In the Matter Of:

VILLAGE OF OLD FIELD BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

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6	OLD FIELD, NEW YORK
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8	January 12, 2021
9	7:00 p.m.
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12	Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and
13	recent Executive Orders issued by the Governor, the
14	Village of Old Field, Board of Trustees Meeting was
15	held electronically via Zoom Webinar.
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2	APPEARANCES:
3	BRUCE FELLER, Mayor
4	STEPHEN SHYBUNKO, Deputy Mayor
5	TOM GULBRANSEN, Trustee
6	JEFFREY OWEN, Trustee
7	THOMAS PIRRO, Trustee
8	ANTHONY GUARDINO, ESQ., Village Attorney
9	ADRIENNE KESSEL, Village Clerk
10	ANDREA PODOLSKY, Village Treasurer
11	JOSEPH ARICO, Building Inspector
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- 2 MAYOR FELLER: I would call the
- 3 meeting to order, and let us begin with the
- 4 pledge.
- 5 Stand at your own discretion if
- 6 it's safe.
- 7 I like it.
- 8 (WHEREUPON, the assemblage recited
- 9 the Pledge of Allegiance, after which the
- 10 following transpired:)
- 11 MAYOR FELLER: Thank you.
- 12 In deference to the fact that we
- 13 have four local laws, and some other issues to
- 14 plow through, Joe Arico in Buildings will
- 15 address the several minor issues that we need
- 16 to deal with him on tonight.
- 17 So Joe -- and we would normally
- 18 begin with public comment, an invitation to
- 19 those on the call or on the Zoom meeting. I'm
- 20 going to suspend that because there will be an
- 21 opportunity, as we go through each of the four
- 22 local laws, to entertain public comment, and at
- 23 the conclusion of the meeting, if there is any
- 24 intention to raise an issue or a question about
- 25 any of the issues not involved with the four

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- 2 local laws, we will do that at the conclusion
- 3 of the meeting.
- 4 So Joe, the floor is yours.
- 5 MR. ARICO: Okay, so we have that
- 6 permit that's existing for the generator and
- 7 the tank, the new permit.
- 8 MAYOR FELLER: Right, that's Lam;
- 9 is it?
- MR. ARICO: Yes.
- 11 MAYOR FELLER: Good, okay.
- MR. ARICO: And that was approved.
- 13 MAYOR FELLER: Good.
- 14 MR. ARICO: And we discussed that
- 15 at the work session, so --
- 16 MAYOR FELLER: We did.
- 17 MR. ARICO: (Continuing) -- yes,
- 18 sir, you can move forward with that.
- 19 MAYOR FELLER: Okay fine, and
- 20 insofar as Blaney, that's going sideways at
- 21 this point in time; we don't have anything?
- MR. ARICO: Yes, sir. We don't
- 23 have construction drawings at this point.
- 24 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, great.
- We need a motion relevant to Lam;

1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1/12/21 2 approval of Lam's proposal. Anthony? 3 MS. KESSEL: Someone needs to make 4 a motion. MR. PIRRO: I'll make the motion. 5 6 MAYOR FELLER: Second. All in favor? 7 8 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous, 9 affirmative vote of the Board members present.) 10 MAYOR FELLER: All opposed? 11 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.) 12 MAYOR FELLER: Motion carried. 13 Tom? 14 MR. PIRRO: Bruce? 15 MAYOR FELLER: Yeah, were you saying no? 16 17 MR. PIRRO: No, I said yes. 18 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, fine. Pardon 19 me, thank you, Tom. 20 Okay, I will move to open a public 21 hearing on Local Law 01-2021, having to do with 22 license requirements for trash removal vendors 23 in the Village. Do I have a second? 24 25 MR. PIRRO: Steve's on mute, so

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- 2 I'll second it.
- MAYOR FELLER: Okay, thank you,
- 4 Tom.
- 5 All in favor to open the public
- 6 hearing; ayes?
- 7 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
- 8 affirmative vote of the Board members present.)
- 9 MAYOR FELLER: All opposed?
- 10 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)
- 11 MAYOR FELLER: Motion is carried.
- 12 This got some treatment at the work
- 13 session, and at earlier Board meetings.
- On the books in code, was a
- 15 requirement that we issue or demand or request
- 16 of trash collectors in the Village a permit
- 17 fee, and we issue said permit to authorize them
- 18 to collect trash in the Village.
- 19 After much discussion, it was
- 20 decided that it would not be viable for the
- 21 position of the Village with respect to
- 22 granting a permit for a set of functions over
- 23 which we would, at least by extension, become
- 24 involved, if not liable for, and it was a
- 25 decision of the Board in the work session that

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1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1/12/21 2 that permit requirement be eliminated from the 3 code. 4 So the code is silent entirely now, 5 insofar as the new local law on the requirement that a trash collector apply for and get a 6 7 permit from the Village to perform that function in the Village. Essentially, that's 8 9 it. It repeals that local law in it's 10 entirety. 11 So the code is now silent on the 12 question of permits. It's academic; it doesn't 13 exist. Is there any public comment on 14 15 that? 16 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.) 17 MAYOR FELLER: I gather not. 18 All in favor of adopting this local law? 19 20 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous, 21 affirmative vote of the Board members present.) 22 MAYOR FELLER: All opposed? 23 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)

MAYOR FELLER: Motion carried.

Now, I believe I need to move, and

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- 2 have seconded a motion to close the public
- 3 hearing on that local law or repealer as it
- 4 turns out to be; is that right Anthony?
- 5 MR. PIRRO: You're on mute,
- 6 Anthony.
- 7 MAYOR FELLER: Thank you.
- 8 MR. GUARDINO: I apologize, sorry
- 9 about that.
- 10 MAYOR FELLER: Okay.
- 11 MR. GUARDINO: I keep it on mute,
- 12 and I forget.
- No, actually that should have taken
- 14 place before the vote, so just -- we'll put it
- 15 back in order, close the hearing first, and
- 16 then you take the vote.
- 17 MAYOR FELLER: Ah, okay, thank
- 18 you, very much.
- 19 MR. GUARDINO: Right.
- 20 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, next on the
- 21 agenda I would move to adopt Local Law 01-2021.
- 22 Do I have a second?
- No, pardon me, not doing very well.
- MS. KESSEL: Right, we're going to
- 25 open the next public hearing.

1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1/12/21 2 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, thank you. 3 Now, we have moved to close the 4 public hearing on 2021 -- 01-2021; is that 5 correct? 6 MR. GUARDINO: Correct. 7 MAYOR FELLER: And that requires no 8 further action by the Board. 9 MR. GUARDINO: No. 10 MAYOR FELLER: Okay. I would move 11 to open a public hearing on Local Law 02-2021 12 which essentially amends building and permit 13 zoning procedures dealing primarily with the 14 redefinition of respective responsibilities 15 among those people who are involved in the permit and application and permit granting 16 17 process. It's largely housekeeping. 18 Do I have a second to open that 19 public hearing? 20 MR. PIRRO: I'm able to second. 21 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, all in favor? 22 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous, 23 affirmative vote of the Board members present.) 24 MAYOR FELLER: All opposed? 25 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1/12/21 1 2 MAYOR FELLER: Carried. 3 Is there any public comment on 4 this? 5 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.) 6 MR. GUARDINO: Can someone give a 7 brief description, or does somebody want to 8 give a brief description of what the local law is about? 9 10 MR. FREUND: Thank you. 11 MAYOR FELLER: Good, I think -- is 12 that a volunteer? 13 MR. GUARDINO: Yes, okay, that's 14 fine. 15 MAYOR FELLER: If you would, thank 16 you. 17 MR. GUARDINO: Yeah, because before 18 we go to public comment, the public may not be 19 aware of what's happening. 20 This local law, it doesn't change much in the way of substance, but it changes 21 22 the law with respect to procedure, and

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historically, you know, up until just a couple

of years ago, the Village actually did not have

a building inspector who was an employee of the

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- 2 Village. The building inspector was always a
- 3 consultant -- an independent consultant of the
- 4 Village, and that works well for all aspects of
- 5 being a building inspector except that the law
- 6 does not allow an independent contractor, or
- 7 someone who is not an employee or officer of
- 8 the Village. It precludes them from issuing
- 9 building permits on behalf of the Village.
- 10 So the way the law had been set up,
- in the past, was that, because we didn't have
- 12 an employed building inspector, the Board of
- 13 Trustees would actually pass on all
- 14 applications for building permits, and then
- 15 authorize the Village Clerk to issue the
- 16 building permits, and you know, that works
- 17 except that, as you know, the Board only meets
- 18 in a regular session once a month, and that
- 19 ends up delaying applicants with respect to
- 20 building projects, because if they have to come
- 21 to the Board, and the Board only meets once a
- 22 month, basically there's only 12 times a
- 23 year -- actually with no meeting in August --
- 24 11 times a year, when somebody can actually get
- 25 an approval for a building permit. It delays

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- 2 everyone.
- 3 So what the Board decided to do,
- 4 once they had employed Joe Arico as an employee
- 5 building inspector, he is now authorized to
- 6 issue building permits.
- 7 So this just shifts the process
- 8 from the Board of Trustees to the building
- 9 inspector for all building permits.
- 10 But I would point out that any
- 11 application that requires some other
- 12 discretionary approval, which are generally the
- 13 more complicated applications, and that could
- 14 be an approval of a site plan; it could be a
- 15 DEC approval, let's say, for some waterfront
- 16 structure; it could be Health Department
- 17 approval; any other governmental approval; if
- 18 there's a requirement for that other approval,
- 19 the building inspector cannot issue the
- 20 building permit until that other approval is
- 21 attained.
- 22 So as a practical matter, what will
- 23 happen in this Village is that with respect to
- 24 any application that requires site plan
- 25 approval, the application must first come to

- BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1/12/21
- 2 this Board for review and approval before the
- 3 building inspector can issue a building permit.
- 4 The flip side of that is, is that
- 5 if there's an application that's relatively
- 6 minor or simple, that doesn't require any other
- 7 discretionary approval, let's say like a
- 8 generator application, Joe is free to issue
- 9 that at his convenience without any stop at the
- 10 trustees.
- 11 MAYOR FELLER: Good.
- 12 MR. GUARDINO: So that's
- 13 essentially it, but no substantive change other
- 14 than that.
- 15 MR. GULBRANSEN: Anthony or Joe,
- 16 are there any such situations that would be --
- 17 that would fit into the building inspector's
- 18 responsibility, but would also trigger zone or
- 19 the Corps of Engineers, or DEC, or some, you
- 20 know, or some other -- like a dock, that would
- 21 requires a site plan; right?
- MR. GUARDINO: Well, both. It
- 23 would actually require a site plan. It would
- 24 also require DEC and Army Corps, so that would
- 25 be -- that's an example of where Joe can't just

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- 2 issue a dock permit, he has to wait until the
- 3 other agencies first issue their permits.
- 4 So that would include the trustees
- 5 for site plan, DEC, Army Corps, et cetera.
- 6 MR. GULBRANSEN: Thank you.
- 7 MR. SHYBUNKO: So Anthony, the
- 8 carve-outs are zoning board, planning board, or
- 9 any outside agency?
- 10 MR. GUARDINO: It's really any
- 11 outside agency; right.
- 12 So any Federal, State or County
- 13 agencies. So at the County level it might be
- 14 the Health Department, you know, State could be
- 15 Department of State the, you know, Federal Army
- 16 Corps, et cetera. DEC also at the State level.
- 17 And then, of course, at the Village level, the
- 18 one's that I was thinking of, obviously site
- 19 plan, that's an obvious one, but there are also
- 20 approvals that require that this Board pass on
- 21 them before Joe could issue a permit in the way
- 22 of a second accessory structure.
- 23 If you recall, in our code,
- 24 multiple accessory structures, there's no
- 25 permit that could be issued until the trustees

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- 2 first authorize it.
- 3 So that would be a situation where
- 4 even though it's a minor application, let's say
- 5 somebody wants to put a shed on their property,
- 6 but they already have two sheds, Joe can't
- 7 issue that shed permit until the applicant
- 8 first comes to this Board.
- 9 MR. SHYBUNKO: Okay, understood.
- 10 MAYOR FELLER: Now just correct me
- 11 again if you would, Anthony. We close the
- 12 public hearing before we vote -- no, we vote
- 13 first.
- 14 MR. GUARDINO: Well, I would see if
- 15 anybody from the public --
- 16 MAYOR FELLER: On public comment,
- 17 yes.
- 18 MR. GUARDINO: (Continuing) --
- 19 comment now, because right after the
- 20 explanation, and if not, then you close the
- 21 public hearing.
- 22 MAYOR FELLER: Okay.
- MR. GUARDINO: There should
- 24 actually be a vote on a negative declaration
- 25 under SEQRA, and then another vote on the

1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1/12/21 2 approval. If that's what you're looking to do, 3 and I'll walk you through that. 4 MAYOR FELLER: I appreciate that 5 very much, Anthony. 6 Okay, any public comment at all? 7 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.) MAYOR FELLER: No. 8 9 MR. GUARDINO: Okay. 10 MAYOR FELLER: Okay. 11 MR. GUARDINO: You can entertain a motion to close the public hearing. 12 13 MAYOR FELLER: Okay. 14 MR. PIRRO: So moved. MAYOR FELLER: All in favor? 15 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous, 16 17 affirmative vote of the Board members present.) 18 MAYOR FELLER: All opposed? 19 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.) 20 MAYOR FELLER: None. 21 Motion carried to close the public 22 hearing. 23 MR. GUARDINO: Okay, and now --24 MR. GULBRANSEN: There was a motion that this motion is an unlisted action with 25

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2	negative declaration, according to SEQRA.
3	MAYOR FELLER: Thank you, Tom.
4	MR. SHYBUNKO: Second that.
5	MAYOR FELLER: Okay, all in favor?
6	(WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
7	affirmative vote of the Board members present.)
8	MAYOR FELLER: All opposed?
9	(WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)
10	MAYOR FELLER: Motion carries.
11	MR. GUARDINO: Okay, now you can
12	entertain a motion to adopt a local law if the
13	Board
14	MAYOR FELLER: Okay. So, I'll
15	entertain a motion to adopt Local Law 02-2021.
16	Do I have a second?
17	MR. PIRRO: Right here.
18	MAYOR FELLER: All in favor?
19	(WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
20	affirmative vote of the Board members present.)
21	MAYOR FELLER: All opposed?
22	(WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)
23	MAYOR FELLER: Motion carried to
24	adopt Local Law 02-2021.
25	MR. GUARDINO: Thank you.

1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1/12/21 2 MAYOR FELLER: Good. I'll move to 3 open a public hearing on Local Law 03-2021, 4 overriding the tax levy limit. 5 Do I have a second? 6 MR. PIRRO: Here you go. 7 MAYOR FELLER: Okay. All in favor. 8 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous, 9 affirmative vote of the Board members present.) 10 MAYOR FELLER: All opposed? 11 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.) 12 MAYOR FELLER: Motion carried to 13 open public hearing. 14 Invite public comment. 15 Is there -- among those on the call, for those that may not know, if the 16 17 Village assesses a tax increase on its 18 residents of over two percent, it requires that 19 we take the steps that were just introduced to 20 accommodate a tax increase of over two percent (2%), which is anticipated at this point in 21 time, and up for further discussion. 22 23 Now there will be a local law with 24 respect to -- no, pardon me, there will be a 25 vote on whether -- on the Village budget, at

- BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1/12/21
- 2 which point we will entertain comment about the
- 3 budget, its constituents, and the reasons for
- 4 the actions that the Board is contemplating
- 5 taking.
- If there's a question with respect
- 7 to this particular issue, and that's the
- 8 overriding -- the tax levy limit, we would
- 9 entertain public comment on that at this point
- 10 in time; if there is any.
- 11 Anthony, did I articulate
- 12 essentially what this is?
- MR. GUARDINO: Yes.
- 14 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, good.
- 15 MS. SAUVIN: Can I ask a question
- 16 about it?
- 17 MAYOR FELLER: Absolutely.
- 18 MS. SAUVIN: Can you hear me?
- 19 Okay, so am I understanding this
- 20 correctly? So it looks like the budget will be
- 21 going up by an estimate of about 43 percent
- 22 because we are not receiving the revenue for
- 23 the lighthouse, basically, the \$347,000 or so,
- 24 and the parks money of \$30,000. We're
- 25 anticipating about a \$400,000 increase, plus

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- 2 the \$20,000 increase year to year.
- 3 MAYOR FELLER: No, I don't think
- 4 that's accurate.
- 5 The increase that we're
- 6 contemplating that we discussed is on the order
- 7 of four percent (4%), and Tom, maybe you would
- 8 speak to the fact of these expenditures, that
- 9 are, as I think they're called --
- 10 MR. SHYBUNKO: Well, Bruce, maybe
- 11 you can --
- 12 MAYOR FELLER: I'm sorry, go ahead,
- 13 Steve.
- MR. SHYBUNKO: (Continuing) --
- 15 Carol -- the name -- Carol; is that who was
- 16 speaking?
- 17 MAYOR FELLER: Yes.
- 18 MR. SHYBUNKO: Can you clarify; you
- 19 were talking about \$300,000, I'm not sure where
- 20 you're getting those numbers. I'd like to
- 21 address what you're looking at so the rest of
- 22 the conversation will be clear.
- MS. SAUVIN: Sure, no problem.
- Okay, so on the attachment that was
- 25 sent, I had seen an amount for the lighthouse

- 1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1/12/21
- 2 renovation, which I'm going to guess is
- 3 probably a one-time cost, but I thought in the
- 4 paragraphs it had mentioned something about not
- 5 receiving, like FEMA money, for instance --
- 6 MAYOR FELLER: Ah.
- 7 MS. SAUVIN: (Continuing) -- or any
- 8 of the additional money.
- 9 So I didn't know what the
- 10 increase would be from previous years, and I
- 11 didn't know if it was an ongoing expense that
- 12 the Village is not going to be receiving
- 13 anymore.
- 14 MAYOR FELLER: Well, I can speak to
- 15 that because I authored that document.
- We routinely receive money from
- 17 several sources at the State level. One has to
- 18 do improvements, and maintenance of the
- 19 highways. Another has do with storm damage,
- 20 and then that was the reference to FEMA.
- 21 We've been informed that the
- 22 amounts that we would otherwise be eligible for
- 23 from those funding sources in the State, have
- 24 been reduced by a percentage.
- 25 So loading additional expense, if

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- 2 for instance we had road improvement expenses
- 3 for Village roads of \$75,000, and they were
- 4 reimbursable through a program called CHIPS,
- 5 that amount, we have been informed in advance,
- 6 and from other funding sources, FEMA is
- 7 Federal, that those amounts will be reduced by,
- 8 I think, it's 20 or 25 percent.
- 9 So what we might have gotten in
- 10 past years for similar situations, analogous
- 11 situations, will be reduced by those amounts.
- But the cost, or the expense to the
- 13 Village to make those improvements or repairs
- 14 remains constant. But the extent that we would
- 15 be reimbursed as we might have in the past,
- 16 have been reduced by, I think it's by 20 or 25
- 17 percent.
- 18 MR. PIRRO: If I can say, Bruce --
- 19 it's not that the reimbursement would be
- 20 reduced.
- 21 MAYOR FELLER: Okay.
- 22 MR. PIRRO: The available fund has
- 23 been reduced by 20 percent.
- MAYOR FELLER: Ah, okay.
- MR. PIRRO: So if we,

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- 2 theoretically, still spend \$10,000 --
- 3 MAYOR FELLER: Right.
- 4 MR. PIRRO: (Continuing) -- we
- 5 should get the \$10,000 upon approval --
- 6 MAYOR FELLER: Right.
- 7 MR. PIRRO: (Continuing) -- but
- 8 we're working with a smaller pool of money to
- 9 tap because of the 20 percent cutback in the
- 10 balance of the fund.
- 11 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, good, thanks
- 12 for the clarification, Tom.
- MR. SHYBUNKO: And Carol, what I
- 14 would add is the revenue line of \$727,000 we
- 15 are proposing going to \$749,00.
- 16 So the lighthouse potential
- 17 expenditures, and the lighthouse funding, which
- 18 comes from a grant, those are non-operating
- 19 expenses and revenue lines.
- MS. SAUVIN: I got it. Yeah,
- 21 they're beneath that total revenue line,
- 22 beneath the total expense lines.
- 23 So the amounts from FEMA are the
- 24 things that are no longer going to be
- 25 reimbursed, are built into the new year's

- BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1/12/21
- 2 budget.
- 3 MR. SHYBUNKO: The FEMA is not
- 4 reflected. In other words, FEMA funding is if
- 5 there is a natural disaster, and it costs
- 6 \$20,000 to repair it, the percentage of that
- 7 covered by FEMA may be reduced than what we've
- 8 traditionally experienced.
- 9 So it's not listed in our operating
- 10 budget. I think Bruce's intention was to let
- 11 you know that should that come up, it could
- 12 have an impact on the budget.
- MS. SAUVIN: I see, okay. I got
- 14 it, thank you.
- 15 MAYOR FELLER: Carol, one
- 16 concluding comment, and I think to put it in
- 17 perspective, if my back to the envelope
- 18 calculation is correct, we anticipate spending
- 19 about \$25,000 more for the combined effects of
- 20 the things -- assessment grieving, and salary
- 21 increases for paid employees of the Village,
- 22 and so on. So the difference is an expense of
- 23 about 24 or \$25,000 if you have a fast look.
- So we've got a CPA on board, he'll
- 25 give you the number to three places past the

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- 2 decimal point, but I think that's ballpark.
- 3 MR. GULBRANSEN: And that same CPA
- 4 would also highlight that many of these numbers
- 5 bounce, and so collectively, in total, some of
- 6 them are going to go up, some of them are going
- 7 to go down, so that \$25,000 number -- that's
- 8 kind of a good number for the magnitude -- the
- 9 general range of magnitude, but it could be as
- 10 low as 10 or less, or it could be more if
- 11 there's lots of snow and such.
- 12 But that's the order of magnitude
- 13 that we think requires at least a 4 percent
- 14 step up at this time, and if we look over the
- 15 horizon a couple -- two or three years, that
- 16 there's a little bit more -- a little more
- 17 favorable view, but these first -- next two
- 18 years, we're -- we're just feeling like we have
- 19 enough of a reserve with the pace of revenue
- 20 that we were getting.
- 21 MS. SAUVIN: Okay. About how much
- 22 is the reserve at this point?
- MR. PIRRO: Andrea?
- MS. PODOLSKY: Right now it's
- 25 \$140,000 which is required. Basically, our

- 1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1/12/21 2 revenue, it's 20 percent to our total revenue 3 is what the State requires us to leave in our 4 reserve. 5 MS. SAUVIN: Okay, I don't think I 6 have any other questions. 7 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, thank you 8 Carol. 9 MS. SAUVIN: Thank you. 10 MAYOR FELLER: Thank you. 11 So I would move to close the public 12 hearing on the -- overriding the tax levy 13 limit. If I have a second? 14 15 MR. PIRRO: I'll make it. 16 MAYOR FELLER: Thank you, Tom. 17 All in favor? 18 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous, 19 affirmative vote of the Board members present.) 20 MAYOR FELLER: All opposed? 21 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.) 22 MAYOR FELLER: No? 23 Motion carried.
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Okay, I would move to adopt Local

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Law 03-2021.

1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1/12/21 2 Second. 3 All in favor; all opposed? Motion done. Pardon me. 4 5 MR. GUARDINO: We need the negative 6 declaration first. 7 MAYOR FELLER: Yeah, someone lead me through that, please. 8 9 MR. GUARDINO: Yes. Do you want to 10 do that, Tom? 11 MR. GULBRANSEN: Okay, this is an 12 unlisted action, and we don't see it as having 13 any negative impact according to SEORA. 14 It will be classified as unlisted 15 in the negative declaration of its potential 16 impacts. 17 We'll need a second. 18 MR. SHYBUNKO: I'll second. 19 MAYOR FELLER: All in favor? 20 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous, 21 affirmative vote of the Board members present.) 22 MAYOR FELLER: All opposed? 23 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.) 24 MAYOR FELLER: Motion carried. 25 MR. GUARDINO: Okay.

1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1/12/21 2 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, I move to open 3 public hearing on the Village budget itself, 4 2021. 5 MR. SHYBUNKO: We have to vote on 6 it --7 MAYOR FELLER: I'm sorry? 8 MR. SHYBUNKO: We have to vote on 9 the local law. 10 MR. GUARDINO: You have to vote on 11 the local law. 12 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, sorry. So I 13 move to vote to -- pick up my script. 14 Help me out Anthony; if you would. 15 MR. GUARDINO: Sure. So you could now, at this point, entertain a motion to adopt 16 17 Local Law 3 of 2021. 18 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, so moved. 19 Is there a second? 20 MR. PIRRO: I will. 21 MAYOR FELLER: All in favor? 22 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous, 23 affirmative vote of the Board members present.) 24 MAYOR FELLER: All opposed? .

(WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)

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2	MAYOR FELLER: Motion carried.
3	MR. GUARDINO: Perfect, thank you.
4	MAYOR FELLER: Thank you.
5	MR. PIRRO: One more; right?
6	MAYOR FELLER: One more is correct.
7	Let me put my papers in order. If
8	you would gentlemen it's gone.
9	All right, I would move to open
10	public hearing on the Village budget
11	2021-2022.
12	Do I have a second?
13	MR. PIRRO: Second.
14	MAYOR FELLER: All in favor?
15	(WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
16	affirmative vote of the Board members present.)
17	MAYOR FELLER: All opposed?
18	(WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)
19	MAYOR FELLER: Motion carried to
20	open public hearing on the Village budget.
21	Inviting public comment, at this
22	point in time, on the Village budget.
23	Anybody have anything to say?
24	MR. PIRRO: Is this on the budget
25	or the site plan?

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- MAYOR FELLER: This is budget.
- 3 MR. PIRRO: Budget.
- 4 MAYOR FELLER: I'm pretty sure,
- 5 Tom.
- 6 MR. PIRRO: Yup.
- 7 MR. SHYBUNKO: We covered most of
- 8 that while discussing the law.
- 9 MAYOR FELLER: Right, that's true.
- 10 MR. PIRRO: Yeah, that's what I
- 11 thought.
- 12 MAYOR FELLER: Yeah, but that was
- 13 -- that is yet a different local law, that was
- 14 the cap.
- 15 MR. GULBRANSEN: Just to make the
- 16 record a little bit more complete, we have two
- 17 more years left to go paying off the road bond.
- 18 MAYOR FELLER: Good point, Tommy.
- 19 MR. GULBRANSEN: And this year and
- 20 next year, that's costing us, again, on the
- 21 order of \$190,000 per year.
- MS. PODOLSKY: \$200,000 a year.
- MR. GULBRANSEN: Yeah, and the
- 24 other big ticket items are things like the
- 25 bulkhead underneath the lighthouse, and

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- 2 lighthouse repairs itself, when and if the
- 3 grants and such come together.
- 4 So those big ticket items, we don't
- 5 know how much they are, we don't know when
- 6 they'll hit, but the rest of the budget is kind
- 7 of like equilibrium. We're trying to keep it
- 8 as it has been, to the extent we can.
- 9 MAYOR FELLER: So shall I move to
- 10 close the public hearing, Anthony; or do we
- 11 vote?
- MR. GUARDINO: You close the public
- 13 hearing first.
- 14 MAYOR FELLER: All right.
- 15 Move to close the public hearing on
- 16 the Village budget.
- 17 Do I have a second?
- 18 MR. PIRRO: Second.
- 19 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, all in favor?
- 20 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
- 21 affirmative vote of the Board members present.)
- 22 MAYOR FELLER: All opposed?
- 23 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)
- 24 MAYOR FELLER: Motion carried to
- 25 close the public hearing on the budget.

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1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1/12/21 2 MR. GUARDINO: And this one does 3 not require a negative declaration, the 4 adoption of the budget. 5 MAYOR FELLER: How refreshing. 6 Thank you. 7 MR. GUARDINO: Save a step. 8 MAYOR FELLER: Right. 9 I think the next item on the agenda 10 is a resolution regarding site plan procedures, 11 and --12 MR. PIRRO: We still have to vote. 13 MR SHYBUNKO: We should vote on the 14 budget. 15 MR. GUARDINO: Yup, we have to. 16 MAYOR FELLER: Yup, I understand 17 that; all right. I'll entertain a motion to vote on 18 the Village budget. 19 20 MR. PIRRO: I'll make the motion. Good. 21 MAYOR FELLER: Second. 22 All in favor?

affirmative vote of the Board members present.)

MAYOR FELLER: All opposed?

(WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,

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2	(WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)
3	MAYOR FELLER: Motion carried.
4	MR. GUARDINO: Great.
5	MAYOR FELLER: I'll repeat, the
6	next item on the agenda is a resolution
7	regarding site plan procedures.
8	These are some substantive changes
9	that address disparity between what was
10	generally practiced, and what the code recites,
11	and in some places those inconsistencies
12	invited a tightening up. They are procedural,
13	they're not insignificant, but they will bring
14	code in compliance with practice.
15	Is there any comments from members
16	of the Board?
17	(WHEREUPON, there were no comments
18	from the Board members present.)
19	MAYOR FELLER: Okay, so I would
20	move to adopt the resolution.
21	Do I have a second?
22	MR. PIRRO: Second.
23	MAYOR FELLER: Thank you, Tom.
24	All in favor?
25	(WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,

- 1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1/12/21 2 affirmative vote of the Board members present.) 3 MAYOR FELLER: All opposed? . 4 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.) 5 MAYOR FELLER: Motion is carried to adopt the site plan procedure resolution as it 6 7 appears in the agenda. 8 Okay, back to the agenda. 9 Out of the domain of local laws and 10 resolutions, I think Tommy -- want to hear from 11 you, the Environmental Committee, on Jeff 12 Owen's request to remove some trees. 13 MR. GULBRANSEN: Three or four of 14 the trees are on local roads, and they are all 15 thinned out. I don't know that they're dead. They're locust, black locust -- never die; 16 17 right? 18 MAYOR FELLER: That's right. 19 MR. GULBRANSEN: But they are 20 there, and then the other tree is -- the homeowner says it's threatening the home, so we 21 22 generally let those go as proposed, so they're 23 approved as requested. 24 MAYOR FELLER: Okay.
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MR. GULBRANSEN: We like to -- as a

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- 1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1/12/21 2 committee, we like to, you know, encourage or 3 invite the residents to sort of put a tree in when they take a tree out, but in this case, we 4 5 know the person has quite a record of putting trees in, so I think we're okay there. 6 7 MAYOR FELLER: So your 8 recommendation to the Board is that we approve 9 that? 10 MR. GULBRANSEN: Approve the 11 application, yeah. 12 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, fine. 13 Do we need a vote on that, Anthony? 14 MR. GUARDINO: Yes. 15 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, fine. 16 I'll entertain a motion to approve 17 the request. MR. GULBRANSEN: So moved. 18 19 MR. PIRRO: Second. 20 MAYOR FELLER: All in favor? 21 (WHEREUPON, there was an
- MAYOR FELLER: All opposed? .

 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)

affirmative vote of 4-0, Mr. Owen having

recused himself from voting).

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- BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1/12/21 1 2 MAYOR FELLER: Motion carries or --3 MR. PIRRO: Jeff has to stay out of 4 this; right? 5 MAYOR FELLER: Sorry? 6 MR. PIRRO: Jeff has to stay --7 MAYOR FELLER: Yeah, yeah, I would say as a sitting trustee, he should abstain. 8 9 Okay, I think next up would be the 10 approval of the minutes of the December 8th, 11 2020 meeting. 12 I'll entertain a motion to approve 13 those minutes. 14 MR. SHYBUNKO: Yeah, I just --15 Anthony, during COVID, we haven't really spoken 16 about this. 17 Obviously, typical minutes have 18 general statements and it may say discussion 19 This is a verbatim transcript. follows. Mm-hmm. 20 MR. GUARDINO: 21 MR. SHYBUNKO: So I had no problem 22 with the substantive elements of the minutes,
- 25 person really say it, and I'm not disparaging

someone, there's no way to know, did that

but everyone that speaks, that's attributed to

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- 2 the court reporter.
- 3 MR. GUARDINO: Right.
- 4 MR. SHYBUNKO: I would move to
- 5 approve them with the footnote that every
- 6 comment, I have no way of knowing whether it's
- 7 attributed to the proper person.
- 8 MR. GUARDINO: Yeah, yeah, listen,
- 9 you know, we're doing the best we can.
- 10 MR. SHYBUNKO: Right, understood.
- 11 The votes, and the counts, all of that, I'm in
- 12 full agreement with.
- MR. GUARDINO: Right.
- 14 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, I'll second
- 15 that.
- 16 All in favor?
- 17 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
- 18 affirmative vote of the Board members present.)
- 19 MAYOR FELLER: All opposed? .
- 20 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)
- 21 MAYOR FELLER: Carried.
- MR. GULBRANSEN: If I might, what
- 23 we do on -- in one of the county councils that
- 24 I'm on, pursuant to the Governor's executive
- 25 order and such about opening law, when we have

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- 2 a vote, we have the clerk or the secretary
- 3 actually call the roll, and then each person
- 4 who is called, puts up their answer, so
- 5 Adrienne, you know, would call out Mayor;
- 6 Gulbransen; Shybunko, and then you would hear
- 7 yes; yes; yes; no; whatever.
- I think that's -- in case we ever
- 9 do a vote that's not unanimous, or in the case
- 10 where Jeff had to recuse, it would be clearer
- 11 that it happened.
- 12 If you don't mind, I think that
- 13 would be a nice way to keep it simple.
- MR. GUARDINO: Yeah, I mean,
- 15 there's nothing wrong with that. That's
- 16 typically done when you have a larger
- 17 commission, I don't know how large your
- 18 committee is.
- MR. GULBRANSEN: Yeah.
- MR. GUARDINO: You know, if you
- 21 think there's a question that the votes are not
- 22 being recorded accurately, then yeah, then we
- 23 could do that.
- 24 But you know, I would -- I mean,
- 25 I'm looking at the screen now, I can see

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- people's hands going up.
- 3 MR. GULBRANSEN: Generally, it's
- 4 unanimous.
- 5 MR. GUARDINO: I would be surprised
- 6 if the vote was not recorded properly. But
- 7 that's, you know -- it's the Board's
- 8 prerogative to do it however it wants to do it.
- 9 MR. GULBRANSEN: That's fine, I'm
- 10 just pointing out that that's how this is taken
- 11 care of elsewhere.
- 12 MR. GUARDINO: Right.
- 13 MAYOR FELLER: Andrea?
- MS. PODOLSKY: Yup.
- 15 MAYOR FELLER: Approve the warrants
- 16 and Treasurer's Report as presented for
- 17 December, 2020. I would make the move -- I
- 18 would move that they be accepted as presented.
- 19 Do I have a second?
- MR. PIRRO: Second.
- 21 MAYOR FELLER: All in favor?
- 22 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
- 23 affirmative vote of the Board members present.)
- 24 MAYOR FELLER: Hands go up.
- 25 Feller, aye, Mayor.

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2	Opposed?
3	(WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)
4	MAYOR FELLER: Carried.
5	Code report I think is largely
6	informational. I'm always reminded when I see
7	it, that the take-away here is that although
8	they get involved in things including jumping
9	into swimming pools and saving young deer is
10	that right, Tommy to things with a little
11	more substantive impact on our quality of life
12	in the Village, that over the course of the
13	month, our code enforcement officers, among
14	other things, conducted 580 property checks.
15	But I think the value of their
16	presence here can be measured in a number of
17	ways, but that is one way that I'm reminded
18	monthly, is very significant, and broad-based
19	across the community.
20	Many people not too many
21	traveling as we want to, but if they sleep
22	better knowing that their house is being
23	watched, so be it. I think that's a good
24	reflection on the decision to keep those people
25	where they are.

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- 2 Under new business, we're at about
- 3 a point to release invoices and covering
- 4 letters to HOA presidents in an attempt to
- 5 recover arrears, amounts owed to the Village,
- 6 expended on the behalf of deer carcass removal,
- 7 and occasional other situations that we're not
- 8 legally entitled to do.
- 9 So we're attempting to do due
- 10 diligence, recover those amounts, and I would
- 11 say that we're about ready to go with that.
- 12 Andrea, you've got copies of paid
- 13 receipts with these?
- MS. PODOLSKY: Well, I have the
- 15 invoices.
- 16 MAYOR FELLER: Invoices, good.
- MS. PODOLSKY: That was done, and
- 18 if you want to write -- I know you wrote a
- 19 letter to the whole Village, I don't know if
- 20 you want to write something more specific to
- 21 put in with these invoices, and then I can get
- 22 the invoice, the current ones.
- I feel like all the deer that have
- 24 been picked up -- we really have some old ones
- 25 that were from Superstorm Sandy, but most of

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- 2 those were from Old Field Landscaping, which I
- 3 have in the folders, because obviously, I have
- 4 to keep all that, so I can just make copies of
- 5 that.
- 6 MAYOR FELLER: Good. Okay, we can
- 7 talk about that off-line; we can write
- 8 something. Thank you.
- 9 I think the most important item
- 10 under new agenda, given the time of year, is
- 11 that we entertain a decision with respect to
- 12 extending the landscaping contract with Old
- 13 Field Landscaping, from February 28th, 2021 to
- 14 February 28th, 2022.
- 15 That's a second year extension, I
- 16 believe, without any increases quoted or bid on
- 17 a two-year basis, and I think the continuation
- 18 is without further cost for the non-variable
- 19 aspects of the contract. Is that accurate,
- 20 Andrea?
- MS. PODOLSKY: Yeah, Adrienne had
- 22 taken care of that, yeah.
- 23 MAYOR FELLER: Okay.
- MS. PODOLSKY: That's correct.
- 25 MAYOR FELLER: Very good.

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- 2 MS. KESSEL: Yes, it's an extension
- 3 of the contract without additional costs.
- 4 MAYOR FELLER: Of course.
- 5 MS. KESSEL: That was an option on
- 6 the original bid.
- 7 MAYOR FELLER: Good.
- 8 MR. SHYBUNKO: I'll make a motion
- 9 to extend the contract as provided for in the
- 10 contract.
- 11 MAYOR FELLER: Good. I'll second.
- 12 MR. PIRRO: I'll second.
- MS. KESSEL: I'm sorry, who
- 14 seconded the motion?
- 15 MAYOR FELLER: Simultaneously, Tom
- 16 and I, take your pick.
- 17 Okay, all in favor?
- 18 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
- 19 affirmative vote of the Board members present.)
- MAYOR FELLER: All opposed? .
- 21 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)
- 22 MAYOR FELLER: Okay done. Carried.
- 23 I think the next item is -- as it
- 24 says an FYI -- I think you offered, Adrienne,
- 25 to sign us up, or Andrea. I get my A's

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- 2 confused sometimes. I intend to participate in
- 3 that. I've got a lot to learn. Anybody else
- 4 want to join in?
- 5 I gather there's a small discount
- 6 if there are more than three, or more than two,
- 7 and --
- 8 MS. KESSEL: Correct.
- 9 MAYOR FELLER: We needn't agonize
- 10 over that tonight. I think it's a \$10
- 11 discount.
- MS. KESSEL: If any of the trustees
- 13 would like to take that class, let me know, and
- 14 I will sign you up with the course.
- 15 MAYOR FELLER: Very good.
- 16 MR. PIRRO: What's the deadline for
- 17 notifying them?
- 18 MS. KESSEL: Well, it takes place
- 19 on Wednesday, January 27th, so I would imagine,
- 20 you know, at least a week before.
- MS. PODOLSKY: Yeah, because I
- 22 imagine -- we're going to pay by check, so
- 23 we'll have to find out where we're mailing it
- 24 to, and so on.
- 25 MR. PIRRO: Thank you.

- 1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES - 1/12/21 2 MAYOR FELLER: Under old business: 3 Cell phone or cell tower phone update -- cell 4 service, sorry. 5 MR. SHYBUNKO: I just want to jump 6 in --7 Yeah. MAYOR FELLER: 8 MR. SHYBUNKO: (Continuing) --9 perhaps under new business -- and directed to 10 Anthony. 11 Anthony, as we come up to the 12 election with the requirement for signed 13 petitions, what has the State said about -- I'm 14 certainly not going to go door-to-door, and I 15 wouldn't blame people if they don't answer the door; how do we navigate the petition 16 17 requirement to be on the ballot? 18 MAYOR FELLER: Good point. 19 MR. GUARDINO: That's a great point. 20
- I don't know the answer to that, I
 will look at it. I'm guessing that it was
 similar to the petition process during the
 summer when, you know, when they moved the
 election to September because there were some

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- 2 petitions that were not yet submitted, so I
- 3 guess before the June election, I should say.
- 4 I will find out what the State expects.
- 5 MAYOR FELLER: Good, I would say
- 6 time is of the essence on that point, because
- 7 the window is now open. I think it opened a
- 8 while back, and it closes down maybe the first
- 9 week of February, so I appreciate letting us
- 10 know what you find out.
- 11 MR. GUARDINO: I will get an answer
- 12 to that question.
- 13 MAYOR FELLER: Thank you.
- 14 MS. KESSEL: I believe NYCOM sent
- 15 out a statement -- it was a little difficult
- 16 for me to understand -- it dealt mainly with
- 17 State and elections. I don't know how it
- 18 affects the Villages. I believe they're going
- 19 to drop the percentage of signatures required
- 20 because of that, but that's something Anthony
- 21 will check for us, and get back to us on.
- MR. GUARDINO: Yeah, thank you,
- 23 Adrienne. Yeah, I'll take a look.
- 24 MAYOR FELLER: Interesting. Okay,
- 25 I have nothing further yet from Michael Aarons,

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- 2 Steve. I don't know if you've been in touch.
- I don't know what's going on at
- 4 Stony Brook even though it's the education part
- 5 of the family, maybe this is not a top
- 6 priority. I'm still optimistic based on our
- 7 conversation.
- 8 I think the linchpin is going to be
- 9 the reaction of the sitting president of Stony
- 10 Brook University. He virtually said that, and
- 11 I understand the logic, and there's -- well,
- 12 perhaps we'll leave it at that.
- I sense that we might be able to
- 14 push the ball a little further ahead than we
- 15 were, because some of the dynamic has changed,
- 16 primarily for people who are driving the bus.
- 17 So I'll follow up in a week or so,
- 18 just to be sure that he understands that we
- 19 continue to be interested in dialogue on the
- 20 subject, and I'll keep you in the loop, but I
- 21 have got nothing to report tonight either to
- 22 you, Steve, or to the Board.
- MR. SHYBUNKO: Okay.
- 24 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, and I guess we
- 25 got today some plans, and a DASNY grant

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- 2 application draft or letter, and associated
- 3 documentation from John Cunniffe, and a bill
- 4 for those services.
- I don't think we're in a position,
- 6 and I'll entertain comment from other Board
- 7 members, on taking action on that bill tonight.
- Andrea, where are we on that?
- 9 MS. PODOLSKY: Well I entered it,
- 10 and I sent you -- I sent everybody another one
- 11 of the little sheets that we sign, that have
- 12 the warrants. There was four of them.
- 13 MAYOR FELLER: Right, I'm aware of
- 14 that.
- MS. PODOLSKY: So, I put that on
- 16 there.
- 17 MAYOR FELLER: I saw it there,
- 18 yeah.
- 19 MS. PODOLSKY: Yeah, I put that on
- 20 there. I mean, he gave us information. He
- 21 gave us the plans, you know. You guys can look
- 22 over, and make sure everything that he said he
- 23 billed us for was on there with the plans and
- 24 whatever, and with them out, it's actually out
- 25 of the contract we have with him.

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- 2 MAYOR FELLER: That's correct.
- MS. PODOLSKY: It will be \$29,000
- 4 that we paid him with that 14 -- it was the
- 5 \$14,500, there was another \$14,500 and change,
- 6 then the \$4,500.
- 7 MAYOR FELLER: Right. My
- 8 recollection was that the authorization went to
- 9 \$35,000 originally, and we're closing in on it,
- 10 but I also sense from his communication that
- 11 we're about done at this point in time in terms
- of what we can expect from him; what he's
- 13 committed to do; and what we have committed to
- 14 pay him to do. But it's a lot of money. If
- 15 there's comment on the Board, I'd be anxious to
- 16 hear it.
- 17 I think the issue would be, are we
- 18 satisfied that we've gotten value. And I'm not
- 19 suggesting we didn't, but it is a very
- 20 significant expense. Have we gotten from him,
- 21 in your collective opinion, what we intended
- 22 for, and what we paid to get for it.
- MR. PIRRO: To me, the question is,
- 24 is DASNY going to be satisfied, because
- 25 obviously that's what this is for.

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- 2 MAYOR FELLER: Right, no question.
- 3 Good point, Tom.
- Now, I suppose we couldn't have --
- 5 and this is always the 20/20 hindsight -- we
- 6 couldn't have conditioned payment on having
- 7 succeeded with the grant application, you know.
- 8 That would have been a non-starter. No one
- 9 would sign on to that, but the implication is
- 10 that the value of this expenditure will
- 11 essentially focus on success with the grant
- 12 application -- getting the grant, and that's my
- 13 perspective. I presume, you know, that that's,
- 14 Adrienne.
- 15 MS. KESSEL: Right, just a comment.
- 16 I had forwarded a letter from
- 17 DASNY to the Board. Everyone should read it, I
- 18 believe that --
- 19 MAYOR FELLER: Oh, yes, good point.
- 20 MS. KESSEL: John Cunniffe left
- 21 plans today, I believe, for the interior. He
- 22 made it very clear that the interior can be
- 23 very flexible. The only thing DASNY is
- 24 interested in, and the historical society is
- 25 interested in, is that we maintain every

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- 2 conceivable piece of historic -- do all
- 3 historic preservation as we can.
- 4 The rest seems to be pretty
- 5 flexible. So, perhaps, when the Board can, the
- 6 members can come down, and look at the final
- 7 plan that he's submitted, and then you make
- 8 your decision from there.
- 9 MR. PIRRO: Are we under the
- 10 purview of any historical society on the
- 11 lighthouse?
- MS. KESSEL: No, the lighthouse
- 13 really did not -- you have the option to become
- 14 part of the national historic society if you
- 15 choose. From my understanding, from John
- 16 Cunniffe, is that it allows you more grant
- 17 opportunities. That's a Board decision that
- 18 you can make once you review the plans, and
- 19 perhaps meet with him.
- 20 MR. GULBRANSEN: I'm not familiar
- 21 with the differences. I could try to go figure
- 22 it out, but there is something called eligible.
- 23 We're eligible to become a national historic
- 24 site.
- 25 MS. KESSEL: That's right.

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- 2 MR. GULBRANSEN: Even if we have
- 3 gone through and passed it, and committed to
- 4 complying with it, and all of that kind of
- 5 stuff that happens when you get there.
- Even before we get there, there is
- 7 this status where you're acting with a -- if
- 8 you're eligible -- I don't know what that does
- 9 to us, but that's where we are now.
- 10 MS. PODOLSKY: You're correct in
- 11 what you're saying. I had this issue
- 12 with FEMA, when we were getting money for
- 13 Superstorm Sandy. It took a year for them to
- 14 go through everything with the historical
- 15 society and everything like that.
- We are eligible to be listed as an
- 17 historical site. We choose not to be, for
- 18 reasons -- a lot of it has to do with costs,
- 19 and so on.
- 20 Again, I think you guys can revisit
- 21 the issue and look it up because this is going
- 22 back, what -- you know, eight years to --
- 23 things may have changed at that point, but at
- 24 this point, we are not listed as an historical
- 25 site.

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- 2 MR. GULBRANSEN: Yeah, from where
- 3 we are now to becoming on the list of
- 4 historical sites, it isn't just our choice that
- 5 we make, and then send a letter in, and we're
- 6 good to go. There's quite a bit that has to be
- 7 done in the way of certifications and
- 8 commitments and such. So that's where it might
- 9 be good to get some consultation from somebody
- 10 about what we're doing, and how do we -- or at
- 11 least not go backwards; right?
- 12 We don't want to become ineligible,
- 13 because some day we might have the chutzpah to
- 14 get there and list it, because it becomes
- 15 advantageous to us from a grant recruitment
- 16 point of view.
- 17 MS. PODOLSKY: At the work session
- 18 that was discussed. When we had the work
- 19 session and Mike was on and John was on, that
- 20 was discussed.
- MR. GULBRANSEN: That's why I'm
- 22 bringing it up.
- 23 MS. PODOLSKY: That they were going
- 24 to look into it and see what it was. So if one
- 25 of the trustees wants to follow up with either

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- 2 John or Mike, and get some more information --
- 3 or if you want Adrienne or I to get more
- 4 information, we'll gladly get that and pass
- 5 that along, you know, what the exact procedure
- 6 is.
- 7 MS. KESSEL: And then the Board can
- 8 determine whether or not it's to the benefit of
- 9 the Village to be on the historic society --
- 10 become an historical society site.
- MR. PIRRO: Do we have to worry
- 12 about the Coast Guard, the Department of
- 13 Defense, because of how we have it deeded to
- 14 us? Because they're going to come in and do
- 15 what they have to do to keep it a functioning
- 16 lighthouse.
- 17 MAYOR FELLER: True, yeah.
- 18 MR. GUARDINO: Yeah, I don't think
- 19 it will impact the Coast Guard, because
- 20 whatever requirements or regulations are placed
- 21 on the property, once the property is
- 22 designated, I'm sure will carve out the Coast
- 23 Guard, you know, as a Homeland Security --
- MS. KESSEL: Okay.
- 25 MR. GUARDINO: (Continuing) --

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- 2 safety, et cetera.
- 3 MR. GULBRANSEN: There are plenty
- 4 of lighthouses that have already been there,
- 5 done that; right?
- 6 MR. GUARDINO: Yeah, exactly,
- 7 exactly.
- I mean, it is something to think
- 9 about. I mean, there may be some benefits, but
- 10 I'm sure there are some, you know,
- 11 disadvantages to designating it, you know. You
- 12 may, you know, be in a situation where you
- 13 might not be able to make repairs the way you'd
- 14 like to make them, or as cheaply as you would
- 15 like to make them. If there are requirements
- 16 that, you know, that you replace things with,
- 17 you know, with certain materials that might be
- 18 more costly -- so you know, there might be a
- 19 downside.
- I'm no expert in this area, but I
- 21 do know that, you know, designation is nice,
- 22 but it does come with a cost.
- 23 MAYOR FELLER: What is the thought
- on the renovation, or restoration of the
- 25 lighthouse?

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- 2 It occurs to me, it's a functioning
- 3 navigational aid. There is Coast Guard
- 4 presence up there, not only in the light, but
- 5 maybe communications.
- Now, and I guess this is a question
- 7 for John Cunniffe or his recommended vendors,
- 8 but if the cupola that encases this is going to
- 9 go through -- what, in my mind, is going to be
- 10 a very extensive, probably, and expensive,
- 11 restoration process -- I wonder how -- and
- 12 perhaps they just need to be brought in in the
- 13 loop -- but if that interferes with the
- 14 functioning of that navigation aid for days or
- 15 weeks, I'm not sure they're going to be very
- 16 happy with that.
- 17 It's a lighthouse that has
- 18 historical significance, but it's a functioning
- 19 navigation aid, and the plan, as I discussed
- 20 with John, was not to replace the cupola, but
- 21 to actually use processes that bring it down --
- 22 it's cast-iron -- bring it down to a point to
- 23 be refinished, and that's all fine with me -- I
- 24 understand the logic of that -- but I'm
- 25 wondering about how that -- and it's a

- BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1/12/21
- 2 rhetorical question -- I just want to raise it
- 3 -- how that becomes accomplished at a point in
- 4 time when this lighthouse is functioning,
- 5 day-in or night-in/night-out.
- 6 But the other observation I'd make,
- 7 unrelated -- and we can double back if you care
- 8 to talk about it -- but I'm astounded that the
- 9 new light -- which is a coil, not a rotating
- 10 270 degree arc -- now illuminates essentially a
- 11 field of vision 360 degrees on all sides. And
- 12 I think I mentioned to John, in passing, it
- 13 seems to me that we're going to find ourselves,
- 14 at some point in time, with some unhappy
- 15 residents who don't want to look at a
- 16 lighthouse through all -- or a light in a
- 17 lighthouse through all hours of darkness. Even
- 18 though the device has changed, it's changed in
- 19 a way where it illuminates landside as much as
- 20 it does seaside.
- 21 MR. GULBRANSEN: So, your recall is
- 22 that before the landward projection was masked
- 23 away?
- 24 MAYOR FELLER: No, it wasn't. I
- 25 mean, the arc was 270 degrees.

- BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1/12/21
- 2 MR. GULBRANSEN: I think it was
- 3 360.
- 4 MR. SHYBUNKO: It was 360; it went
- 5 all the way around.
- 6 MAYOR FELLER: Really?
- 7 MR. GULBRANSEN: Yeah, that's what
- 8 I thought, too.
- 9 MAYOR FELLER: I stand corrected,
- 10 okay.
- 11 MR. SHYBUNKO: The impact on the
- 12 neighbors, they see the illumination for the
- 13 same period of time.
- 14 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, well the only
- 15 thought I had, if we're going to do something
- in the cupola -- and that's probably the
- 17 centerpiece of the restoration -- I know the
- 18 stone has to be re-pointed, so on and so forth
- 19 -- if we get that far. But I think the big job
- 20 is going to be restoring that cupola.
- I was just going to say, if the
- 22 rear window is facing landside, maybe there's a
- 23 navigational aid that finds its way all the way
- 24 to the south shore at that height -- I'm not
- 25 sure.

- BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1/12/21
- 2 MR. SHYBUNKO: When we were trying
- 3 to put up the cell tower --
- 4 MAYOR FELLER: Yeah.
- 5 MR. SHYBUNKO: (Continuing) -- at
- 6 that location, they did give us a slice of pie,
- 7 basically. They said --
- 8 MAYOR FELLER: I remember.
- 9 MR. SHYBUNKO: (Continuing) -- that
- 10 was not navigation, and it couldn't have been
- 11 -- Anthony, do you remember, it was maybe 20
- 12 degrees?
- MR. GUARDINO: I was going to say,
- 14 it was very narrow.
- 15 MAYOR FELLER: Really?
- MR. GUARDINO: Because, it
- 17 actually --
- 18 MAYOR FELLER: Because of the
- 19 location of the lighthouse.
- 20 MR. GUARDINO: ()Continuing) -- for
- 21 the harbor --
- 22 MAYOR FELLER: Right.
- MR. GUARDINO: (Continuing) -- deep
- 24 into the harbor --
- 25 MAYOR FELLER: Right.

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- 2 MR. GUARDINO: (Continuing) -- so
- 3 as boats are coming out from the south, that
- 4 they're able to see it, basically from the
- 5 south.
- 6 MR. SHYBUNKO: Right, so you go
- 7 Flax Pond to Port Jeff harbor.
- 8 MAYOR FELLER: Port Jeff harbor,
- 9 yeah.
- MR. SHYBUNKO: Narrow band.
- 11 MR. GUARDINO: Very narrow slice of
- 12 pie.
- 13 MAYOR FELLER: Okay. Feel free to
- 14 ignore all I've said, I'm inaccurate on that.
- 15 It becoming not operational through a period of
- 16 restoration --
- MS. PODOLSKY: Excuse me.
- 18 MAYOR FELLER: (Continuing) -- is
- 19 the only issue that I think we need --
- MS. PODOLSKY: Okay, excuse me,
- 21 we will get fined. What happens is the Coast
- 22 Guard, they track that that light is on. I
- 23 don't know if you can get in contact with them.
- 24 We do have a -- I have a Coast Guard phone
- 25 number who we used to speak with when they

- 1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1/12/21
- 2 come.
- 3 When that light went out during
- 4 Superstorm Sandy, they were in our building
- 5 because we didn't have a working generator.
- 6 That's why we had to do what we did with the
- 7 generator so that light never goes off, because
- 8 once that light goes off for a certain amount
- 9 of time, we get fined from the Coast Guard.
- MR. GUARDINO: Yeah, we have to
- 11 coordinate -- we're going to have to coordinate
- 12 the restoration. They may want to put up a
- 13 temporary light. I don't -- I have no idea
- 14 what they may want to do, but if it's going to
- 15 be out of commission for a period of time, they
- 16 might want to have some kind of, you
- 17 know, alternative signal.
- 18 So I don't think we should do this
- 19 without coordinating with them.
- 20 MAYOR FELLER: Absolutely.
- 21 MR. GUARDINO: Because I think
- 22 Andrea is right on the money with that. I
- 23 think they'll come down here in a minute, and
- 24 we don't want to have to be paying fines to the
- 25 Coast Guard.

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- 2 MAYOR FELLER: And we don't need
- 3 all those shipwrecks on the revetment.
- 4 MR. GUARDINO: That's right, that's
- 5 right.
- 6 MAYOR FELLER: Okay, good.
- 7 Has anybody got anything else
- 8 tonight?
- 9 MR. PIRRO: Anything on the
- 10 guardrail? Did you get a proposal?
- 11 MAYOR FELLER: I'll answer that,
- 12 Tom.
- 13 It was promised to me, didn't
- 14 materialize. I was hoping to share it with you
- 15 guys tonight -- and ladies.
- MR. GULBRANSEN: Separate matter.
- 17 Each year at some point -- I think
- 18 maybe it's June -- we have to go through an
- 19 annual reporting process for the municipal
- 20 storm sewer system, the MS4 process. I don't
- 21 know who's leading that effort on our behalf
- 22 this year, but it's better to not wait until
- 23 May, you know, the month minus one, to say how
- 24 did we do?
- 25 Do we -- does the Board typically

- 1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1/12/21
- 2 visit with that MS4 leader.
- 3 MS. KESSEL: Excuse me, we have a
- 4 coordinator. In fact, on Thursday I'll be
- 5 sending out some information to the Board. We
- 6 just completed one of the first reports that is
- 7 due for this year. It's the CEHA report, so I
- 8 can forward it to you if you would like.
- 9 MR. GULBRANSEN: Yeah. Should the
- 10 person who leads that effort give us an update
- on an occasional basis; or does that already
- 12 happen, and it just hasn't happened since I
- 13 got involved?
- 14 MS. KESSEL: Exactly. It will
- 15 happen as we move forward through the next
- 16 year --
- 17 MR. GULBRANSEN: Thank you.
- 18 MS. KESSEL: (Continuing) --
- 19 McCaffrey who takes care of --
- 20 MAYOR FELLER: That's right.
- 21 MS. KESSEL: (Continuing) -- all of
- 22 the reports that are required by the State, and
- 23 all the other agencies. I have a file at the
- 24 office.
- MR. GULBRANSEN: Yeah, those are

- 1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1/12/21
- 2 the reports that we give to the State. In
- 3 those reports, our little bulleted lists of
- 4 things that we do, because I used to write
- 5 those reports.
- 6 What I'm most interested in is
- 7 making sure that we're doing those little
- 8 things, or at least that we know, what are we
- 9 supposed to be doing more of, or less of.
- 10 Sometimes it's just as simple as in
- 11 and out leaflets and doing what the County
- 12 does, but it's hard to materialize the effort
- 13 after year's gone by, and we didn't get
- 14 something done, and the State was lifting the
- 15 bar each year for quite a few years, and I've
- 16 seen some chatter on-line about how, yet again,
- 17 the permits are being revised.
- 18 I don't study what the revisions
- 19 are, but hopefully somebody is. It would be
- 20 nice to know. Is the State, you know, laying
- 21 more unfunded mandates us or are we --
- MS. KESSEL: Of course they are.
- MR. GULBRANSEN: I mean, that's
- 24 part of budgeting; right?
- I think we want to know, oh, now we

- BOARD OF TRUSTEES 1/12/21
- 2 have to go sample the water once a quarter.
- 3 Okay, how much is that going to cost; or maybe
- 4 not.
- 5 MS. KESSEL: Right, he'll -- also
- 6 meets with the Board once a year. They train
- 7 the trustees as well as our code enforcement
- 8 officers on certain issues that the State wants
- 9 us to remain aware of --
- 10 MR. GULBRANSEN: Right, yeah,
- 11 that's the stuff, good.
- MS. KESSEL: (Continuing) --
- 13 run-off, what have you, so all those reports
- 14 are on file in the clerk's office, plus he will
- 15 meet with the Board once a year.
- 16 MR. GUARDINO: Yeah, there's a
- 17 requirement for a public hearing; right? We
- 18 have to --
- MR. GULBRANSEN: Yup.
- MR. GUARDINO: (Continuing) -- once
- 21 a year there is a public hearing for the
- 22 Board's benefit, and also for the public's
- 23 benefit as to what's --
- 24 MS. KESSEL: Right, we also post on
- 25 our website the annual report.

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2	MR. GUARDINO: Right, good.		
3	MS. KESSEL: With a comment period.		
4	It gets posted on the Village's website.		
5	MR. GULBRANSEN: Looking forward to		
6	it.		
7	And that's it for me.		
8	MAYOR FELLER: Anything else,		
9	tonight?		
10	MR. PIRRO: No, sir.		
11	MAYOR FELLER: No?		
12	I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.		
13	MR. PIRRO: I'll make that motion.		
14	MAYOR FELLER: Second.		
15	All in favor?		
16	(WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,		
17	affirmative vote of the Board members present.)		
18	MAYOR FELLER: Nobody's opposed.		
19	The ayes have it.		
20	Thank you, ladies and gentlemen.		
21	(WHEREUPON, this meeting was		
22	concluded.)		
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