karen Lynne Siegel. Is there a movant  
25 for the appointment?



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1 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Want me to make  
2 the motion?

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Please.

4 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay. Resolution  
5 21-37. It is resolved that all the  
6 appointments indicated above are hereby  
7 approved.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

9 TRUSTEE WESTON: I will second.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any question or  
11 discussion? Hearing none. Call to  
12 question?

13 Denise, please call the roll.

14 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

16 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

17 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

18 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

19 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

20 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

21 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

22 THE CLERK: Mayor Weinberg.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

24 MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.

25 Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion

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1 is adopted.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: We continue with  
3 additional appointments by the Board of  
4 Trustees. I'm recommending the  
5 reappointment of Lawrence Greengrass to  
6 the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the  
7 reappointment of Karen Weisberg to the  
8 Ethics Board. I'd like to recommend the  
9 appoint of Dr. Karen Lynne Siegel to the  
10 Ethics Board.

11 MS. KNOWLAND: Karen Weisberg, her  
12 term is not up for appointment. I'm not  
13 sure if you're looking at an older list.  
14 There should just be three on the script,  
15 Lawrence Greengrass, Karen Siegel and  
16 Lawrence Levy.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: There was just a  
18 type-o on the script then. Instead of  
19 Karen Weisberg, if you put Lawrence Levy,  
20 that will be fine.

21 MS. KNOWLAND: Okay.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: It's correct in the  
23 box. It needs to be corrected in the  
24 narrative.

25 MS. KNOWLAND: I see in the

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1 narrative that's where it is.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: I just read what's  
3 here.

4 MS. KNOWLAND: Yes, I know. I'm  
5 sorry about that. I apologize for that  
6 one.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Jim, would  
8 you like to be the movant on that?

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Resolution  
10 20-38 is resolved that all of the  
11 appointments indicated above are up for  
12 approval.

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Hereby approved.  
14 Is there a second?

15 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I second.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any question or  
17 discussion? Hearing none.  
18 Denise, please call the roll.

19 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

21 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

22 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

23 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang?

24 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

25 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

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1 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

2 MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

4 MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.

5 Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion  
6 is adopted.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Now I'd like to  
8 retain the Village Attorney and Special  
9 Counsel for the Village of Thomaston. I  
10 would like to appoint A. Thomas Levin and  
11 Brian S. Stolar as Village Attorneys.

12 Ben, would you like to read the  
13 motion?

14 MR. PANG: Sure. Resolution 21-39  
15 is resolved that the Board of Trustees of  
16 the Village of Thomaston hereby approves  
17 the Mayor's appointment of A. Thomas Levin  
18 and Brian S. Stolar as Village Attorneys,  
19 to serve at the pleasure of the Mayor, and  
20 it is further resolved, that the  
21 compensation for the service of the  
22 Village Attorney for those legal service  
23 for which the Village is required to  
24 retain or appoint a Village Attorney shall  
25 be \$300 per hour, plus reimbursement of

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1 all reasonable and necessary disbursements  
2 incurred in connection with the  
3 performance of such retainer legal  
4 services, which sums will be billed to the  
5 Village monthly.

6 It is further resolved, that the  
7 Board of Trustees hereby retain Meyer,  
8 Suozzi, English & Klein P.C. as Special  
9 Counsel to the Village for legal services  
10 other than those provided by the Village  
11 Attorneys, on a non-exclusive basis, the  
12 services of such Special Counsel to be  
13 compensated at the rate of \$300 per hour,  
14 plus reimbursement of all reasonable and  
15 necessary disbursements incurred in  
16 connection with the performance of such  
17 non-retainer legal services, which sums  
18 shall be billed to the Village monthly.

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I'll second  
21 it.

22 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any question or  
23 discussion? Call the question?  
24 Denise, please call the roll.

25 I'd like to make a correction to the

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1 record. All resolutions are "21 dash the  
2 number". The prior was 21-38. This  
3 resolution is 21-39.

4 Please continue, Denise.

5 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

7 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

8 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

9 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

10 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

11 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

12 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

13 MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

15 MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.

16 Zero opposed. No abstentions.

17 The motion is adopted.

18 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Just so you know,  
19 on the next resolution you have the same  
20 thing, is says 19-40.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Well, okay. Would  
22 you like to be the movant and read it?

23 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Sure. Resolution  
24 21-40, be it resolved that the Board of  
25 Trustees designates the second Monday in

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1 each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Village  
2 Hall, 100 East Shore Road, Great Neck, as  
3 the time and place for the regular  
4 meetings of the Board of Trustees. The  
5 annual organizational meeting shall be  
6 held on the second Monday in April or on  
7 such other date in April as the Board of  
8 Trustees may determine in accordance with  
9 applicable law. The Clerk is directed to  
10 advise the news media of this schedule,  
11 and to post notice of each meeting, as  
12 required under the Open Meetings Law. For  
13 special meetings, notice will be provided  
14 to the extent required by law. And it is  
15 further resolved, that the Board notes  
16 that the first regular meeting in October  
17 falls on a legal holiday and so hereby  
18 changes the October 11th meeting to  
19 October 13th.

20 And it is further resolved, that the  
21 Board hereby changes the first regular  
22 meeting in November to November 16th to  
23 coincide with the meeting of the Board of  
24 Review.

25 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

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1 TRUSTEE PANG: I'll second.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any question or  
3 discussion? Call to question?

4 Denise, please call the roll.

5 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

7 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

8 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

9 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

10 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

11 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

12 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

13 MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

15 MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.

16 Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion  
17 is adopted.

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: The next motion is  
19 for scheduling of Board of Trustees  
20 meetings during the Covid-19 emergency.

21 Jim, can you be the movant?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Resolution is  
23 21-41, resolved that for the duration of  
24 Covid-19 emergency, the Board of Trustees  
25 hereby authorizes the Mayor to set the



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1 place, date, and time of Board of Trustees  
2 meetings.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

4 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any question or  
6 discussion? Call to question?

7 Denise, please call the roll.

8 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

10 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

11 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

12 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

13 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

14 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

15 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

16 MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

18 MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.

19 Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion  
20 is adopted.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Burt, would you  
22 take the next motion naming the official  
23 banks of the Village?

24 TRUSTEE WESTON: To our resolution  
25 21-42, be it resolved to designate the

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1 following depositories for Village funds,  
2 which depositories may be changed from  
3 time to time by resolution of the Board:  
4 First National Bank of Long Island:  
5 Maximum deposit \$5,000,000.  
6 Capital One Bank: Maximum deposit  
7 \$5,000,000.  
8 Bank of America: Maximum deposit  
9 \$5,000,000.  
10 Flushing Bank: Maximum deposit  
11 \$5,000,000.  
12 Provided that each of such depositories  
13 holding funds in excess of \$250,000  
14 pledges securities to the Village as  
15 collateral pursuant to a collateral  
16 agreement or letters of credit issued in  
17 favor of the Village by the Federal Home  
18 Loan Bank in accordance with the  
19 provisions of the General Municipal Law,  
20 and in a form approved by Village  
21 Attorney; and it is further resolved, that  
22 all instruments authorizing withdrawal or  
23 payment from any such accounts shall be  
24 signed by any two of the following: The  
25 Mayor, the Village Administrator or the

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1 Deputy Mayor.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

3 TRUSTEE PANG: Second.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I'll second  
5 it.

6 MS. KNOWLAND: Mr. Pang, I'll  
7 recognize you for a second on that.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any question or  
9 discussion? Call to question?  
10 Denise, please call the roll.

11 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

13 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

14 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

15 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

16 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

17 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

18 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

19 MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg?

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

21 MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.

22 Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion  
23 is adopted.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Burt, you did so  
25 well, do you want to take the next

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1 resolution for undertakings for the  
2 Village signatories?

3 TRUSTEE WESTON: Not a problem.  
4 Resolution 21-43, be it resolved that the  
5 Village shall purchase undertakings, at  
6 Village expense, as required by Village  
7 Law Section 3-306 as follows: A Public  
8 Employees Blanket Position Bond with  
9 coverage limit for dishonesty limit of  
10 \$100,000; Forgery Or Alterations with a  
11 limit of \$50,000, and Computer and Funds  
12 Transfer Fraud in the amount of \$100,000.  
13 This bond covers all employees of the  
14 municipality, including the treasurer,  
15 clerk and non-compensated officers and  
16 employees.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

18 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: This is for  
20 informational purposes - this is a surety  
21 bond. This is not an insurance coverage,  
22 which the Village has, which obviously  
23 provide for much higher limits of  
24 liability. Anything you want to add?

25 TRUSTEE PANG: What's the difference

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1 between insurance corporation and this  
2 one?

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: I'm glad you asked.  
4 That's my entire career. I will answer  
5 the question, but Denise, would you please  
6 briefly just remind the Board what our  
7 insurance limits are.

8 MS. KNOWLAND: I don't have the  
9 insurance limits handy with me.  
10 Unfortunately, I don't have the book with  
11 me.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: We will report back  
13 to the Board on that. But on our general  
14 liability insurance coverage we do -- I  
15 believe we do have computer crime coverage  
16 which is a different source of coverage,  
17 different from the surety.

18 An insurance policy is between the  
19 insurance company and the Village. And if  
20 there is any personal injury, property  
21 damage, computer crime that occurs, it is  
22 subject to a claim by the Village against  
23 the insurance company.

24 A surety bond is different than the  
25 insurance policy. A surety bond is a

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1 three-party agreement. It is between the  
2 represented principle, which in this case  
3 is for the Village -- for the signatories  
4 to the bank account. So it's between the  
5 principal who is the signatory to the bank  
6 account, the surety company and the  
7 Village that if anyone of the principals  
8 steals monies from the accounts, that the  
9 Village would make a claim to the surety  
10 company. It's just a different form of  
11 agreement. It's not the same as  
12 insurance. There may also be insurance  
13 coverage, but it's specifically required  
14 by law in order to provide what is called  
15 "dishonesty coverage" for certain public  
16 employees.

17 TRUSTEE PANG: Got it. Thank you.

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: And the essential  
19 difference between a surety contract as  
20 compared to an insurance policy, is the  
21 insurance policy is a two-party contract;  
22 a surety is a three-party contract. Any  
23 other questions or discussion? Did we  
24 have a second?

25 MS. KNOWLAND: Yes, we had Jill

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1 Monoson second.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Call to question?

3 And call the roll.

4 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

6 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

7 MS. MONOSON: Aye.

8 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

9 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

10 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

11 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

12 MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

14 MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.

15 Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion  
16 is adopted.

17 MAYOR WEINBERG: I will make the  
18 next motion, which is the mileage  
19 allowance - official newspaper policies,  
20 etcetera, Resolution 21-44, resolved that  
21 the Board of Trustees has determined to  
22 pay a fixed rate for mileage as  
23 reimbursement to officers and employees of  
24 the Village who use their personal  
25 automobile while performing their official

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1 duties on behalf of the Village; and it's  
2 further resolved that for the 2021-2022  
3 official year, the Board of Trustees sets  
4 the mileage reimbursement rate at the  
5 prevailing Internal Revenue Service  
6 mileage reimbursement rate, and it is  
7 further resolved that the Board of  
8 Trustees designates the Great Neck News as  
9 the official newspaper of the Village, and  
10 it is further resolved that the  
11 Procurement Policy adopted October 17,  
12 2016, is readopted. It is further  
13 resolved that the investment policy  
14 adopted March 12, 2018 is readopted. It  
15 is resolved that notwithstanding the  
16 foregoing, pursuant to Village Law Section  
17 5-524(5), the following claims may be paid  
18 without prior audit and approval by the  
19 Board of Trustees:

20 Fixed salaries;  
21 Debt service;  
22 Amounts becoming due upon lawful  
23 contracts for periods exceeding one year;  
24 Compensation for services of  
25 employees or officers regularly engaged by



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1 the Village at agreed wages by the hour of  
2 day, week, month or year, provided,  
3 however, that with respect to items (a)  
4 and (d) in this paragraph, no such payment  
5 shall be made unless the payroll or other  
6 claim for compensation for personal  
7 services rendered to the Village by any  
8 person other than an elective Village  
9 officer shall be certified by the Village  
10 officer or employee having direct  
11 supervision of the claimant to the effect  
12 that such services were actually performed  
13 by the person or persons mentioned  
14 therein; and it is further resolved that,  
15 notwithstanding the foregoing pursuant to  
16 Village Law Section 5-524(6), the  
17 following claims may be paid in advance of  
18 audit and approval of the Board of  
19 Trustees, provided such claims are  
20 presented for audit and approval at the  
21 next regularly -- at the next regular  
22 meeting of the Board of Trustees:

- 23 A. Public utility services;
- 24 B. Postage;
- 25 C. Freight and express charges;

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1 D. Charges for expenses incurred  
2 with the approval of the Board of Trustees  
3 where there is a discount for timely  
4 payment and audit of such claims is not  
5 feasible prior to the date for such  
6 discounted payment; and it is further  
7 resolved that the policy established by  
8 this resolution shall be reviewed at each  
9 ensuing organizational meeting of the  
10 Board of Trustees, and shall remain in  
11 effect until amended by resolution of the  
12 Board of Trustees at any duly convened  
13 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

14 Is there a second?

15 TRUSTEE WESTON: I will second it.

16 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any questions or  
17 discussion? Hearing none. Call to  
18 question? Denise, please call the roll.

19 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

21 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

22 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

23 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

24 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

25 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

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1 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

2 MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

4 MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.

5 Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion  
6 is adopted.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Next item is  
8 Manhasset Bay Protection Committee  
9 Inter-municipal Agreement.

10 Ben, would you take the lead on  
11 that?

12 TRUSTEE PANG: Resolution 21-45,  
13 that the Board hereby approve the  
14 Inter-Municipal agreement between the  
15 Village and the Manhasset Bay Protection  
16 Committee, and the mayor is hereby  
17 authorized, for and on behalf of the  
18 Village, to execute and deliver the  
19 Inter-Municipal agreement in the form on  
20 file in the Village office.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

22 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any question or  
24 discussion? Call to question? Denise,  
25 please call the roll.

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1 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

3 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

4 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

5 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

6 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

7 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

8 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

9 MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

11 MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.

12 Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion  
13 is adopted.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: The next item on  
15 the agenda is a proposal for the 2021  
16 Annual Storm Water Report. This is a  
17 letter proposal and proposed consulting  
18 agreement from Liro Engineers for the  
19 preparation of the 2021 annual MS4 report.

20 Jill, would you like to be the  
21 movant?

22 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Sure. You said  
23 Jill, not Jim, right?

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: I did.

25 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay. Sounds the

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1 same.

2 Resolution 21-46, be it resolved  
3 that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts  
4 the proposal from Liro Engineers  
5 Incorporated in the amount of \$1,350 for  
6 preparation of the 2021 annual MS4 report  
7 on behalf of the Village; and it is  
8 further resolved, that the Mayor is  
9 authorized to execute an agreement in the  
10 amount of \$1,350 with Liro Engineers  
11 Incorporated for preparation of the 2021  
12 annual MS4 report on behalf of the  
13 Village. A copy of the executed agreement  
14 is on file at the Village office.

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

16 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: I'll second  
17 it.

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any question or  
19 discussion? Call the question?  
20 Denise, please call the roll.

21 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

23 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

24 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

25 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

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1 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

2 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

3 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

4 MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

6 THE CLERK: Five votes in favor.

7 Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion  
8 is adopted.

9 MAYOR WEINBERG: There is a ground  
10 sign permit application for the sign at  
11 805 Northern Boulevard.

12 Burt, would you be the movant?

13 TRUSTEE WESTON: Sure. Resolution  
14 21-47. Whereas, on April 1, 2021 the  
15 Zoning Board of Appeals granted a variance  
16 of the Village Code Section 203-85.7(B) to  
17 erect one (1) ground sign located at 805  
18 Northern Boulevard, Thomaston, New York,  
19 and whereas the minutes of the Zoning  
20 Board of Appeals were filed with the  
21 Clerk's office on April 8, 2021, now  
22 therefore be it resolved, that the Board  
23 of Trustees hereby approves the issuance  
24 of a sign permit, compliant with the  
25 application documents and decision of the

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1 Zoning Board of Appeals, to 805 Northern  
2 Boulevard LLC. to erect one ground sign  
3 located at 805 Northern Boulevard,  
4 Thomaston, New York.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

6 TRUSTEE PANG: I'll second it.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any questions or  
8 discussion? Call for question?  
9 Denise, please call the roll.

10 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

12 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

13 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

14 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

15 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

16 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

17 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

18 MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

19 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

20 MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.

21 Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion  
22 is adopted.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: The next item on  
24 the agenda is the resent New York State  
25 Cannabis Legislation. We don't have a

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1 formal motion that's presented. I just  
2 wanted to get the Legislation or the  
3 summary of the Legislation to the Board  
4 members so that they could have an  
5 opportunity to review it and to give me  
6 their initial thoughts or reactions, and  
7 obviously we will certainly follow-up with  
8 the Village attorney. But I wanted to see  
9 if the Board had thoughts as to whether it  
10 wanted to, I guess, opt out of the  
11 Legislation which would require a local  
12 law.

13 What you forego if you opt out is  
14 any tax revenue that's raised from and as  
15 a result of the cannabis Legislation; or  
16 to take no action and, I guess, share in  
17 that tax revenue. I think that the -- if  
18 you're of doubt, you're essentially saying  
19 that you're not going to allow a  
20 dispensary within the Village of  
21 Thomaston.

22 So I now open up the floor to  
23 comments or discussion so I can get your  
24 thoughts on this.

25 TRUSTEE MONOSON: You didn't attach



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1 the Law, right, because it was too long?

2 MS. KNOWLAND: The Law was 253  
3 pages.

4 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Well it's hard to  
5 comment.

6 TRUSTEE WESTON: This is the opt out  
7 provision.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: And if we're not  
9 prepared to discuss this at this time and  
10 you want to see additional information or  
11 other -- a better summary of the  
12 Legislation, we can certainly table this  
13 and consider when you have more  
14 information.

15 TRUSTEE PANG: I remember when there  
16 is proof of medical purpose last time the  
17 Town of North Hempstead adopt some Town  
18 Code with medical dispense. Will it be  
19 the same thing this time? Do you think  
20 the Town will adopt some law which will  
21 make it not necessary, meaning as a Town  
22 then we going to opt out?

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: The Town -- well,  
24 one, that's an excellent question. We  
25 will communicate with the Town and find

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1 out if they've taken an additional  
2 position or not. By the Town opting out,  
3 the Town controls -- the Town does not  
4 control the Village. The Town would  
5 control, I guess, commercial  
6 establishments that are on Town property  
7 that's not part of any Village property.  
8 So just because the Town opts out, that  
9 would not take -- that would not be  
10 enforceable with respect to the commercial  
11 district within any Village. So if a  
12 Village wishes to remain a part of the  
13 Legislation, it would regulate that as a  
14 part of its own Local Law. If it wishes  
15 to opt out, it would regulate that as  
16 part of its own local law, because you're  
17 talking about what is a permitted  
18 commercial use within its zoned commercial  
19 areas.

20 TRUSTEE PANG: Got it. Understood.  
21 Thank you.

22 TRUSTEE WESTON: Is there an  
23 explanation in the summary Legislation how  
24 tax revenue is shared?

25 MAYOR WEINBERG: No.

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1 TRUSTEE WESTON: I didn't think so.  
2 It's something we should find out.

3 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Not in the  
4 summary, but it's obviously in the Bill.

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: What's interesting  
6 is it's in the Bill that, in particular,  
7 the Bill -- well, the Law specifically  
8 directs that the monies go to the County,  
9 Cities and Villages. It specifically says  
10 Villages. It's very interesting because  
11 that's very different than the New York  
12 State Law that relates to sales tax.  
13 Sales tax is collected by the County. And  
14 unfortunately, the County has not shared  
15 the sales tax with the Cities and Village,  
16 specifically, with the Villages. And this  
17 has been a bone of -- many counties have,  
18 Nassau County has not. Part of the  
19 justification why Nassau County has not is  
20 because of the debt burden that Nassau  
21 County had carried.

22 TRUSTEE MONOSON: So -- yes, go  
23 ahead.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Obviously, this has  
25 been to the consternation of many

1 Villages. Particularly Villages that have  
2 a very strong commercial-base and  
3 contribute very heavily to the sales tax  
4 that the County collects.

5 So there's presently litigation, as  
6 well as lobbying efforts to kind of try to  
7 force Nassau County to free up the sales  
8 tax. I do not envision that we're going  
9 to run into the same problem with this  
10 Legislation because it's specifically  
11 directed in the Law that money -- that a  
12 portion does go to the Cities and  
13 Villages. But, you're right, Burt, we  
14 need more information on that.

15 TRUSTEE MONOSON: All right.  
16 Denise, I see that you sent that around  
17 with the thing, but that's not the actual  
18 Law, this is just a summary, right?

19 MS. KNOWLAND: Check your e-mails.  
20 I just resent the e-mail. The attachment  
21 is the Law.

22 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Oh, okay. I see  
23 it. Okay. Got it.

24 MS. KNOWLAND: The attachment to  
25 that e-mail is the Law.

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1 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Okay.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Question,  
3 please?

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: The building,  
6 805 Northern, is now getting a new sign;  
7 do we know does he have a tenant?

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: Not yet.

9 MS. KNOWLAND: He has two tenants.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: He has two  
11 tenants?

12 MS. KNOWLAND: He has two tenants  
13 currently, but there is still space  
14 available for other tenants that is not  
15 leased at this point. I think two of the  
16 three floors tenants are leasing.

17 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Wasn't it the  
18 concept that once the tenant came in  
19 wouldn't he have to reapply for building  
20 permits to do partitions and the like?

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: Yes.

22 MS. KNOWLAND: Yes. He has two open  
23 permits right now for the two tenants that  
24 he has signed leases with.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: All right.

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1 Second question. Doctor Bailey's house,  
2 is it a viable structure? Has someone  
3 bought the place? Are they going to fix  
4 it up?

5 MAYOR WEINBERG: Someone has bought  
6 the place. They are working with the  
7 Village to make applications to make  
8 repairs and to bring it within Code.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Thank you.

10 TRUSTEE PANG: Just curious. The  
11 sign, it has been approved by the Zoning  
12 Board; why does it come to us again? All  
13 the variance granted by the Zoning Board  
14 has to come to the Board again?

15 MAYOR WEINBERG: I believe when it  
16 comes to -- not all variances. When it  
17 comes to signs, I believe it requires  
18 approval by the Board.

19 MS. KNOWLAND: Yes.

20 TRUSTEE PANG: Okay. Got it.

21 MAYOR WEINBERG: So it's a specific  
22 type of variance in this case related to  
23 signs that has to be approved by the Board  
24 of Trustees.

25 TRUSTEE PANG: Got it.

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1                   MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. We kind of  
2                   took care of two agenda items at the same  
3                   time, cannabis Legislation and new  
4                   business.

5                   Jim, just to go back to your  
6                   question, I believe, Denise, we do not  
7                   have any sign applications from the  
8                   existing tenants at 805, correct?

9                   MS. KNOWLAND: We -- the Board  
10                  already issued the other signs that were  
11                  compliant. This was an additional sign,  
12                  the monument sign, that's in the front of  
13                  the building facing on Northern Boulevard.  
14                  The one you just approved is the second  
15                  block, so-to-speak, on top of it, and it  
16                  exceeded the height. I don't remember the  
17                  other part that it exceeded. It was the  
18                  height, and I think overall square footage  
19                  it was exceeding. It's the same sign we  
20                  authorized, just an extra piece.

21                  MAYOR WEINBERG: I wasn't asking  
22                  what it provided. I was asking at the  
23                  moment we do not have any applications  
24                  from the existing tenants in the building.

25                  MS. KNOWLAND: Right. We do not.

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1 They intend to be on the other portion of  
2 the sign that we just approved, for your  
3 information.

4 MAYOR WEINBERG: So at the moment  
5 we'll have to see who the new tenant is  
6 that comes in. But at the moment that  
7 would have to be subject to further review  
8 of the Zoning Board and this Board, unless  
9 everyone can fit on the existing sign.

10 MS. KNOWLAND: I believe they  
11 anticipate that everyone will fit on the  
12 sign that we just approved.

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: Great.

14 MS. KNOWLAND: But yes, if there was  
15 some other type of sign that another  
16 tenant in the future at any point asked  
17 for, they would be coming before the Board  
18 and/or the Zoning Board, before they come  
19 to you.

20 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Do we  
21 have -- does anyone have any additional  
22 questions with respect to the cannabis  
23 Legislation? Hearing none, we'll review  
24 your packet, review the proposed  
25 Legislation which was attached to the



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1 e-mail and we will continue the discussion  
2 as new business.

3 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'm sorry. Is  
4 there a -- I didn't obviously look at it,  
5 but is there a timeframe when we have to  
6 opt out?

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Before the end of  
8 the year.

9 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Oh, okay.

10 MS. KNOWLAND: Right. Mayor, please  
11 note that it requires a permissive  
12 referendum for the local law.

13 MAYOR WEINBERG: That's correct.

14 MS. KNOWLAND: So that gives you a  
15 little less time than just simply, you  
16 know, you have to have enough lead time  
17 for that process to happen.

18 MAYOR WEINBERG: It's something we  
19 need to, between now and the next Board  
20 meeting, review what you would like and we  
21 will get some answers to your questions.

22 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll review a few  
23 pages and get back to you.

24 MAYOR WEINBERG: Thank you.

25 TRUSTEE MONOSON: No worries.

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1                   MAYOR WEINBERG: I appreciate that.

2                   MS. KNOWLAND: It's a little light  
3 reading.

4                   TRUSTEE MONOSON: In my spare time.

5                   MAYOR WEINBERG: The public works  
6 report; once again, our Superintendent of  
7 Public Works and the employees were  
8 obviously continuing street maintenance,  
9 sweeping Village streets, truck  
10 maintenance, spring clean-up. They  
11 started with cleaning up the islands and  
12 lawn maintenance. They obviously -- we  
13 haven't had rain, but now we had some  
14 rainstorm clean-up. And there were three  
15 resident requests to replace stop sign  
16 posts, trees, handicap parking sign. All  
17 of those items will continue, as well as  
18 we hope crack sealing of our roads.

19                   Does anyone else have any new  
20 business?

21                   TRUSTEE PANG: I have a question  
22 related to do. There's a manhole -- on  
23 off Colonial and Highland Avenue, there's  
24 a manhole that has water coming out in the  
25 winter. I spoke to Benny and Benny said



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1 Manhasset/Lakeville.

2 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. Do you know  
3 what Manhasset/Lakeville's response has  
4 been?

5 Ben, do you know?

6 TRUSTEE PANG: No, I don't. They  
7 just cut a few lines and then they left.

8 MAYOR WEINBERG: We'll follow-up  
9 with Manhasset/Lakeville. I'm sorry,  
10 Denise, do you have the location?

11 MS. KNOWLAND: Yes.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: Okay. And for  
13 example, today, do you still see water  
14 coming out of the --

15 TRUSTEE PANG: No, I think the past  
16 week or so it stopped. But the water has  
17 been coming out for kind of prolonged  
18 period for like two weeks after the  
19 snowstorm or something like that, water  
20 just comes out even still the snow melt  
21 and there's no rain, there's still water  
22 coming out.

23 MAYOR WEINBERG: We'll check it. We  
24 will follow-up with Manhasset/Lakeville,  
25 absolutely. Thank you.

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1 Any other items of new business?

2 Burt, can you read the deposit refunds?

3 TRUSTEE WESTON: Sure. Resolution  
4 21-48 resolved, that the refunds of  
5 deposits in the aggregate amount of  
6 \$1,936.82, (as itemized on the abstract of  
7 refunds, dated Monday, April 12, 2021) are  
8 hereby approved for disbursement from the  
9 Trust and Agency Fund. A copy of the  
10 approved refund list is attached to these  
11 minutes.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

13 TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

14 MAYOR WEINBERG: Any question or  
15 discussion? Call to question?

16 Denise, please call the roll.

17 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

19 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

20 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

21 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

22 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

23 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

24 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

25 MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

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1                   MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

2                   MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.  
3                   Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion  
4                   is adopted.

5                   MAYOR WEINBERG: I'll be the movant  
6                   for the vouchers. Resolution 21-49  
7                   resolved, that vouchers, in the aggregate  
8                   amount of \$88,482.52 (as itemized on the  
9                   Abstract of Vouchers dated Monday, April  
10                  12, 2021) are hereby approved for payment,  
11                  and all allocated to the General Fund. A  
12                  copy of the approved voucher list is  
13                  attached to these minutes.

14                  Is there a second?

15                  TRUSTEE MONOSON: I'll second.

16                  MAYOR WEINBERG: Any question or  
17                  discussion? Hearing none. Denise, please  
18                  call the question and call the roll.

19                  MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

20                  DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

21                  MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

22                  TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

23                  MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

24                  TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

25                  MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

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1 TRUSTEE WESTON: Aye.

2 MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

3 MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

4 MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.

5 Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion  
6 is adopted.

7 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a motion  
8 to adjourn?

9 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Make a motion.

10 MAYOR WEINBERG: Is there a second?

11 TRUSTEE WESTON: I will second it.

12 MAYOR WEINBERG: At 8:24 there is a  
13 motion to adjourn the Village Board of  
14 Trustees meeting for the Village of  
15 Thomaston. Hearing no question or  
16 discussion, Denise, call the roll.

17 MS. KNOWLAND: Deputy Mayor Sharkey.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR SHARKEY: Aye.

19 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Monoson.

20 TRUSTEE MONOSON: Aye.

21 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Pang.

22 TRUSTEE PANG: Aye.

23 MS. KNOWLAND: Trustee Weston.

24 TRUSTEE WESTON: I'll abstain -- no,  
25 Aye.

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MS. KNOWLAND: Mayor Weinberg.

MAYOR WEINBERG: Aye.

MS. KNOWLAND: Five votes in favor.  
Zero opposed. No abstentions. The motion  
is adopted.

MAYOR WEINBERG: You could stop the  
recording.

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