

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING RECORDING TRANSCRIPTION 07/27/20

MB - Mayor Barret; TC – Trustee Crary; TD – Trustee Donecker; TM – Trustee McComb; TR – Trustee Rudes; CO – Crystal O’Brien; RB – Roger Blanchard

MB: Let’s stand for the pledge of allegiance.

All: 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: I'd like to call this meeting to order and I would like to ask for a motion to accept the regular minutes on the 13th of July.

TC: So moved.

MB: Letty’s coming in. Second?

TM: I’ll second it.

MB: So, are there any comments, questions or corrections to the meeting minutes? Hearing none so all in favor say, aye

ALL: Aye

MB: All opposed? Roger, you're up for your monthly update.

RB: Last 30 day's activity that we've been picking up and chipping limbs along the roads from all the storms we’ve had, cleaning roadside ditches when we get chance, mow and trim grass, shoulder work, we set up the beach, garbage and recycle of course, we’re working on Black Bear Run or Black Bear Road, getting ready for paving.

MB: I think it’s Black Bear Run.

RB: Getting and hauling item four for that purpose and for fixing the covert on Marion when the time comes, also checking and raking the dirt section on Elm Lake Road when we get a chance and we always fix the potholes when we get a chance. This month we’re going to start working on the sidewalk for paving, mow and trim grass, parks and roadside edges when we have time and shoulder work, garbage and recycles and replacing a covert on Elm Lake Road in front of Dennis Brooks residence.

MB: You’re doing what with the covert?

RB: Replacing it. It’s been caving in. There’s a little dip there.

MB: The one that we were seeing before?

RB: Yes, the one with the hole was.

MB: Yes. Oh, so that needs to be replaced.

RB: We’ve tried filling it in a couple of times but, obviously there is a hole in that so we’re going to replace that. We’re going to try to do that Wednesday.

MB: And that’s going to be where the covert was missing?

RB: Yes.

MB: Then I think that we need to go back for FEMA and because that's when it started was after FEMA with the undermining.

RB: Well, I don't know if it is from that I mean it probably was but it was started after the fact so I didn't know how that would work.

MB: Well, I think we need to contact them.

RB: OK

MB: Because we had mentioned it in the first report, and you know had filled things in in that area and I think it's in one of the areas that we had filled in originally.

RB: Right.

MB: And then it's appeared in the last six months or so.

RB: OK we're working on Black Bear Run to get ready for paving. I think I already said that didn't I? OK working on the dirt section on Elm Lake Road, haul in item four and preparing to pave the sidewalks. Sixty days: roadside ditching, of course playground work and hoping to have Ryan and Wayne put the chips in round playground under the one tall thing and under the one tall slide **because higher than five foot. If it's taller than five foot I thought they'd been hired by people outside** shoulder work, dirt section of Elm Lake Road, we'll be hauling our sand for winter, garbage and recycles, mow and trim grass, clean ditches and cut handing brush. CHIPS: pave Black Bear Run, haul in item 4, order stock culverts, look into specs for new pickup, pave sidewalk and dump truck is probably here in July. He called me today is showing up tomorrow.

MB: Oh, nice.

RB: I forget what morning it was last Monday, maybe? One of our bear cans was missing. We thought a bear drug it away but we looked all over was one by the Frosties so that would be by the Lemon Tree and behind Frosties, across the road and down some of those driveways and finally came to the conclusion that maybe somebody swiped it, but then as I'm driving around looking for it and Kevin Smith comes out and says it's behind his house. He did not get in it. The bag was bit over the edge of it. He pulled the liner out, but all the garbage stayed in the can. He didn't get the garbage. I probably looked for a couple hours before Kevin came out. No bear drug it that far, somebody obviously took it, so that's what we were thinking. I waited until about 9:00 o'clock call Mark and tell him that one of his cans went missing but, we found it!

MB: Wow that's great. That's great.

RB: That's all I have.

MB: Yeah so, I think one thing, we are only doing Black Bear Run for paving this year.

RB: This year. Because we have a lot of work to do on Elm Lake Road and I wanted to from the Village garage down on Elm Lake Road but there is a lot of covert work and stuff and without summer guys and all that. Hopefully that's on the agenda next year.

MB: OK, so maybe tomorrow afternoon, I've got a meeting tomorrow morning, but maybe tomorrow afternoon we can discuss the covert and see whether that's something that can be opened up again with FEMA or not or whether that's all the way closed. And I know, Roger, you were getting, you're looking into permits to correct the silt situation.

RB: **I will give money to another qualifier without the ability to be honest and I hadn't heard back from him. I'll give him a call.**

MB: So, things towards the lakeside when the covert was put in a lot of silt and dirt has come down and filled in a lot of the river and it's just changed things a little. It's gotten to the point that there's a pretty big berm in the lake because of all the silt that's gone down there so we can kind of see if we can still attribute it with some of the FEMA because it was exacerbated with the storms as well.

RB: I also have seen your email and I've gotten everything written down what I think we're going to need for Marion Ave I just have to figure out the amounts of the soil.

MB: OK and I'll go through that in the FEMA section. Does anyone have any questions or comments for Roger?

TD: Roger, did you get up the sign at the dock? That sign back up.

RB: Paul put it back up. Is it down again?

TD: Yes.

RB: Is it really?

TD: Yes. Did you get it back installed?

RB: Yes. But maybe it's down again.

TD: When I drive past, I couldn't see it. I'll stop tomorrow. On your way home there is to jeep parked down by the water, on the park, maybe you could just come by and see who that is?

RB: There's what?

TD: A jeep car parked in the park down by the water. I don't know who it is maybe just swing by and get them off there if their still there.

RB: Yes, and I'll check make sure that sign is up. I know we put it back up it may have come back down.

MB: Say that again?

RB: I said I'll check. We did put it back up and it's windy down there so it may have come back down.

MB: If there is a person, there's no cars in the park. I mean people don't drive in the park.

RB: No. There is a sign that says no vehicles are supposed to be down there so.

MB: Even if you get a plate, not that you should confront them. Roger, I will say since we have been talking about making sure that point is done on Wednesdays for Wednesdays concerts in the ball field and everything or for Thursday the Thursday Farmer's Market, we've gotten a lot of compliments on how good the village looks.

RB: It made a big difference getting the extra guy. He's done a lot of mowing and stuff.

MB: And painting.

RB: I actually told Paul last week not to mow that because it was starting to turn brown. That's why we didn't mow it before the things, but I'll make sure that it gets done this week. The little yellow Flowers are sticking up, but the grass is pretty brown. We need some rain. I'll make sure it stays that way.

MB: For those of you on screen the Village Hall, this main room, has all been painted so the ceilings in the walls and the blue tape is down. It looks great. Do we need to contact the **Incarna Valley DOT** for the sidewalk?

RB: I will because I already talked to Charlie King and he wants to do it mid to late August. He said he would give me a couple week's notice but we'll probably start taking it out.

MB: Charlie is going to give the rocks and stuff? What are we doing Charlie King with?

RB: He would be doing the paving.

MB: DOT does the paving.

RB: They do their part. They do the shoulder. We do the sidewalks.

MB: Sorry. You're right, you're right. Perfect. Just to let everybody know the sequence of events.

RB: We're going to start working on it like I said, early next month and hopefully get that paved.

MB: And you'll coordinate with Ed as far as the water and sewer lines and because I think there are a few in this section.

RB: We will do that.

MB: Thank you and congratulations on your truck.

RB: Hopefully it will look good when it finally comes. Nothing wrong! Thank you!

MD: Thank you, Roger.

MB: Crystal O'Brien, Clerk-Treasurer.

CO: Alright, the AUD report still has a few more edit that needs to be fixed. I haven't been able to work on that yet, but I'm contacted Leslie from the OSC, she's the lady that helped us out last year with it and Claire's has been giving me a hand. The deadline is this Friday and I'll be sending out the AUD report to the board as soon as it's filed. My goal is early this week, like tomorrow or Wednesday. I've been working very hard on that.

MB: The board is required to review that, you know, after it's submitted, we will have a sign-off sheet with that.

CO: Correct. Last week Bob invited me to a meeting at the town offices for a demo on the Williamson building code software. It's the same company as a software that we have for accounting and payroll, water sewer and taxes. He was looking at it for building codes. They do a building code software. The software was very inclusive, easy to use, has great possibilities for Bob and I to both be able to view and edit things inside it at the same time and in real time. So, if he made an edit on it, I would see it right away. The town is also looking at it as well, so we kind of would be working on or they've been giving us a proposal that we would each have our own software. One for the village, one for the town but the price would be kind of like a joint price with kind of a reduction because we're buying two together. Not for this year, he is looking to possibly do it and get all this ready for budget season for next year. It would be great because it really has a lot of possibilities. He could do things on the road; he could incorporate the history of each property as well as many files and pictures. It really has a number of things with it as far as property file and information goes.

MB: I think it's important to point out the ability to keep track of all these things over the years because if you go into Bob's office it is jammed full of all sorts of plans and files and things.

CO: Not only for just Bob but for anybody coming after him it would be easy for somebody to jump into the position to be able to look up what happened at a property. We would have everything and be able to open the property and be able to see all the attachments in all the history and the pictures from the previous permits.

MB: And there is a situation that arose within the last two weeks that required Bob to compile a full file folder that's been going on for several years.

CO: It would have been very helpful to have but he had to obviously do it all by hand. Also moving on Pleasant Pines Cottages, I sent you guys all a letter. They had a leak that they suspect has been happening for the past three quarters. If you weren't -able to read it, I can read it now, but he is asking for forgiveness on the past three quarters on water usage for what his overage would be. I did look back and see that his normal average even in peak season was about it was about 10-to-20,000-gallon usage and that peak season and I believe he had about 24 to 26 thousand with the leak. He also mentioned something in here about it about a restrictor valve needed and is asking for compensation for that repair cost as well, but I did speak with Lenny who went and checked the property then also called Ed for confirmation and the restrictor valve would not be our responsibility it would be the responsibility of the owner. I don't know what any of your suggestions are, but it really is a board decision on whether we forgive that overage or not.

TM: I don't know maybe it's me, but the audio isn't quite as good tonight as it normally is. I don't know if your position is different but for what I think I heard Crystal say he was asking forgiveness for 3 quarters.

CO: Yes, so he was asking forgiveness for the three quarters.

TM: For three?

CO: Yes, for three would have been from October through April of this year.

TM: And he just noticed that there was something wrong?

CO: I can't determine that, whether he.

TD: We own up to the curb stop. Everything on their property belongs to them. He indicates that maybe the village installed that regulator. We don't know that and then he had renters in there over that whole period and he also had CL go in there to work on his property so to me he shouldn't get forgiveness and he also said if we installed the regulator, he wants us to pay for his work. It's all on his property. I don't see any forgiveness whatsoever. It's not our line.

TM: I think Mark makes very good point.

MB: Did he shut the water off to those homes.

CO: Not to my knowledge. He has had usage throughout the winter.

TM: I missed what property you're talking about but that's irrelevant. I think that the point that Mark made was very good.

TD: Pine Lakes? Right? The rental properties he owns.

CO: He did have that pipe that did brake but whether the usage was caused by that or how.

TD: Don't know.

TM: Maybe people just use a lot of water.

MB: I'm sorry when was the leak identified and fixed?

CO: Not until July of this year. So, this month. Or June.

MB: That's an awful long time to ignore. From what I understand past situations dictates or the precedent has been set, that one time, so the most that I would say OK you have forgiveness, is one of those one bills, but you want nine months.

TC: That's his fault. If he is looking at his invoices every three months, that's his problem.

Again, the piping that ruptured is on his property. Someone who went from the curb stop to that to those buildings put that in for a reason. I have no idea why, but it certainly wasn't the Village. Normally those regulators are in the basement, after the line comes in, not buried in the ground.

MB: Restrictor valve? Is that the same thing?

TD: Yes, it is a regulator, restrictor valve. It lowers the water pressure to the houses from whatever the main, you know, if it's 100 PSI, because they did increase the pressure over years ago because I had to have my water line replaced, was good for 80 PSI and then when they increased the pressure the line broke and I had to go to 100 PSI. But as soon as the line broke, I called the Water Department and let them know and then Vogel came in within a couple of days and fixed it. The water should have been coming up in his yard.

MB: Oh really? It would have come up with a yard for nine months.

TD: He should have seen water in his yard.

CO: So, he sent a picture and on the second page with there being like a water, I can't tell if that's from them digging it up or whether that was before they dug it up.

MD: I have no idea.

CO: That would have been in, I think it was July. Yes, July, so it was this month that the leak was repaired.

MB: So, I would put into him that that there's only one-time forgiveness and if he wants to take it on one of these months.

TR: He had plenty of time after the first reading that he discovered that he had a problem.

MB: Yes, I wouldn't forgive the others.

TR: We can only give him credit the for the one.

MC: Was the village notified that there was work being done recently?

MB: Say it again?

MC: Was the village notified there was a potential problem and work was being done?

CO: Not to my knowledge.

TD: It's on private property so they, you know, Ed really doesn't have to be notified and we only own up to the curb stops. Technically, Ed said you could shut off the second curb stop. You can shut it off, turn it on at your second curb stop and again that's what we, went over the water regulations we made sure of that they can't touch ours and they have complete control of their stuff on their own property because we don't know it.

CO: Yes, this this gentleman didn't contact me until I think it was Thursday of last week. He was asking about if there was a way to get a credit or something and I said well, you really have to bring it up to the board. We do have a one-time forgiveness thing but that a board decision.

MB: So, I would propose that we forgive him one month if this is what he, I mean one quarter but not all three.

TM: I agree.

MB: Alright, so, I may I have a motion to offer him a one-time forgiveness on the first quarter?

TR: So, moved.

MB: On the first quarter.

TM: I'll second that.

MB: Any further discussion?

TD: I vote no.

MB: All in favor say "aye".

TR, TC, TM: Aye

MB: Opposed say "no".

TD: No.

MB: The motion passes.

CO: Ok, last couple of little things. The water sewer billing does go out at the end of this week. We are trying to get it out on the 31st. The mail has been very slow lately during this whole COVID shut down and everything was hoping if it went out on the 31st it will give people ample time to receive it in the mail and to send their payments in. It is the 2nd to last year for the increase on the water and sewer base rates. That brings the water base rate to \$88.00 per quarter and the sewer to \$107 per quarter up from \$85 and \$102.

MB: Which is still lower than the New York state average.

CO: Correct. So, this billing period will start that new rate. The quarterly reporting for the IRS **and NYS and FERMA has all been sent.**

MB: Any questions for Crystal? And we've hired Tracy and is everything working out so far?

CO: Yes, she's doing a great job.

MB: Good. Welcome, Tracy. I would like to have a motion to approve the financial report #12. I believe everyone got to read that and sign it.

TD: I'll make a motion.

MB: Second?

TC: Second.

MB: Mark Crary. All in favor say "aye".

All: Aye

MB: Opposed? Motion carries. Then a motion to approve abstract number #3?

TR: So moved.

MB: And 2nd?

MD: Second.

MB: Oh, that was financial report. I think I did it backwards.

CO: I think that was abstract #4.

MB: OK, is it ok if you moved for abstract number #4? Is there a 2nd?

MD: Mark did.

MB: All in favor say "aye"

All: Aye

MB: All opposed? Motion carried.

MD: Letty, is that a mute mask?

TM: She'll wear it forever.

MB: Hey, it matches her outfit. So, let's cruise through old business. COVID updates the Hamilton County public health received notice over this past week with over 200 travelers visiting, at least by air, to Hamilton County from states that require a quarantine. That number of states is up to 31 and I can provide that list for you. So, all travelers coming in from those states have to complete a traveler health form and they're also encouraged to fill out that same traveler health form if you're coming by car or if you're coming by train. Very few are filling it out if coming in by car. So, in the past week we've had two additional cases both cases have resulted in limited community exposure. They have not said where in the County that has happened, but they've been able to quarantine and keep things combined which is great and they're doing the testing. We have over 1100 people that have been tested since this began and it met the requirements of monthly testing. Next is, we have received additional hand sanitizer, 12 gallons and are in the office. I sent an email out to do the business. A lot of them have come in if you know, like TWIGS. If you need some, come and take, or if you know businesses that still require. It does come out fast so if you mix it with aloe it slows it down. COVID complaints, this is something that's been coming up a little more frequently in our area. If you're not aware, New York State Department of Health has opened a complaint system where people can complain anonymously. I believe that if you're going to complain put your name on it but, that's not the case. So, what happens is when a complaint comes in the County in which it's lodged, the County Supervisor gets contacted, they contact the town and, in our case, they would contact the village. Now, we have no enforcement authority to do that. I mean, the only way we could enforce is to call the Sheriff, but what they're asking is in some cases they're asking the code enforcer to go and talk to people and I really don't believe that that's their job to enforce public health laws. The other thing is for the mayor or a designee to go and talk to the person one on one. Again, you can't be forced but to share, "Listen, there's

been a complaint, this is what it concerns...”, you could make observations on what you find as the observer. What I find disheartening is that we've had complaints in the Village, I have observed, I went and spoke with the proprietor and it seems unfounded. I wrote something to that effect sent it back to Hamilton County supervisor Farber as well as the Department of Health and I said, “Does this go back and tag to the complaint?”, and it doesn't. So, I've been told that we have to keep the complaints and the follow up that we do, in a file for up to a year. The thing that makes it so critical is if a business gets two to three complaints, I thought it was two, you automatically get fined \$1000. If you get another complaint, you get fined \$2000. If you get a complaint that it is tied with COVID outbreak that could be traced their establishment, they get shut down for three weeks and fined \$10,000. So, I think it behooves us to do our best to protect our businesses and support them. So, I just wanted to throw that out there.

TR: I just have one question. I mean, operating the TWIGS, if somebody is diagnosed and test positive, are they required to inform the Health Department and the establishments that they visited.

MB: Yes

LR: And that establishment will provide that list?

MB: Yes, that's the way it has to be going.

LR: We have all these names and addresses in order to follow up and I was just wondering if you were going to.

MB: Letty, if I were TWIGS I would have a rolling record for 14 days because that's all the distance that they are going back, but, yes, they would say, OK I've come down with COVID and I was at the TWIGS on Friday between 2:00 and 4:00. So, they would go to you and say, “Do you know anyone who was in TWIGS between 2:00 and 4:00 or make a public notice. I just saw in Utica, there were like 8 places in Utica and they listed times and dates where someone who had the virus was there that the time had to line up. The other thing that we're being asked to do is really encourage people to wear the mask in public, wash hands, keep social distance because what they're hearing now is that people are getting, rebellious is not the right word, but people want to get together. Young people want to have parties. You know, they want to do something before it's off for college. This past week there was a party somewhere in the Adirondacks. There were about upwards of 200 young people who came to this party, no masks, and had rented a U-Haul box truck and box kids into the woods to have this party. At least one young lady was diagnosed as positive and she knew it when she went. She told these people and who knows how many other people and so as a result, just flat up, they have canceled the football and soccer programs, or at least significantly delayed it, because there were numbers of football and soccer teams and, you know, that get shut down because you've been exposed, and you have to quarantine. They've been having more trouble to the west of us in Old Forge and Inlet. Though they've had more trouble enforcing but I think that if we set the tone and be a good example and encourage people to do the right thing. No one wants to wear a mask. No one wants to keep this going on any longer but with the constant influx of people that we're getting up here, we need to make sure we take the high road. But people are getting really stressed. I heard of it in the a town south of us, a little ways south, there were people from the New York area, metro area, come into a hardware store and a local farmer had come into the hardware store without his mask because he had a medical condition and the

visitors started screaming and flipping out at the farmer and then they were flipping out at the owner and evidently according to the Department of Health you cannot make someone leave your establishment if they have a medical condition and not wearing a mask you cannot ask them what their medical condition is but they can sue you if you ask them to leave.

Meanwhile, the visitors can report you anonymously through the Department of Health and you would get fined if there's two or more complaints coming in. So, our businesses we really want to protect them because they can be in a rock and a hard place when some really nasty people come together. I just want to put that out because it that really disturbs me.

TM: The question of anonymity is what disturbs me because if someone has some vendetta against a business owner in some way shape or manner and puts one of these complaints forward, which may or may not have any merit, and they're not willing to put their name to it and it's taken as an affront for this business it's just does not seem right.

MB: Yes, so I think it's important for us to document and keep good documents and make sure that we keep communication with our business owners who are trying to do the right thing.

Now, let's talk about FEMA Halloween. Good news is FEMA has obligated the first of our projects for funding and that's for debris removal. So, debris removal cost the village \$3800 more or less and we will be getting 75% of that back. Sadly, New York State has not confirmed that they will be contributing 12 1/2%. So that's still up for question. We are moving on to Marion Ave and the covert, as Roger had explained, it will not only be the repairs to the covert they will also be updating them for prevention and future storms. So that would be covered as well, which is great. We're also collecting final data on how much it would cost to do the mitigation plan and the water line with the engineers here this week take those measurements and then Pump Station 2, that is off kilter. Though soon as those go in, we'll be moving further and I understand, if I understood correctly, we're the first one in Hamilton County too go through one of the projects that have been submitted and obligated. Verizon small cell, they're still waiting to secure tribal review and approval they are still committed to improving our service. They applied for an APA waiver for Oak Mountain that was either under review or has been approved for that, which is terrific. There's our tower there a few other things with the County and the town to get that moving. They're also progressing to get everything ready to go for the permits. So, we are gathering all that information. The fire tower, we finally received paid back from DEC for the initial down payment in \$5000 back unless funds were taken initially from Parks and Recreation and they will go back into the unappropriated fund balance for 2019- 20. Invoices for the quarterly grant management costs and the remainder of the tower payment have been submitted to DEC, though if you recall we were going to, the down payment is the cost of the tower, and then everything else comes afterwards. We have that in line with the DEC and DEC has put grants on hold. Actually, New York State has put every grant on hold. Even doctors in New York State rural borders, there are holding people to contracts and not paying anything out. I think it puts everyone in a very difficult position. So, as you know it's \$25,000 down on a \$70,000 tower. We did get the grant from the Adirondack Foundation for \$10,000 and I would like to propose that we take that \$10,000 and put it towards the down payment of the tower because they've been incredibly patient with us. Any comments? Questions? I guess I would make a motion to pay Mr. Vilegi additional \$10,000 for the grant that just came in.

TD: I agree with that.

MB: May have a second?

TM: I'll 2nd.

MB: Any discussion? Okay. I'm hearing none. All in favor say, aye.

All: Aye.

MB: All apposed? Alright motion carries. With your approval, Crystal can put that into our current abstract and we can have that check sent out to him tomorrow.

TD: No problem.

TC: That's fine.

MB: Perfect, and then we keep waiting for DEC funds. Alright so crystal has gone off to get the bids that we have received for the surplus ladder truck and the funds from the surplus ladder truck will go towards the payment of the new truck. We've received two bids that we would like to open. This is two more than we got the last time. The first bid is from a fellow in Marion, SC and he has put in a bid for \$3,513.00 for the Mack ladder truck and the other bid is from Patrick Shupe, from Lewistown, PA and he would like to offer \$3,500.00 for the Mack truck. So, the difference in bids is \$13.00.

TD: You have to accept the highest bid, by \$13.00.

MB: All in favor of accepting the bid from Robert Squicciarini Sr. from Marion SC, then we have a motion to accept his bid of \$3,513.

TR: So moved.

MB: Letty. Second?

TD: Mark.

MB: Mark Donecker. All in favor say "aye".

All: Aye.

MB: Opposed? We have sold our fire truck.

TR: We don't have to deliver it do we?

MB: I hope not. Unless you want to, Letty. Road trip?

TR: No

MB: This week there was the matter that came up about the PA system, whether it was the Village's or the parade committee's because it came through the parade committee. We can clear up matters, on March 26th the matter for purchasing of public announcement system was brought to the board by Karen on behalf of the parade committee.

TM: I remember that.

MB: There was discussion at that time it was suggested that perhaps the purchase could be made by the village so that more people would be able to access it. No decision was given. Fast forward, it appears that there was never a formal vote by the board to purchase the equipment but in June it had been purchased and used for the parade.

TM: I think the initial intent when we had a good amount of money in the petty cash at that time, we thought that would be a good way to use it to have a PA system to be used at the liquor store and then down at the ball field and then have it available for anybody in the community to use it but the parade committee couldn't purchase anything per say because they don't have a checking account, so it was going to go through the Village and I remember asking whether maybe the Village would be kind enough to pay for it, which, I think that they did by way of the voucher through the parks and rec but I think what we had intended was for the parade committee to offer that money to the Village out of our parade account because we

had that parade account going with the village. I was keeping track of that and I had never seen where that, or paid attention to the fact that, there was no money deducted from our parade account to pay for that PA system and then just said, "Oh great, we've got a PA system", because I don't remember the board ever approving that purchase.

MB: So, on March 28th, 2016 is when it was first brought up and there's no mention of the parade committee reimbursing the Village.

TM: No, I think that was the intent that that money was to come out of that money that I would give to the Village to go into the parade account, but it was never deducted from there as a reimbursement for the PA system. So, the village paid for, and I don't really think it matters who owns it, I think the whole point is that we, "we", the community, has a PA system for any responsible organization or individual to use. I mean that's the bottom line. I mean it made the parade committee look better because we didn't get that money deducted out of our account, which is fine. I think the whole point at this point in time is that we have a PA system or any responsible organization or person to use.

MB: Right so to that end, I think Crystal had sent it around, a proposed,

MD: I don't see anything. What was the cost and who actually bought it?

TM: Well, the Village had to pay for it because the parade committee couldn't pay for anything. All our purchases went through the Village.

TD: It was just bought in June.

TM: No, years ago, about three or four years ago it was purchased.

TR: 2015

MB: 2016

TM: 2016, yes, four years ago.

MB: So, the total cost, we bought it from Ozark's Audio for \$1,500.00. One thousand five hundred dollars.

TM: Yes.

MB: Two speakers with Bluetooth, wireless belt pack transmitter with a microphone and then it also came with some additional equipment or hard-wired microphone and things like that.

TM: And that very nicely was donated by a friend of yours, Jeanette. At that time, it really worked out well because you had that connection and he or she, I think it's he, gladly donated some of these accessory pieces that went with it as well, which kept the cost down, so we really got a lot for that about the money.

MB: Very nice system that has been in the past at the parade, I think it's been used once or twice.

TR: Then they use it afterwards.

MB: Yes.

TD: I'm missing the point. If it's paid for out of a budget years ago or, what am I missing?

MB: I'm sorry, Mark, it was paid four years ago at the Village budget and is the Village equipment. The question came up this week, can someone borrow the equipment? So that comes to, do we have a policy of who we lend it to. Can, you know, Letty has a barbecue bash and want the sound system, is she able to come in and borrow it.

TR: I think if you are a taxpayer.

MB: So, in speaking with other Villages, as well as Katie, it's been suggested much like we use the pavilion that there's a form to fill out and so I just got it back this afternoon and I'm sorry I

didn't send it. It basically says...the Village of Speculator is lending, to who that representative is, represented by, what the organization is, to use the use of its PA system from this date to this date, so all those things are filled in. The equipment being borrowed consists of the following components...because not everybody will borrow everything. There's a wireless microphone wired microphone speakers, up to two, power cord, microphone holder...you know, whatever it is, and that could be checked. Then I, the responsible person, assume all responsibility for the equipment and will return it to the Village of Speculator in full working order. I/we further expressly certify that I/we will be responsible for any damages or loss of equipment occurring as a result of my, and or my organization's use of the equipment. So, there's a signature line, who the organization is, what's the contact information so we can find them again, and then it would be approved by the Village Clerk-Treasure. The discussion that Crystal and I have had, as well as Katie, is that there's a precedent for having a nominal deposit for use of Village equipment. We have it for the pavilion, we have it for the point, so why wouldn't we also have it for the public address system to the point that you would give a check and we can decide on an amount. The check would be held while you use the PA system. You come back; you get your check back.

TR: Would it have to be tested upon return?

MB: Yes. When the equipment is returned will have a little thing, was a return in good working order, yes or no, if no, what's the remedy. Did they lose a microphone, did they break a mic, did they hurt a speaker, and then there would be a return signature from the borrower saying that they returned it and from the village clerk saying that it was received.

TD: I don't have a problem with her I think should be at least \$250 deposit to cover any repairs or lost items. Once they return it and it doesn't work or something is the matter with it, you're not going to see any money.

MB: I think it should be a little bit more than renting out the pavilion and it is a deposit with a return we're not out any money if it comes back fine.

TC: Two questions, who has physical custody of the equipment?

MB: We do, it is in the back room.

TC: OK and the second question, does that equipment appear on a list of assets that the Village owns?

MB: We do have a list of assets that's in progress and it should be captured as an item. We'll make sure. I guess we should make motion to have a use of Village public address system form. May I have a motion for that.

TC: So, moved.

TD: Second that.

MB: Mark and Mark, so as far as discussion goes is everyone good with \$250 for deposit or a different amount?

TC: The approximate cost of the equipment would be?

MB: It is around \$1500 but that was 4 years ago so I'm assuming it could easily be \$2000-3000.

TD: I think \$250. I mean if you have to make a repair it could easily be \$250.

MB: Then as far as who would be able to borrow it.

TD: I would think it would be an organization, not singular people, but in organization or business in the village. I don't see lending out to everybody who asks.

TC: Like a house party.

TD: Yes, a house party, it's going to get wrecked.

MB: So, organizations, 501-C3's, would you lend it to TWIGS?

TD: Sure. As long as they put a \$250 deposit in.

MB: I think if we did that, you know, Speculator, Lake Pleasant, towns, organizations, 501-C3's, businesses I think that would be okay.

TD: You could go as far as Piseco, any local town organization. To me that would be fine.

MB: If it gets far beyond then then we can bring it up for a board decision. So, all in favor of having a public address system with a lending form for Village businesses, Village organizations, Town businesses, Town organizations with a \$250 refundable deposit provided that the equipment comes back in good working order say "Aye".

All: Aye

MB: All opposed? Motion carries. It is a lovely speaker system I have to say. You can go up to 250 feet, I think 250 feet, away from the speaker with your wireless mic, which is pretty good.

TM: Yes, it works well.

MB: We now have a new FEMA, so we have the Halloween FEMA, and now we're applying for COVID FEMA. COVID FEMA **applies** to state of emergency being declared in New York State and that you can apply as municipality for help, emergency help, with different costs. There's \$3000 threshold in order to be able to apply. It covers costs such as our Plexiglass barrier, barrier's, physical barriers, like the barriers we have that we purchased in house, any PPE that we have purchased, any additional personnel that have been required, like our beach monitor. So, one of the reasons why we kept Mason on is that we needed a beach monitor on the busy days. So, his salary could be deducted and there are a few other types of things. Zoom meetings, extra Zoom meetings, any of the COVID signs that have been purchased, the extra moneys we have had to pay for posting additional COVID information on our website, all those kinds of things will be captured under those emergency reimbursements. Crystal and I calculated that we're over the \$3000 so I did put in a request for public assistance on the 17 and there's the kickoff meeting this Wednesday to go through that. NYCOM actually very fortuitously has a meeting a webinar earlier in the day to help you understand what kind of strategies and what sorts of things are applicable because sometimes those, I'm finding out, some of those kickoff meetings with FEMA are very intense and very information heavy. It's kind of hard to wade through all those. So that's FEMA COVID-19. Does anyone else have new business?

TD: Just a question on the surpluses and where they've been distributed from last year's budget. If there were any surpluses from last year's budget and where they are in capital reserves. Has that decision been made yet?

CO: We haven't made that decision yet. Capital reserves we will start when we decide how much money, well I have numbers I just want to make sure that everything...

TD: So, by September we should know where it's going.

CO: I have been focused on the AUD.

TD: That's fine. That's what I'm saying, September.

MB: Yes, so we should be able to do that. Karen?

TM: I had two things. One of them comes from a town resident, because I don't like to say somebody mentioned it to me, so Elaine Patrino certainly is the one who mentioned it to me, and I told her I would bring it up to the meeting tonight. She was concerned about the

condition of the goose poop on the beach as to whether or not that's cleaned up on a regular basis. Apparently, she thought it was not in very good shape or being cleaned up and I told her I really didn't know how, when, or where that was taken care of, so I would ask tonight.

TR: Is that the public beach, Karen?

TM: Yes, and I can't say to that because I don't go to this public beach, so I don't monitor it, but apparently Elaine said it was really not pleasant at all. Do the lifeguards rake that every day and the grass area? I told her I would bring it up and ask about that.

CO: Part of the lifeguard's morning duties are to rake the beach and the surrounding area and to clean up anything that needs to be cleaned up in the beach and grass area. I do remember they told me that the geese have been really bad this year. The geese and the ducks they've been there and they have had a much larger flock than last year. I mean I haven't had anybody really complain.

TR: I've had family members down there and they haven't said anything.

TM: OK

CO: It is part of their duties to clean up after and rake any duck or goose poop on the beach.

TM: Ok, so it is, OK that is part of something that the lifeguards are supposed to do. That's fine, I told her I would ask the question and I did. Secondly, what is the status of the webcam that was to be installed on the fire hall and the camera system that they talked about that one of them were going to lead towards the entrance to the pathway and take in that whole area, when that camera was to have been installed on the fire hall? Have you ever heard anything about that?

MB: I'm going to Crystal address this.

CO: So, they did have them installed but they've been having issues with having them connect through, like connect to the computers and the webcam and stuff like that. Then there was an issue with, I don't know if it was weather or what not, but it up one of them froze or something along those lines and got moisture in it and it no longer works. They have been, well, Sean and I have asked a couple of times and Matt and they've been in discussion with John Swift, who helped them install them, periodically and he has said that he would work on getting them fixed. That was before COVID shut down and everything I think it was back in March when we last talked about it. I can approach the subject with them again.

TM: Both of those items, the webcam and the camera, are still on the radar to be done?

CO: Last time we talked about it, well last time I spoke with Sean and John Swift about it, was back in March and he had said that he would be able to help to fix the problem with the webcam and the cameras but then everything shut down with COVID and then we didn't talk about it after that.

TM: OK so it's still a work in progress then.

CO: Yes, I can talk to them again.

TR: It's probably similar to what we have set up over at for Route 66.

TM: I think I think Roger took a look at that. Roger was going to check on that camera system.

TR: I haven't been able to find anybody that knows too much about it. You know Pharrell used to take care of it fairly regularly when he was with the Village, so I don't know what the status is.

TM: I think that with this one that's being hooked up at the fire hall one of its focus is like if you look from the Firehouse down towards the entrance to the pathway might very well take in one

portion of that Route 66. So, if there were any damage done some evening or someday down in that area this camera might be able to pick up part of, I don't think it'll go far enough over to the right of the beginning of Route 66 but as you look at that angle to the entrance of the pathway you do get that corner that back corner at least of Route 66, and you see who's been around there.

TR: I'll have to see if he's looked at it.

MB: So, Letty, it was working and now it's not working?

TR: I don't know what the status is.

MB: Where does the feed go into?

TR: Into the country store.

MB: Where does the camera feed into?

TR: I don't know. I don't seem to be able to find anybody that knows too much about it. Like I said, Ferrell took care of it and it was always working as long as he was around.

TM: I know, I know. OK all right those were my two things I had to mention.

MB: Mark Crary, you have anything?

TC: Not tonight.

MB: Letty? No? Ok, so we did receive a \$25 donation to the Village and the donor noted that they were very impressed by the Village fireworks this year and wanted to give a small token of their appreciation. So, I did write them a thank you note. Wastewater treatment plant sampling, if you'll recall, Department of Health covers a billing of some of these unique samples and so this year they said in the beginning of the year, yes, we're paying. Last week when, at last meeting, when Ed was here, they said, no we're not I said that I would write the Department of Health, which I did. I contacted Marlene Martin, very nice, asking for them to reconsider the testing requirements could they put it off for a year, or would they reconsider paying for them since we're a small water system. Anything. She called me back and said that the delay in testing has been denied by the EPA. It still has to take course. While empathetic to our situation, she did provide an alternative lab for testing that may be cheaper and that was passed on to Ed and she said that the alternative was not to do it and get a notice of violation. We, and especially Ed, want to do things the right way especially when it comes to our water and sewer so we will seek to see what we can do that to pay that \$1500 for that additional testing. Hopefully with the debris removal as it goes back into DPW water and wastewater budgets maybe some of those funds would be useful or it could be applied as a little bit of extra to their budget. The one that comes in will figure it out and see where to take it from. Alright nothing from the planning board members or anything else, so, Letty?

TR: I make a motion.

TM: I second.

MB: I'm sorry. Bobby and Rebecca, I failed to ask for public comments so before we vote on that last motion do either of you have anything to note. No from Rebecca and Bobbi Lynn, all I can see is your name on the screen.

BH: No there's nothing.

MB: All in favor of the motion that's on the floor say aye.

ALL: Aye. Meeting is adjourned. Thank you and this will be the last Zoom meeting unless the Governor changes something we'll be meeting in person, but we will still be able to have a video conference option.