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MB – Mayor Barrett; TC – Trustee Crary; TD – Trustee Donecker; TM – Trustee McComb; TR – Trustee Rudes; CO – Crystal O'Brien; SF – Stacey Farina; KS – Katie Smith; RM – Rachelle Martz; DB – Donna Benkovich; GW – Glenn Williams

All Participants: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands one nation under God indivisible with Liberty and justice for all.

MB: All right so calling this meeting to order I would look for a motion to accept the regular meeting minutes from April 27th, 2020,

TR: Letty

MB: Alright Letty and 2nd

TC: Mark

MB: All right Mark Crary thank you at this point we would like to open it up to public comment knowing Rochelle that we will have a section later on in the meeting to discuss a 4th of July parade plans but aside from that any public comment OK hearing no public comment we will go on to the report of the wastewater Department so Mark Donecker are you willing and able to do that

TD: Print it out? I did not realize you wanted me to

MB: alright I can do it that is fine alright. Ed Scharpou provided a Water and Wastewater Department report as he always does, he has sent out for the Water Department and sent out the monthly reports and they've received the annual water quality report Stacey has been very busy trying to put those all in a Mailer to the customers with this billing cycle. In addition, it will be posted to the village website so thank you for that operations are continuing to check the system for phosphate and chlorine weekly and biweekly as required they've done the Camp of the Woods monthly reading. A break has been found today in the Wolf complex. Those are the cabins that are to the South of Black Bear Run. At this point the line really needs to be replaced according to our guidelines as it was installed with insufficient and ineffective materials if anyone has any information as to who actually owns the property or who was responsible for the maintenance of that we've heard here say that the Village is responsible but we have no documentation to show otherwise.

TR: And to my knowledge none of the Villages not. Do not they have like a situation you know like the camp?

MB: Yes Camp Merry land that we're not sure so maybe that's an option we can we can follow up with Crystal, so the hydrants are going to be flushed this week and they were supposed to start that today but the brake obviously was a priority they've begun to receive calls for water meters at this time they are attempting to do that without the homeowner available if possible to decrease any social interactions and if it's not possible they will continue to wear a face masks as they have been doing in public there were some expenditures from Stevenson's and Charlie Johns but those appear to be minimal they have yet to do maintenance and water checks for leaks. There were some leaks over the weekend down at Camp of the Woods as well and again the annual cleaning and maintenance of the chlorine system so today I spoke with the Office of the State Comptroller and had prior discussions with Ed and Crystal regarding the impact of COVID restrictions on water and wastewater revenues so following these discussions Ed and Crystal are calculating the potential impact on the water and wastewater treatment revenues from businesses and Camp of the Woods during the pandemic and we will be presenting several scenarios to the board. Ed personally does not believe that the overall homeowner usage will vary from years past what we can figure that into our system as well an in speaking with the Office of the State Comptroller Gary Gifford. He is suggesting that we find out what

this information is, the potential impact and then from there we'll need to explore what our options. Are there Inter fund loans? are there outside grants available they are also waiting to hear as are we whether there will be a round of federal funding to assist in local municipalities He's asked that we reach out to him before making any final decisions on next steps. OK so Wastewater Department with DEC the WTC has been approved the report for the end of April has been completed they had to do an additional set of samples because the original influent BOD was very low due to the leakage issues operations they. There is a copper sampling study that will begin in July as we were required to do. He is preparing a QA PP and monitoring study to be accepted by DEC for the copper and hardness of the water pumped sludge for the very first time this year. They have begun manhole inspections on Elm Lake Rd, and they are continuing the operation of the outside plant at this time. The inside the plant is being pumped down for the replacement of diffusers which were purchased through the upgrade project and he finds that it will be unlikely to need both plants this year. I'm sorry I can't read English quote "I find it unlikely we will need to run both plants this year as it is likely our flows will be much lower than a normal summer but only time will tell at this point" so they're going to continue to check the stations biweekly review the budget as we enter our last couple weeks of this month and the end of our budget cycle. They are going to begin preventative maintenance on the pump stations and continue inspection of manholes and they're adding lime to land application site to prepare it for biosolids to be prepared and cut down. That will cut down I think on the overall smells that he have emanated from the treatment plant in the past regarding the upgrade project are moving along the last thing to be completed for contract one is the installation of the new VFD driven pumps and the panel and at this time they haven't been delivered and I understand that they are still on back order and they were. Ed mentioned last time that he wanted to consolidate the contract so instead of breaking it out into two or three projects and taking additional time to get bid requests and add that time on with the project he would like to move forward with phase two and combine those smaller projects into one and decrease that time so I see Mark shaking his head no?

TD: It depends what the engineer has done and I don't think the engineer can complete the entire second phase that's why we broke it down and we all agreed that we break we do the contracts you know like we specified and you can't keep changing your mind.

MB OK

TD: Doesn't work like that so if the engineering firm was better prepared and complete the tests, I'd say yes but they haven't shown us that.

TR: Have you talked to them about that?

TD: No, we need to I guess we need to get him at a ZOOM meeting and find out what they've completed on the second phase right and then.

TR: OK

MB: Crystal may I ask that that you set up a meeting with Ed, the engineers, Mark Donecker, and myself.

CO: Yep

MB: Alright good and Ed concludes his report that saying if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call him and he will do that all right now going to the clerk treasurers report.

CO: All right just a few little things well one big thing in couple little things as you all know by now elections have again been postponed to September 15th now while the current elected village officials will continue their office until that date or until elections are conducted it is it has been the guidance has been given for the those who are elected into the office is to start as soon as the elections are certified so that could be within you know three days after as long as there's no request to re canvas. Additionally

all referendums even though it wasn't specifically stated there they'll also go into effect the day at you know once they're sort of the election has been certified absentee ballots there hasn't been any guidance yet on the postponement but it is assumed by NYCOM that they it'll be compliant with the election law and I'll just you know will still have to give out the absentee ballot applications for September 15th and you know continue to receive those absentee ballots mailed them out receive them now that we have a date I believe that will be able to send them out as soon as we want to but there really hasn't been any further guidance on that yet. All notices like I said last time all notices have to be reposted to the paper, posted to places around the village. Voter registration even though it wasn't specifically stated has been in accordance with the election law has been extended as well to September 14th if NYCOM was the date that night come sorry September 4th is the night date that NYCOM gave in their guidance there continues they did state that you know there could be additional executive orders for the elections in reference to any of these points. In addition the official year like I stated before it still is are official years still started on April 6th and the organizational meeting will be postponed should be postponed until after the elections have been finalized again there's great like great references on the NYCOM website on their COVID page. Any questions about elections so far that's pretty much it for now.

TR: Crystal do you know on the application for an absentee ballot I know there's limited reasons as to why you need one are they making any accommodations for people that might be concerned for health reasons not coming in.

CO: Originally when it was extended when it was postponed to June there was part of the executive order gave people the option to check the temporary illness whether they were sick or just afraid to get sick.

TR: OK

CO: There really hasn't he didn't really state that in this one and there really hasn't been any guidance on whether that's extended with this postponement or if it's just the normal rules with the other applications I'm hoping you know they update the website pretty often and last it a couple weeks ago they had that webinar and they had stated that if there was any additional webinars needed that they would be hosting another one so I'm hoping they'll do that soon moving on we continue to update the website as much as possible um there is a little bit extra work with these transcriptions and recordings having to be put up there it's then delaying everything a little bit but I think we're managing through those difficulties pretty easily I have been working with Barry Baker from real property tax to prepare the taxes for 2020 in working with him there was an error found and it'll be later discussed in new business as Ed stated in his report. Stacey and I got out the May quarterly water and sewer billing as well. It was delayed a few days because of the annual water quality report. The financial report #8 is ready to be viewed. It's at the office for those of you who want to come and look at that in the next couple of weeks and then finally our next scheduled board meeting is on May 25th but since that is Memorial Day the meeting will be moved to Tuesday the 26th and that is it for me.

TR: And I assume there won't be any planning board meeting that night?

CO: I am assuming so. They haven't met in a few weeks or a few months honestly and unless they have something come up they pretty much said that they're not going to meet just they find it hard I don't know if they find it hard to do it through ZOOM or they just don't have anything going on so they don't need to but Dave said if there's anything that comes up he'll let me know.

MB: OK Crystal I just got a note that there may be one or two people in the waiting room to join ZOOM

CO: Yeah, I just saw that

MB: It was him did not know whether you were Stacey had administrative OK any additional questions for Crystal and or Stacey in this ever-changing environment?

TR: September? why don't we just wait until next March.

MB: I think so but I would I would like to publicly thank Crystal and Stacey for adapting to the changes that just keep bouncing all over the place it makes for a very frustrating work environment but they have managed to keep a good attitude and plugging along so thank you for that so may I have a motion to approve abstract #22

TD: So, moved

MB: Mark and 2nd

TR: Letty

MB: OK I failed to mention that Karen McComb is out of town this weekend is not participating in the meeting my apologies for that. Old business our favorite part of the meeting the COVID update so as you know there's a weekly meeting with the Department of Health and the town supervisors and the County and a few other folks, schools and things like that so the update is as follows around the Village we have new temporary signs posted that are a little more sturdy asking and discouraging people from gathering to help prevent the spread of COVID virus this is in lieu of permanent signs and I hope you never need permanent signs so we would like to thank Lake Pleasant School Heather Philo for printing and laminating these signs for the village they are posted as before at the Pavilion. the basketball court, the playground, Tunney park and the beach. At present we have four confirmed cases in the County although the website shows five that is misinformation so we have four confirmed cases three had completed isolation and there is one new case located in one of the nursing homes the state website also has one death attributed to Hamilton County and I confirm with Erica Mahoney that this was an individual who has a primary residence listed in Hamilton County but actually lives in New York City so they were never here they contracted and sadly passed away at the residence in New York city. We are still waiting guidance from Empire State development for guidance guidelines related to beaches camps and resorts. It's my humble opinion that I keep pushing that I think our beaches do need to be open it is not a huge draw to the area it's not an entertainment center but I think from a safety perspective I think it's imperative that we have lifeguards present any rescue efforts that would be required would call on the Fire Department, the Amb Corps or the Sheriff's and none of them have training specific to that type of water rescue but that remains to be seen what happens. The farmers markets are considered essential with social distancing so those will take place. Are DEC campgrounds are planning to open June 1 and the DEC is still developing an operational plan. No additional reservations are allowed at this point. Bath houses, beaches and other common areas will not be open so I will see how that changes for right now. I think that goes through May 31st. Summer events again we have instructions that there will be no social gatherings social distancing and mask wearing and public will be required through all phases of the reopening State and County fairs are cancelled in New York State. The Saratoga Race track I believe is still cancelled and closed as well as concerts, races, ironman's, parades etc. and they need to think about summer events that traditionally occur and how those could possibly be modified under the reopening plans and then something that came up was our use of the Speculator Pavilion as there are a number of reservations. So I'm just opening it up to the Board of Trustees just suggest that we come up with a very short list of recommendations or guidelines for use of the Pavilion that we can post online and with any agreement that's been signed that would include the size of gatherings the wearing of masks and social distancing so are there any thoughts on that?

TR: My understanding is Mrs. Oaks with is chairperson of the Twigs Craft Fair has come up with a plan in she only has my knowledge at this time 100 vendors but she's looking at social distancing to place them in the pavilion and on the ballfield. We have not really come to a determination that we're going to go with that. I doubt very much that we will do the food concession at the craft fair that's too involved too difficult to control with the number of people that we have to work so I Jeanette you can check with Mrs. Oaks, Barbara?

MB: OK

TR: and see if she's made any final decision as to what she's going to do.

MB: OK yeah, I think their plans would be helpful to know in advance as well as go through with the Department of Health so yeah so much is open up in the air. Any thoughts about adding just some very top-level recommendations for use of the Pavilion on line.

TR: What else do we have scheduled there?

MB: I think there is some birthday parties, flea market.

TR: Flea market, Twigs biggest.

MB: yeah, the farmers market and twigs are the biggest but then there are personal rentals coming up. Are we not going to take personal reservations?

CO: We have a number of different personal like private party type things with all different kinds of number of people attending so.

MB: do you know offhand Crystal the number of folks?

CO: not that I can think off hand.

MB: OK

TD: Alright so how will they social distance the mass I mean how can you control that?

CO: Right

MB: I think all that we can do is ask why that's the big thing all around how do you control it we have no teeth well I do but you know we don't we don't have we don't have teeth to make things stick it's not like we're going to haul people off to Hamilton County jail.

TD: We should not allow it if we cannot control it, we should not allow it.

KS: is Governor Cuomo going to change the amount of people that can be together?

MB: I do not know

KS: Right now, it's what is at 10 if it's more than 10 until he changes that I don't think we should allow them to use it.

MB: Well let us see

KS: and we are condoning an activity that's opposed to his executive order.

MB: Alright I will raise that at the Department of Health meeting tomorrow and you're correct I think you should limit to quite a few activities.

KS: I mean I'm assuming he's going to slowly you know

MB: Ease it, But whatever it is we need to follow it I think yeah well with the reopening on the phase is that increases or should increase the number of people who are allowed to gather provided that they maintain social distancing so I think as an interim measure we need to ask these people who are doing parties and things like that how they're going to maintain social distancing you know requests or point to executive orders that they should be wearing masks in the public place so we'll see we're not open yet. Mohawk Valley is opening in two other places that skip my mind the only thing that stands between us and the start of reopening is testing so I think there about 500 people who need to be tested but the last time I asked about testing in the North Country they said you had to have symptoms you had to

have a script from your physician so a majority of us don't have symptoms and won't get scripts. How are we supposed to get tested?

RM: I believe that has changed I have spoke with Erica Maloney today and they have a lot more tests available now

MB: but those are tests from what I understood are for people who are symptomatic.

RM: Said today it does not sound like that's going to be the case going forward

MB: Oh well that would be helpful cause we had talked about even some of the antibody tests that are available and that are validated you know we would be able to do that so alright I look forward to hearing more tomorrow that would be great news otherwise we're stuck in a hole

TC: Are tracers an issue also?

MB: Say that again there is yeah

TC: Tracers. I think we have six out of 7 yeah

RM: We met that threshold today. I think St. Lawrence does not have enough right now but I believe that we are at a point where we have met that now.

MB: Yes, I think testing was the only hurdle that we had to overcome, and I think there are about 500 tests that need to be done so I'll raise my hand and get tested. I'm happy to do that alright. FEMA let's move on to some other good news another disaster FEMA I am very happy to announce that all workforce equipment and resource documentation for category A which is debris removal and category B emergency protective measures have all been submitted and accepted we are now working on the donated resources as the next project to be submitted at a later date followed by the administrative costs project and then Roger, Ed and I will be doing the requisite inspections for the permanent work projects virtually through photos and GPS or they've given us some instructions for what we can do in the interim and we should be doing between this week and next week so that's moving along well and they say once we get in there we should get reimbursement relatively soon but I don't know what is relative so I would like to publicly thank Monique Simmons from FEMA and George Schongar from the New York a Department of Homeland security and Emergency Services. I have to say that they are some of the most helpful knowledgeable and patient people to work with every step of the way they've been really great if I ever God forbid go through another FEMA emergency I would want to work with them. so, a Verizon small cell that is going to be part of new business. Makomis firetower I do not believe we have been reimbursed yet is that correct Crystal?

CO: I honestly have not checked the bank account today

MB: OK so that should be imminent.

CO: As of Friday, we have not received it yet

MB: OK that should be imminent as I speak with them, we are still waiting to hear for the LED streetlights. I have a couple of calls into Jessica Waldorf there are re- calculating the plans based on the change in the buyout numbers and then to Letty's delight we are going to approve, I hope the employee Handbook

LR: and at any point in me yeah

MB: but it's your delight now alright so let's go onto new business, so I did ask Rachele to come. I don't know if Donna Benkovich is on the line to talk about the 4th of July parade and fireworks and what that's going to look like and I know that Glenn Williams is also on the call and they kind of give some oversight for the fireworks as well so Rachele and Donna do you want to give us an update on what your current plans are with the parade.

RM: as of right now we haven't made any decisions we've had some meetings to discuss and brainstorm some ideas because I think no matter how hopefully we're going to be, things are going to have to look a little different this year. We've met with a little bit of negative feedback about that but it's really not in our hands so the idea is that we've had so far we put it out to suggest to the public also one being doing like a reverse parade so we would line up floats along a route and then people could come through with their cars and do it that way. I would also discuss kind of like a pop-up parade basically set it up like the garage sales so people could set can sign up and have displays at their home for people to go around and collect a map that would be distributed. Another idea was to postpone until Labor Day which you know not my ideal solution. I think we need to do something around 4th of July part of it's also going to depend on one New York State giving us our DOT permit and to what the village decides as far as the fireworks I don't know if you have any more to add to that Donna?

DB: I'm here no that's good that's all I know

MB: OK I think if we were to have the parade next week we would have to either take up one of those options or cancel it just because as Katie stated with the executive order no gatherings no nothing all right so let's stay tuned with that and we'll move on to fireworks.

TR: Just one comment I think in all fairness to those people who work on floats earlier decision can be made the better.

RM: and for us as well there's a lot of planning really that goes into the parade and it takes us months to get to that point yeah so we do need to make a decision even though you know the guidelines are going to be up in the air. We may have to be more strict with our plans for the parade than what is necessary at that time.

MB: well I speak with Don I understood that fund raising efforts were also pretty poor with the shut end since March.

RM: Yes it did affect our fund-raising big time

MB: Right so I guess I'm of the opinion that maybe we should put it on hold for this year and have a drop dead gorgeous one next year you know that because I don't know how receptive or adaptive people will be to doing something odd.

RM: Right I totally get it I think that if we don't do anything at all we're going to have people revolting in salute.

MB: I think we do have opportunities for fireworks yeah, I think we do have I think we do have a good opportunity for that.

RM: We have made the decision pretty much that if we do you know any sort of a parade reverse parade to anything pretty much anything that would have happened between the parade and the fireworks will not be happening this year we've canceled the bounce house because there's just no way to keep people separate and to you know sanitize.

MB: Right yeah that would be a nightmare.

RM: Yeah

MB: OK well fireworks. I had called the board earlier on about options for fireworks basically having postpone, modify, or cancel and I think we are pretty much in agreement that we would like to have the fireworks go on. There are opportunities for social distancing. There are opportunities for multiple viewing areas from the Lake, the beach, Tunney Park, ballfield, Cherry Creek any additional thoughts on that I mean I would also ask the fireworks company if they would only limit their fireworks to those that go high in the Sky instead of you know the down below stuff.

TC: If we don't do a parade this year you won't have all the vehicles in the ballpark afterwards so you can put lots of people at a comfortable distance I would think but the ball field to green area playground.

MB: Any other thoughts?

TR: I understand for the parade was to have them around the perimeter of the ball field the floats, in that so keep in mind if you're going to close the public beach and just use the ball field for spectators you're not going to be able to put any floats over in there.

RM: casting quick thing floats on the ball field because you would want to try to keep people into their vehicle.

TR: that was one of the suggestions I had would do something like that it would be OK

RM: So regardless we would have access to the ball field then.

MB: OK alright well then, I would ask for and I do not know do we have to decide today? I would think that that would be a good thing to make a decision to go ahead with the fireworks and then it just as needed if there are any changes that come down.

TD: I think you have to wait until Cuomo makes a decision if we're going to open or not

MB: You don't think that we can have fireworks if we're not open beyond phase one or two. How far down the phases do you think we need to open in order to have fireworks?

TD: I'm not sure.

RM: I don't believe that it listed 15 people at phase 4. He has touched on fireworks at some of his press conferences I have done some press conferences.

MB: You're cutting in and out a little bit there.

RM: That's right for out here. I know that I believe it's 50 people in phase four, but he has touched on fireworks. I believe in some of his press conferences and talks about doing it like driving movies files so you can keep people in their cars or you know away from each other it might be allowed but hard to regulate that.

TC: Yeah you could park cars in the ball field as well.

TD: Yeah alright then let's table this for now with those options of using the ball field of being able to park cars at the appropriate social distance of asking the fireworks company to keep the fireworks higher up in the air than the low you know finale that they usually do.

TC: I guess back to Mark's point if we decided to do cars in the ball field the policing aspect of the, "oh there's our neighbor let's get out and say hello" and you know that kind of thing, clusters of people.

KS: OK I thought you were referring to like a mess of cars not in the line when you said policing that would be something I would be thinking of also.

MB: Policing people that keep their distance.

TC: Stay in the vehicle plan.

TR: I do not think you can control it.

MB: No Glenn you have any ideas for any help the fire Department can give us? You're muted bottom left the little microphone.

GW: OK hello everybody uh my thoughts were just if we can socialize in our cars and watch the fireworks we could also socializing our cars and watch a parade we can do everything that we can just like if we go to Charlie Johns you've got to have your masks on that's part of it. If you cannot social distance be the six feet away, you have to wear the mask we can't police everybody we're not the police and they still have civil rights. They still could wear but they will choose not to or choose to so the only thing we can do is you know make this suggestions that everybody stays in their cars and just go about

our normal as normal as we can routines and as far as the fire Department goes you know we'll do whatever is directed to us that is what we do we serve you so that's but all that I got.

MB: So, I'm thinking that that perhaps if it comes down to that and some sort of policing would be required or reminding perhaps, we can call on some members of the fire Department to help us with that.

GW: Yeah we would be we'd be more than happy to help out anyway we can you know we're not going to be the police and you know when I could say you got to leave and you know we're just going to pleasantly remind people that they need to have their masks on and hopefully this all is done in a month and we don't ever have to worry about this.

MB: All right so let's put those plans let's make a decision by June 1st would that give us enough time to respond and react, I think.

TR: Next meeting?

MB: Yep well that's two weeks Letty it is already pretty short of June 1st I know June 1st is in between the end of the month so by next meeting let's make that.

TC: Make fireworks vendor?

CO: I'll have to contact them and see.

KS: I really think that we're going to just have to make a really tough decision because as much as we all hope by then it's going to be better from what Rachele is saying about the phases I don't even know how we can make it work.

MB: Well there's another option that was raised and that was from Matt O'Brien suggesting that they could shoot fireworks off Oak mountain and that way no one goes to the top of the mountain. Of course, there might be some folks who gathered down at the bottom but that is another option. So, let's see if they have any further guidance from empire that would be helpful.

TR: Out from the vendor for the fireworks, how much leeway are you going to require? I think would be helpful

CO: I can call them tomorrow.

TR: down to like 3 days before the 4th you know that would be acceptable.

MB: Alright thank you for doing that Crystal and thank you for your inputs on that. So now the budget resolution so his Crystal had mentioned at the end of last week she discovered an error in the 2019-2020 tax levy while speaking with Barry Baker from Hamilton County real property tax Department. So, it was confirmed that the approved and adopted budget for last year or the current year that we are in 2019 -2020 increase the amount of taxes to be levied from \$865,962.00 to \$876,294.00 representing an increase of \$10,322 dollars. However we were informed that only \$865,962.00 dollars were collected and the real property Department received correspondence from the former Clerk Treasurer on May 1st that incorrectly provided the 2018 -2019 budget summary thus leaving the amount raised by taxes the same as it had been for 2018-2019. So, this results in a shortfall in the budget revenues again of \$10,332. In addition, no documentation could be found certifying the amount of taxes to be collected nor the requisite tax warrant that had to be issued. Physical and electronic files were checked as well as tax rolls being searched and still come up empty on after consulting with representatives from NYCOM and Garrett Gifford from the Office of the State Comptroller. I'm putting forward two resolutions to amend both the budget for 2019 - 2020 and the budget for 2020- 2021. So, thanks to the effect of budget management over the course of the year. To Crystal and to Roger as well. We have not run out of funds and will actually finish the year with a fund balance in excess of the \$10,322 dollars shortfall. and In addition we remain in a good position to keep the tax the increase in tax levy to 0% as we had

had voted on thanks in part to FEMA reimbursement and increased revenues from Verizon that I'll discuss in the next agenda item. So right now, I am going to attempt to share well then.

CO: I have to let you.

MB: Please let me go change screen and put up 2019-2020. Do you see that yes right I love technology that's impressive so this I think we should do all our board meetings this way. so this is a resolution to amend the 2019-2020 budget to correct the tax levy error so the resolution shall be known as the 2019-2020 budget amendment to correct tax levy error very creative so this highlights that there was an error found in the tax preparation for this year the total taxes that were to be levied are coming up to 10,322 dollars short it was determined in consultation with Hamilton Real County Property and the current clerk treasurer what happened and that the approved 2019- 2020 budget summary has a shortfall so in addition there's no documentation for the tax warrant that is prepared by the village treasurer and signed by the mayor so what we would like to do. We would like to resolve that the approved 2019-2020 budget be amended to reduce A1001 real property tax collection from the \$876,294.00 to the \$865,962.00 and decrease fund A8160.4 which is refuse collection and disposal from \$24,650 to \$14,318 dollars so in so doing a Crystal has confirmed with Roger that those funds will not be required to be spent during the remaining two weeks although there is a repair that is required to the garbage truck and that will more than sufficiently be covered by the remaining proposed \$14,318 dollars.

CO: Jeanette can I just make a comment?

MB: Of course.

CO: So, the shortfall is \$10,332 not 22

MB: Alright so we will change those I'll highlight.

TR: Where does the 14318 come from?

MB: That's the balance so the current moneys in line for the refuse collection and disposal was \$24,650

TR: I gotcha.

MB: but when you take away the \$10,332 it comes to the \$14,000

KS: No don't scroll up so we can see the whole thing yeah sorry perfect thank you.

MB: Do you need it larger?

KS: No that's fine I just want to show you I can do it OK great

TC: that's more better.

MB: So I would like a motion to accept this resolution.

TD: move Mark Donecker

TC: 2nd

MB: is there any discussion any questions?

KS: I just I notice that the \$10,332 is in the sector whereas also.

MB: yeah so, I've highlighted that we would change that.

KS: OK sorry

TC: And I guess you need to drop Karen's name?

MB: She'll be marked as absent having no further discussion all in favor to pass this resolution say aye.

All: Aye

MB: The resolution carries OK, so the second resolution is for the 2020-2021 budget to correct the tax levy. so I'm sorry let me share that I'm being taxed with my abilities today alright good yeah let's make that a little bit larger OK so in this regard is similar but for the future budget of 2020-2021 highlighting the error the amount that I do have correct in this resolution of \$10,332 and how the determination was made let me correct that basically the same thing that there is the \$10,332 shortfall and I would like to

add in there that the mayor and board of trustees feel that during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic and the anticipated economic hardship it remains in the best interest of the taxpayer to not increase the amount of taxes levied for the approved 2020-2021 budget so in this regard we would have to appropriate \$10,332 dollars Additionally from the fund balance and I would like to point out that even though we would increase that appropriation to \$41,648.76 we're still running about \$20 to \$25,000 less than fund balances that we have appropriated in the past so may I have a motion to accept this resolution?

TR: so, moved, Letty.

TD second Mark Donecker

MB: any discussion alright having no further discussion will put it to a vote all in favor say aye.

ALL: Aye

MB: all opposed, motion carries, And I do a lot of resolutions to all right so now moving on to the Verizon cell tower contracts and we're getting closer. We found out in the Verizon lease agreement and as you would have realized in reading through it Verizon will actually be paying the village a total annual rental of \$2400 to be paid in advance on the commencement date and on each anniversary of it in advance so that will be monies coming into the village and of course will help offset the \$10,332 shortfall so at this point are there any questions on the lease agreement?

KS: there's no commencement date, yet right?

TD: I think it's the date that it's signed that the agreement is signed.

KS: Did they have a commitment to as soon as it's signed they're going to put the.

MB: that's my understanding yeah OK we don't you are correct Katie in that they have not specified the start date or build date for the for that so at this point

KS: board members know I looked through it it's pretty standard contract language.

MB: Yes Katie's reviewed it all and all the board members have copies of all the documents as well so at this point I am looking for a motion to grant me the authority to sign the lease agreement with Verizon for the cell tower pole?

TR: so, move Letty.

TC: a second Crary.

MB: any discussion? all in favor aye?

All: Aye

MB: all opposed, motion carries the second one is a motion to approve and I guess I was little out of order here it motion and sorry the resolution is for the Verizon lease agreement and authorized payment so I guess we've done that but let me put the resolution up there and so this is sure screen OK so this is a little bit lengthy resolution that you were provided last week. The facilities the space the rent and then there will be another resolution for the state Environmental Quality review that will go through

KS: and I've looked at over these also

MB: so, the initial annual rent of \$22,400 with 5% increases every five years and other terms and conditions as we agree upon so now I have a another motion to pass this resolution to approve the lease rising?

TC: so, moved, Mark Crary

TD: Mark Donecker second.

MB: any discussion hearing no discussion all in favor say aye.

ALL: Aye,

MB: all opposed, I'm sorry all the post that motion carries as part of this there is a resolution for the board regarding they call it a seeker the State Environmental Quality review act making a determination of environmental significance and in this case making a negative declaration that it would have no impact so again this was provided in advance and it goes through the reasons supporting the negative declaration which is based on air water noise waste erosion drainage site disturbance effects that it will not create any adverse changes in those areas the aesthetics, culture, archaeology, history natural or cultural resource community or neighborhood character will not be impacted by the single pole vegetation fish wildlife significant habitats threatened or endangered species will not be affected nor community plans use of land or natural resources no growth subsequent development etc. will be impacted no long-term short-term cumulative or other effects critical environment area in public health and safety so I am looking for a motion to approve this resolution?

TR: so, moved Letty

TC: 2nd OK Mark Crary.

MB: any discussion I'm all in favor say Aye,

ALL: Aye

MB: all opposed say no, motion carries as part of this there is a form that you also receive a short form with all the project information that we will have a copy of in the office so the next if i get this correct there is I think it's the memorandum of lease agreement so this is a memorandum of lease agreement in effect Katie correct me if I'm wrong this is what allows the lease agreement to be filed with the County clerk?

KS: well the actual lease agreement isn't filed this is just for Verizon to have something in place at the County Clerk's office to show they have a right to the pole to be there.

MB: so, I am looking for a motion to grant me the authority to sign this on behalf of the village?

TD: so, moved, Mark Donecker.

TR: 2nd Letty.

MB: any discussion all in favor say aye.

ALL: Aye.

MB: all opposed say no all right motion carries I hope that's another good sharing so that takes us through the seeker and then there's a tax return that just requires us to provide some information about the village including the EIN number for their tax purposes.

KS: I don't know what that I need a motion for that cause it's connected to the memo all you have to do that so.

MB: OK alright so that's all taken part of that just for all the purposes that's provided OK good it looks like we'll get a cell tower so the last bit of new business is to approve the Speculator Employee Handbook again all corrections were updated and provided to you in a final draft last week the final draft includes the edits additions corrections as well as the policies in forms that are referred to within the document and then any references to come outside laws such as or guidance such as the federal Labor Standards act etc. the warehouse for commercial licenses those sorts of things are all referenced in the Handbook so are there any questions corrections final changes?

ALL: No

MB: alright so may I have a motion to approve the revised and updated Speculator Employee Handbook?

TR: certainly, Letty and with enthusiastic!

TD: 2nd Mark thirds.

MB: great so all in favor say aye.

ALL: aye,

MB: all oppose say no the Speculator Employee Handbook will be is approved and will be in effect May 12th, 2020. Congratulations. That was a big a big job

TC: thank you Mayor for taking on that job

TD: oh, you're very welcome.

MB: and thank you for all of your input and slogging through it to the end so round table does anybody have anything to put forward as far as the board roundtable? Mark Crary you want to start

TC: Nothing tonight

MB: Mark Donecker?

TD: Yeah, I'm just for the fireworks in the parade I'm just concerned that bringing people in may impact Charlie Johns who we need, and the other businesses and you know that's my greatest concern.

MB: To not bring them in?

TD: To not bring them in and I just don't want to impact any of those businesses in our population and I think it's our obligation to protect them the best we can.

MB: OK Letty?

TR: nothing

MB: OK tomorrow there is a little more good news on the horizon tomorrow the Department of Transportation will begin work on the sink holes by three drainage grates on route 30 and 8.

TR: again?

MB: well that's for this year I think it's an annual event. I think they just visit us

TR: I think they fix them so they sink just so they can come back.

MB: I think so there are three of them one is down by the entrance to Downey Ave one is by the Firehouse and one is in front of the Nelsons house Judy and Dave Nelson so those should be fixed second I'm in the process of identifying grants at the village can apply for that would support the wastewater treatment plant upgrades as they relate to the required updates in our SPDES permit and in support of our recreational economy as well as any grants that would help fund the fire tower I think so. I'll let you know about those as we get into full swing and again the Lake George Lake Champlain business development group out there is helping us with that so I am really appreciative and I think we all are appreciative of their help and then tomorrow there is a meeting with DEC, Oak Mountain and Lake Pleasant Supervisor, someone should be on mute, OK so tomorrow we're meeting with DEC, Oak Mountain and the Lake Pleasant Supervisor to discuss the recreational management plan for the area specific to Brister Brook and looking at creating developing and maintaining multi use family friendly paths for biking, hiking, cross-country and snowshoe so this had been done a number of years ago and gone by the wayside in a bit as well as lime, timber logging in those areas unbeknownst to the groups that were maintaining it so hopefully they will be able to have that recreational management plan as many of other towns and counties have that will help protect those areas in the investments that we make so more to come on that we've got a great bunch of volunteers very excited to put into that and the Brister Brook would join Brister Brook is east of 30 across from Melody it's right in that area so Brister Brook is off to the right and then Brister Brook would connect with Oak Mountain trails which is why Oak mountain is part of the discussion initially and then those trails would also connect with the tree farm the Speculator Tree Farm in the back so it would really create a great opportunity and I don't want to call it a labyrinth but a labyrinth of multi-use family friendly trails so I think that that would be a great draw for our recreational economy in Speculator.

TR: Jeanette is there any additional information on the sign that the fire Department wants to put up on the building?

MB: no at this point they are just applying for the grant alright but Wayne Am I saying the right name? no sorry I knew a Wayne.

GW: Wayne's not here its Glen.

MB: so we were just asking about the grant that Ryan is writing for a potential LED sign up for the Fire Department now I know you know what is the percentage of acceptance we're not really sure but if you had any additional details on any of the specs that you're looking at or thoughts behind it.

GW: right Ryan has submitted the application it is actually the second time that we've submitted an application for a sign in the site isn't for advertising for the fire Department it is for public safety it will put out things like the red flag warnings and the fire has troops and we be also with the missing children and for safety and in some of the advertising for recreational things happening in the in the village and that's kind of what we're looking at it is more of a community thing. I said that is a fire Department thing you know we're just trying to promote the village so it's not just for the Fire Department

MB: and there would be opportunities to dim it you know in the middle of the night or so there was a little feedback from the last time that there are no direct neighbors across the Fire Department but there may be people impacted by the light pollution problem, just something to think about.

GW: it's not going to be a flashing sign it's just it may scroll and it's been basically really depends on how much they allow us to have so it'll be more along the lines of a sign that just will scroll maybe red lettering and say you know fire danger is at this level right something.

TR: like the library?

GW: has a very similar to the library

MB: Yes, so it's like the library not the sign down by Wells?

GW: it is not it would be wonderful if we could have a sign like the one down in Wells but I don't believe that that is what is going to end up happening it's going to be more of a smaller sign.

TR: OK we don't want to look like Las Vegas.

GW: No that's not our intention we don't want to look like Las Vegas.

MB: You will never have a cactus Letty. alright so I'll open it up to public comment thank you Donna and Rachelle for the work that you're doing with our businesses and looking towards our economy it's going to be a long haul. alright having no further public comments we will

TR: Make a motion we adjourn it will be

TC: Seconded by Mark Crary

MB: So, meeting is adjourned thank you very much our next meeting will be May 25th probably still by zoom depending on

CO: the 26th

MB: 26 my bad yeah, the 25th is Monday but it's Memorial Day so my bad already alright so thank you for your good work alright stay safe thank you.