

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
VILLAGE OF PLANDOME MANOR
March 21, 2023
MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Plandome Manor, Nassau County, New York, was held in Village Hall, at 55 Manhasset Avenue, on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:	Barbara Donno	Mayor
	Matthew Clinton	Deputy Mayor
	Patricia O'Neill	Trustee
	Tony DeSousa	Trustee
	James Baydar	Trustee
Also Present:	Katherine Hannon	Village Clerk
	Edward Butt	Building Inspector
	John Farrell, Esq.	Village Attorney
	Marie DePalo	Village Treasurer
	Sarah Meriggi	Resident
	Robert Weinstock	Resident
	Risa Weinstock	Resident
	Christopher Bollerman	Port Washington Fire Department

Mayor Donno called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and verified the presence of a quorum.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Donno led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Donno then called for the approval of the minutes from the BOT meeting held on February 21, 2023.

Trustee DeSousa made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Baydar.

Trustee Clinton: Aye Trustee O'Neill: Aye Trustee Baydar: Aye

Trustee DeSousa: Aye Mayor Donno: Aye

Approved. VOTE: 5/0 - Motion passes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sarah Meriggi, of 81 Circle Drive asked the Board if there were any updates regarding the installation of the streetlight on Circle Drive. The Mayor responded by stating that the Clerk has been informing the Board regularly of the status of the streetlight and that the light is still on backorder.

REPORT

Village Treasurer

- Treasurer, Marie DePalo, provided the report on the Abstract Report of Audited Vouchers dated March 21, 2023, and the Profit & Loss Statement ending February 28, 2023.
- The Treasurer reported that the Village renewed its cyber liability policy, and the premium did not increase from the previous year.
- The Treasurer also reported that there were funds transferred from the Money Market account to the NYCLASS account and the following month it will be reflected on the balance sheet. The Mayor asked if the money in the NYCLASS account is insured, and the Treasurer responded that the money is both insured and collateralized.
- The Treasurer reported that the only adjustments made to the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 since the February 21st, 2023, Board of Trustees meeting was the increase in the community beautification budgets. The Treasurer stated that the budget numbers are the same as discussed at the February Board of Trustees meeting.
- Trustee Clinton stated that it is the second presentation of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2023-2024 and it will be voted on and finalized at the April 18, 2023, public hearing. Trustee Clinton mentioned the change in the budget due to the increase in the community beautification budgets which was previously approved by the Board at the request of association representatives.
- Trustee Clinton highlighted that the individual impact on residents' taxes regarding the budget for the fiscal year 2023-2024 on average is \$84 per household. Trustee Clinton explained that the increase per household is due to the budget cap that was previously introduced by the former Governor of 2% which is mandated by the state. The Village of Plandome Manor is capped at 2%. Trustee Clinton also mentioned that the most significant change from the 2022-2023 to the 2023-2024 budget is the completion of the road improvement project.

PUBLIC HEARING

Port Washington Fire Department

Trustee O'Neill made a motion that the Board of Trustees open the public hearing regarding the 2023 Port Washington Fire Department Contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Clinton.

Trustee Clinton: Aye Trustee O'Neill: Aye Trustee Baydar: Aye

Trustee DeSousa: Aye Mayor Donno: Aye

Approved. VOTE: 5/0 - Motion passes

Chris Bollerman of the Port Washington Fire Department made a presentation relative to the 2023 contract. In the proposed contract, the Port Washington Fire Department shall receive a sum of \$25,002 from the Village of Plandome Manor for fire and emergency medical services.

Robert Weinstock of 32 Colonial Drive asked Mr. Bollerman if the main firehouse was located on Port Washington Boulevard and if the ambulance service was also located there. Mr. Bollerman responded by stating that it is the business office of the PWFD. Mr. Weinstock then asked where the fire trucks are stored, and Mr. Bollerman responded by stating that they are stored at six different locations.

Trustee O'Neill made a motion that the Board of Trustees close the public hearing regarding the 2023 Port Washington Fire Department Contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee Baydar.

Trustee Clinton: Aye Trustee O'Neill: Aye Trustee Baydar: Aye

Trustee DeSousa: Aye Mayor Donno: Aye

Approved. VOTE: 5/0 - Motion passes

Trustee Baydar made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the proposed agreement with the Port Washington Fire Department for 2023 including the addition of the Emergency Medical Services subject to the approval of the Village Attorney as to the form of the contract. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeSousa.

Trustee Clinton: Aye Trustee O'Neill: Aye Trustee Baydar: Aye

Trustee DeSousa: Aye Mayor Donno: Aye

Approved. VOTE: 5/0 - Motion passes

REPORTS

Village/Court Clerk

- Village Clerk, Katherine Hannon provided the NCPD monthly report for February 2023.
- The Village Clerk reported that a request has been submitted to Nassau County to repair the broken walkway at the beach. There is no estimated date when the repair work will be completed.
- The Village Clerk reported that a request has been submitted to Nassau County to replace the metal guardrail on N. Plandome Road. Nassau County will be replacing the guardrail with a wooden guardrail and will fully cover the costs.
- The Clerk reported a request was submitted to DASNY for repurposing grant funds for the Triangle on Plandome/Stonytown Road to fund the paving of the Mills. DASNY has declined this request as the funds were already approved to be allocated for the Triangle.
- The Clerk reported that the film production group that had an interest in using Plandome Park Beach has moved on to other locations and will not be using the beach for their film.
- The Clerk mentioned that a claim that was filled with PSEG for a downed limb that destroyed a section of the fence to the Mills has been investigated and it was not PSEG who caused the damage. As Trustee DeSousa mentioned in the February meeting that it was Extenet, Extenet will be reimbursing the Mills association.
- The Clerk presented the inclusion of large project fees. The fee would be an additional fee on top of the regular permit fee to be used for road improvements. The Clerk provided the large project fee that surrounding Villages are currently charging. The Mayor mentioned that Village roads see a lot of wear and tear from equipment being brought in for projects and the funds received would be solely allocated towards road repairs and re-pavement.
- The Clerk mentioned the Village is looking into changing the locks on Village Hall, thus far, the Village has received one estimate and is awaiting another.
- The Clerk reported that the streetlights are on backorder.
- The Clerk mentioned that two (2) service requests for fixing the guardrail were filed with the Town of North Hempstead. One by the Science Museum that was hit by a car and the second by Water Lane. It is awaiting review from the Town's attorney.
- The Clerk reported that the Village received the Cyber Liability Insurance renewal and that there was no increase from the previous year.
- The Clerk reported that the Village received a service contract from Professional Irrigation for the sprinklers at the Triangle on N. Plandome Road.

- The Clerk reported that the Village received an estimate for the replacement of two Village computers and a printer.

Building Inspector

- The Inspector reported that the Village has received an estimate for an irrigation system for the Elm Sea Lane Island and Gulls Cove entrance. The two areas are currently being watered by residents. The Inspector reported that both estimates are around \$10,000 and the Elm Sea Lane Island is the area that should be focused on. The Inspector then provided the Board with a breakdown of the costs. The Mayor stated that she would like to be provided with another estimate. Trustee Clinton requested that the Inspector approach the homeowner and see if there was a way the Village could reimburse them to continue to water the island.
- The Inspector reported that the Long Island Railroad were at the Plandome train station assessing the flooding issue. The Village attorney mentioned that the Village of Plandome wrote a letter to the Village of Plandome Manor regarding the flooding issue and the Village attorney responded, via letter, that the flooding is being caused by the Long Island Railroad.

Mayor

- Mayor Donno gave a report on the New York Housing Compact. The Mayor stated that the bill has been redacted from Senate and Assembly budgets. The Mayor stated that the Governor has removed the bill from the budget but is being pressured to reinstate it. The Mayor mentioned that the Governor has included the MTA payroll tax for all jurisdictions south of Westchester in the budget.

Village Attorney

- The Village Attorney provided the Board with the proposed landscaper licensing code.

MOTIONS:

Trustee Clinton made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the Abstract of Audited Vouchers dated March 21, 2023, and the Profit & Loss Statement ending February 28, 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Baydar.

Trustee Clinton: Aye Trustee O'Neill: Aye Trustee Baydar: Aye

Trustee DeSousa: Aye Mayor Donno: Aye

Approved. VOTE: 5/0 - Motion passes

Trustee O'Neill made a motion that the Board of Trustees set a date for the public hearing on the 2023-2024 Village Budget. Public Hearing date: April 18, 2023. The motion was seconded by Trustee Baydar.

Trustee Clinton: Aye Trustee O'Neill: Aye Trustee Baydar: Aye

Trustee DeSousa: Aye Mayor Donno: Aye

Approved. VOTE: 5/0 - Motion passes

Trustee Clinton made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the Village's Cyber Liability Insurance Policy of Lloyd's of London in the amount of \$4,750.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeSousa.

Trustee Clinton: Aye Trustee O'Neill: Aye Trustee Baydar: Aye

Trustee DeSousa: Aye Mayor Donno: Aye

Approved. VOTE: 5/0 - Motion passes

Trustee Baydar made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the '2023 Irrigation Season – Annual Service Options,' prepared and submitted by Professional Irrigation, for the year 2023, for 2023 PACKAGE (Activation & Winterization) in the amount of \$302.00. The motion was seconded by Trustee O'Neill.

Trustee Clinton: Aye Trustee O'Neill: Aye Trustee Baydar: Aye

Trustee DeSousa: Aye Mayor Donno: Aye

Approved. VOTE: 5/0 - Motion passes

Trustee O'Neill made a motion that the Board of Trustees approve the 'New Desktops and Printer Estimate' prepared and submitted by NeighborTech, not to exceed \$4,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee DeSousa.

Trustee Clinton: Aye Trustee O'Neill: Aye Trustee Baydar: Aye

Trustee DeSousa: Aye Mayor Donno: Aye

Approved. VOTE: 5/0 - Motion passes

Trustee Clinton made a motion that the Board of Trustees convene into executive session. The motion was seconded by Trustee Baydar.

Trustee Clinton: Aye Trustee O'Neill: Aye Trustee Baydar: Aye

Trustee DeSousa: Aye Mayor Donno: Aye

Approved. VOTE: 5/0 - Motion passes

Trustee O'Neill made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:43pm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Clinton.

Trustee Clinton: Aye Trustee O'Neill: Aye Trustee Baydar: Aye

Trustee DeSousa: Aye Mayor Donno: Aye

Approved. VOTE: 5/0 - Motion passes

Signed by Katherine Hannon 4/12/2023
Katherine Hannon, Village Clerk

APPROVED

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18:21:13 2 MAYOR DONNO: Okay, everyone is
18:21:14 3 here.

18:21:15 4 If we could please stand?

18:21:16 5 (Pledge of Allegiance recited at
18:21:19 6 this time.)

18:22:11 7 MAYOR DONNO: We're going to --
18:25:21 8 we're waiting for Chris Bollerman to
18:25:23 9 come. He's going to give us a
18:25:25 10 presentation of the fire department
18:25:26 11 contract and he's also going to speak
18:25:29 12 to us about their -- the emergency
18:25:33 13 medical services contract that they
18:25:37 14 would like us to pass.

18:25:40 15 Pat and I both attended that
18:25:42 16 meeting, but Chris would be -- he's
18:25:46 17 better -- he would be better -- a
18:25:49 18 better person to explain exactly how
18:25:51 19 that's going to affect the residents --
18:25:54 20 actually, it would not affect us, most
18:25:58 21 of us, because we're
18:26:05 22 Manhasset-Lakeville, but it will affect
18:26:07 23 Circle Drive, so we'll wait until Chris
18:26:10 24 gets here.

18:26:11 25 (Recess taken in the

1 Pt. Washington FD 2023 Contract/EMS 3
18:26:17 2 proceedings.)
18:37:06 3 MAYOR DONNO: Hello, Chris.
18:37:08 4 MR. BOLLERMAN: Hello, Mayor.
18:37:09 5 How are you?
18:37:10 6 MAYOR DONNO: I'm good.
18:37:11 7 How are you?
18:37:11 8 MR. BOLLERMAN: Sorry.
18:37:13 9 MAYOR DONNO: No problem, no
18:37:14 10 problem. Thank you for rushing out. I
18:37:18 11 appreciate it.
18:37:19 12 Chris Bollerman is here for our
18:37:23 13 presentation of the Port Washington
18:37:24 14 Fire Department contract.
18:37:25 15 We did go through it a few months
18:37:28 16 ago.
18:37:29 17 MR. BOLLERMAN: Yes.
18:37:29 18 MAYOR DONNO: And I know the
18:37:31 19 Board had some questions with the
18:37:34 20 increase and you were able to solve
18:37:40 21 that, but I'll -- I would like you to
18:37:42 22 address it and also what I'll do is
18:37:45 23 open up the public hearing.
18:37:46 24 But, just so you know, I would
18:37:48 25 like you to address it and then also

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18:37:49 2 explain the emergency -- the medical
18:37:52 3 services, if you could.
18:37:53 4 Can I have a motion to open the
18:37:56 5 public hearing regarding the 2023 Port
18:37:59 6 Washington Fire Department contract?
18:38:00 7 TRUSTEE O'NEILL: Motion.
18:38:01 8 MAYOR DONNO: Can I have a
18:38:02 9 second?
18:38:02 10 TRUSTEE CLINTON: Second.
18:38:03 11 MAYOR DONNO: All those in favor?
18:38:04 12 MS. O'NEILL: Aye.
18:38:05 13 TRUSTEE DeSOUSA: Aye.
18:38:05 14 MAYOR DONNO: Aye.
18:38:05 15 TRUSTEE CLINTON: Aye.
18:38:05 16 TRUSTEE BAYDAR: Aye.
18:38:05 17 MAYOR DONNO: Chris Bollerman?
18:38:07 18 MR. BOLLERMAN: Thank you, ma'am.
18:38:08 19 Do you mind if I pull this over?
18:38:10 20 I'm sorry, I had my nights mixed
18:38:12 21 up. I thought you guys were tomorrow
18:38:14 22 night and I just started doing my World
18:38:18 23 Trade Center paperwork and I have that
18:38:19 24 early in the morning tomorrow and I
18:38:20 25 thoroughly apologize.

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18:38:23 2 MAYOR DONNO: Thank you for
18:38:25 3 coming.

18:38:25 4 MR. BOLLERMAN: No problem.

18:38:26 5 So, again, my name is Christopher
18:38:28 6 Bollerman. I am the chairperson of the
18:38:31 7 board of directors of the Port
18:38:33 8 Washington Fire Department. We provide
18:38:33 9 fire and emergency medical services to
18:38:35 10 the residents of the Village of
18:38:38 11 Plandome Manor that reside within the
18:38:40 12 Port Washington water district and
18:38:43 13 school district.

18:38:44 14 MAYOR DONNO: And that's Circle
18:38:45 15 Drive, Janssen, Colonial.

18:38:48 16 MR. BOLLERMAN: So I would just
18:38:49 17 like to address the contract first and
18:38:50 18 I would like to thank -- personally
18:38:52 19 thank your staff.

18:38:53 20 I've never met you, Ms. DePalo --

18:38:57 21 MS. DePALO: Hi.

18:38:59 22 MR. BOLLERMAN: -- and I've never
18:39:00 23 met you, Ms. Hannon, and my office is
18:39:03 24 small, but we're doing a lot of
18:39:06 25 paperwork and I signed some forms that

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18:39:08 2 people did some work for me and thank
18:39:10 3 you for noticing the error. I
18:39:11 4 sincerely apologize.
18:39:13 5 MS. DePALO: No worries.
18:39:15 6 MR. BOLLERMAN: We had attempted
18:39:16 7 to do a reassessment, Madam Mayor, and,
18:39:18 8 as you know, the county reassessment is
18:39:21 9 crazy and they used some new numbers
18:39:24 10 this year and our consultant used old
18:39:27 11 math on new numbers and it caused you
18:39:29 12 guys to have an \$11,000 increase and
18:39:31 13 when I went through it with both of
18:39:33 14 your staff I explained everything and
18:39:37 15 then finally Ms. DePalo called and
18:39:40 16 said, "But, Chris 11,000?"
18:39:42 17 I said, "No, maybe, 1100," but
18:39:44 18 it's really \$808, right?
18:39:46 19 MS. DePALO: Now.
18:39:47 20 MR. BOLLERMAN: The increase is
18:39:48 21 like \$808.
18:39:50 22 MS. DePALO: Right.
18:39:50 23 MR. BOLLERMAN: So what we did,
18:39:52 24 ma'am, is went back to the assessment
18:39:55 25 of 2020 which everyone was happy with

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18:39:57 2 and worked and just got a 2.98 increase
18:40:01 3 on that number and hopefully when our
18:40:03 4 comptroller gets through tearing
18:40:04 5 through the department of assessment
18:40:06 6 we'll have some real numbers we can
18:40:08 7 work with.

18:40:09 8 But the Port Washington Fire
18:40:11 9 Department number - I had my department
18:40:12 10 meeting last night so my folder is full
18:40:13 11 of things so I just want to make sure
18:40:15 12 we're right for the Village of Plandome
18:40:19 13 Manor - we would be talking about
18:40:20 14 you're 0.61 percent of the fire
18:40:24 15 department's budget; 21,526 for fire,
18:40:28 16 3,476 for EMS, a payment of 2,806 to
18:40:34 17 the LOSAP administrator, but the total
18:40:37 18 fire contract should be 25,002.

18:40:41 19 We're good?

18:40:41 20 Okay. So that's it for the fire
18:40:44 21 department part of it.

18:40:45 22 The next part of it is the fire
18:40:49 23 department, through legislation signed
18:40:52 24 into law last year by our governor, the
18:40:55 25 fire department is now permitted to

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18:40:57 2 enact cost recovery for emergency
18:40:59 3 medical services that we provide.

18:41:02 4 So the Port Washington Fire
18:41:05 5 Department's emergency medical service
18:41:07 6 costs a tremendous amount of money and
18:41:10 7 what we would like to be able to do is
18:41:12 8 enact cost recovery for the services we
18:41:15 9 provide.

18:41:15 10 People might say to themselves
18:41:18 11 immediately, "If you're going to
18:41:19 12 recover X amount of funds for the
18:41:21 13 people you transport from Plandome
18:41:24 14 Manor then you should lower this
18:41:25 15 number."

18:41:25 16 We're not looking to do that.
18:41:27 17 We're looking to recover the funds and
18:41:29 18 make the service better.

18:41:30 19 How would we make it better?

18:41:32 20 We want to provide a paramedic 24
18:41:33 21 hours a day, seven days a week instead
18:41:35 22 of it being a volunteer that might
18:41:38 23 sleep in the firehouse tonight.

18:41:39 24 Another thing we want to do, we
18:41:41 25 want to make it easy on your

18:41:42 2 constituents. So the fire department
18:41:44 3 maintains a comprehensive database of
18:41:46 4 every residence -- every address within
18:41:48 5 our fire protection district.

18:41:50 6 So you have your residents here
18:41:52 7 right now. If the Port Washington Fire
18:41:54 8 Department goes to Circle Drive and G-d
18:41:58 9 forbid transports somebody from that
18:42:00 10 address that resident will not be
18:42:03 11 responsible for their insurance's
18:42:04 12 contractual co-payment. We're going to
18:42:06 13 waive that and waive it legally through
18:42:08 14 the fact that they pay taxes for the
18:42:10 15 infrastructure that provides for
18:42:12 16 ambulances to fly cars and the
18:42:13 17 firehouse itself. So we're going to
18:42:16 18 waive that that way.

18:42:18 19 However, the resident would be
18:42:19 20 responsible for the co-payment (sic).

18:42:21 21 We talk about a co-payment (sic).

18:42:24 22 Either you, Mayor Donno, or I are
18:42:26 23 there when a person makes their
18:42:28 24 decision on what their deductible is,
18:42:31 25 we don't make a decision on a

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deductible.

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If you're lucky enough to have New York City Police Department like I do my deductible is low, but if you're a self-employed guy, girl, your deductible might be high. That's not my business.

So what we're trying to do with that is we have enacted something called compassionate billing.

Now, what is compassionate billing?

Compassionate billing is we're going to put no strain on anyone. So if a resident or non-resident uses our ambulance and just say our fee, I believe, is \$1,500 for a basic life support call, we waive the co-pay and now it comes to the deductible and your deductible is \$250 and you call our third-party biller, not the fire department, you call our third-party biller and you say, "You know, you just charged me \$1,500 bucks for this. I

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18:43:22 2 know you waived the co-pay, but my
18:43:24 3 deductible is \$500."
18:43:27 4 The biller is going to say,
18:43:28 5 "Well, is that a strain for you?" and,
18:43:31 6 for instance, isn't it for everybody?
18:43:33 7 You indicate that it's a strain
18:43:34 8 and we're going to waive it.
18:43:37 9 Unlike the Nassau County Police
18:43:39 10 Department which requests
18:43:42 11 documentation, a W-2, a 1099, whatever,
18:43:45 12 we don't want documentation. We're
18:43:47 13 going to take your word for it because
18:43:49 14 it's not worth it to inflict any undue
18:43:53 15 harm on people, right?
18:43:54 16 I'm a humanitarian. I have a
18:43:57 17 pretty rough outside, but I care a lot
18:44:00 18 about people.
18:44:00 19 So we're not looking to hurt
18:44:02 20 anyone so in our compassionate billing
18:44:04 21 policy that's what we will do. We will
18:44:06 22 waive it if somebody indicates that's
18:44:08 23 some type of a problem.
18:44:09 24 So I mentioned \$1,500.
18:44:11 25 So a basic life support call

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18:44:14 2 would be 1500 for broken ankle, leg - I
18:44:16 3 don't want you to break anything - but
18:44:18 4 we transport you to the hospital.

18:44:20 5 An advanced life support call
18:44:22 6 would be 2,200. Advance life support
18:44:25 7 calls involves intravenous, maybe
18:44:29 8 defibrillation.

18:44:29 9 And then there's advanced life
18:44:31 10 support two which is -- I don't have it
18:44:33 11 right in front of me, I can find it,
18:44:36 12 but on Schedule A it's 3200 or 3000?

18:44:40 13 MS. HANNON: 3000.

18:44:42 14 MR. BOLLERMAN: We expect our
18:44:44 15 ALS 2s to be less than one percent
18:44:46 16 because of the proximity of the
18:44:47 17 hospital and to be ALS 2 you must
18:44:50 18 defibrillate twice, you must
18:44:54 19 administer -- I don't know if one of
18:44:55 20 you guys are a doctor, you must
18:44:58 21 administer the full round of cardiac
18:45:00 22 arrest medicines two times and there's
18:45:02 23 another procedure you have to do twice.
18:45:03 24 I'm a fireman not a medic. We usually
18:45:06 25 don't anticipate that happening because

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18:45:08 2 we scoop and run.
18:45:08 3 How do we get the insurance
18:45:10 4 information -- oh, then the next charge
18:45:11 5 is \$35 per loaded mile.
18:45:16 6 So we don't charge from the
18:45:17 7 firehouse to get to Plandome Manor, but
18:45:20 8 when we pick you up in Plandome Manor
18:45:22 9 and transport you to St. Francis
18:45:25 10 Hospital it's \$35 per loaded mile.
18:45:27 11 Insurance typically pays us 16.
18:45:30 12 Just like when you get your
18:45:31 13 explanation of benefits, you get a
18:45:33 14 colonoscopy, they charge 47,000, but
18:45:36 15 your insurance company paid \$47.
18:45:39 16 So that's the loaded mile. Your
18:45:41 17 village, your residents, are going to
18:45:43 18 be one mile to get to the hospital.
18:45:45 19 The next thing would be how do we
18:45:49 20 collect the information?
18:45:50 21 Our third-party biller insures us
18:45:53 22 that if they collect Barbara Donno at a
18:45:56 23 physical address with a date of birth
18:45:58 24 the icing on the cake is your social
18:46:00 25 security number. They got it from

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there.
If you have available your insurance cards and there's time, with the tablets that we use we would take a picture of your insurance card. But we don't need to do. That would be just if there is literally time and sometimes we have four technicians on a call and somebody is interacting with someone.

But, believe me, if there's a true emergency in the home we don't need that. And lots of time we get to the hospital, the charge nurse that's admitting the patient has all kinds of information and we can go through things. So we're never going to delay to get to the hospital.

And, again, what we want to do with the funding is we want to hire a paramedic 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

This is not new to Port Washington. We've been working on this

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18:46:44 2 since 2017. We had some alternative
18:46:46 3 ways of doing it, but they were pretty
18:46:48 4 murky. This now gives us the right to
18:46:50 5 do it through the law.

18:46:51 6 Prior to the law being enacted
18:46:54 7 there was -- the fire department was
18:46:56 8 explicitly prohibited, we could not
18:46:59 9 charge, a fire department could not
18:47:01 10 charge for providing emergency medical
18:47:02 11 service.

18:47:03 12 The Nassau County police could,
18:47:04 13 Northwell can, NYU Langone can, but the
18:47:07 14 fire department could not and now we
18:47:09 15 can.

18:47:09 16 So every year over \$150M in cash
18:47:13 17 was left on the table that you're all
18:47:16 18 paying for in your premiums, but we're
18:47:18 19 not getting.

18:47:19 20 So our hope is that with this
18:47:21 21 money we'll be able to do the 24/7
18:47:24 22 paramedic.

18:47:25 23 And you have two lines in your
18:47:26 24 budget, fire and EMS. Our hope is we
18:47:30 25 can fund that EMS without having true

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18:47:33 2 increases. I'm not saying there's not
18:47:35 3 going to ever be an increase, but to
18:47:38 4 try and hold that as much as possible.

18:47:40 5 On the Port Washington Fire
18:47:42 6 Department's web page PWFD.com there
18:47:46 7 are 36 questions. I put my homicide
18:47:48 8 detective hat on and I interviewed
18:47:50 9 myself and asked myself 36 questions
18:47:53 10 and then I acted as the perp and I
18:47:55 11 answered the 36 questions with my
18:47:56 12 lawyer present and I believe that it's
18:47:59 13 everything.

18:48:00 14 So I'll give you a quick example
18:48:01 15 that's out there. You're a resident of
18:48:03 16 Plandome Manor and you're on Shore Road
18:48:06 17 and you trip and fall and you need to
18:48:09 18 go to the hospital.

18:48:09 19 Co-pay is waived because you live
18:48:11 20 in the district, you pay the deductible
18:48:16 21 and the mileage going to the hospital.

18:48:18 22 Your cousin is visiting you in
18:48:20 23 Plandome Manor and they have a medical
18:48:23 24 episode and they get transported to the
18:48:24 25 hospital.

18:48:25 2 They pay a co-pay and they pay a
18:48:27 3 deductible. Compassionate billing can
18:48:31 4 kick in if they can't afford it. Other
18:48:34 5 than that -- and the question -- oh,
18:48:36 6 and we're not charging somebody with no
18:48:38 7 insurance. If you have no insurance
18:48:39 8 there is no payment whatsoever.

18:48:41 9 And we're waiving the cost of
18:48:43 10 responding to your home or to the
18:48:45 11 street, treating and releasing you or
18:48:49 12 if you refuse medical attention we're
18:48:51 13 waiving that. You have to be
18:48:52 14 transported to the hospital to do that.

18:48:54 15 Most importantly, a lot of the
18:48:56 16 elected will worry about this, a lot of
18:48:58 17 the elected will worry, who's going to
18:49:00 18 determine who has the money to pay and
18:49:02 19 who doesn't?

18:49:03 20 It's not going to be me. It's
18:49:06 21 not going to be any of my cohorts.
18:49:08 22 It's not going to be any of my
18:49:10 23 underlings. It's going to be the
18:49:12 24 third-party administrator. All I will
18:49:14 25 find out as the highest ranking in the

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18:49:17 2 fire department is a case number, the
18:49:29 3 amount of money billed, the amount of
18:49:30 4 money recovered and that's it.

18:49:33 5 The money is going to be
18:49:34 6 deposited in a separate bank account
18:49:37 7 from the fire department's funds.
18:49:39 8 It's -- it will be a singular account,
18:49:40 9 but every dollar that goes in you're
18:49:44 10 going to be CO'd 7000. So once a month
18:49:47 11 or once a year I can tell you from CO'd
18:49:49 12 7000 we recovered \$3,500 this year.

18:49:53 13 How does that sound as a
18:49:54 14 treasurer, all right?

18:49:56 15 MS. DePALO: Sounds good.

18:49:58 16 MR. BOLLERMAN: And I can't
18:49:59 17 stress compassionate billing enough to
18:50:02 18 you. There's a ton of money out there
18:50:04 19 in the insurance industry. I can't
18:50:06 20 stress compassionate billing enough to
18:50:08 21 everyone.

18:50:09 22 I can't waive all the fees
18:50:10 23 because that would be the anti-kickback
18:50:14 24 law from Medicaid and Medicare would
18:50:17 25 kick in and I would get arrested, but I

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18:50:19 2 can have compassion and I've written a
18:50:21 3 very thorough proposal with our billing
18:50:23 4 company for the compassion clause.

18:50:28 5 And the last thing is we have
18:50:30 6 approvals now from the Town of North
18:50:31 7 Hempstead, Baxter Estates and the
18:50:34 8 Village of Manor Haven.

18:50:36 9 I appeared before -- I'm supposed
18:50:38 10 to say you tomorrow night, but it's
18:50:40 11 tonight. So there's you, Port
18:50:43 12 Washington North, Sands Point and
18:50:44 13 Flower Hill remaining.

18:50:45 14 We're doing it all for one and
18:50:47 15 one for all. If one village does not
18:50:49 16 opt in we're not going to do it.

18:50:51 17 MAYOR DONNO: Did that hold true
18:50:52 18 also for the contract, for the change
18:50:55 19 in the -- our contract increase?

18:50:58 20 MR. BOLLERMAN: Yes. Yes, ma'am.

18:51:01 21 I can even read them to you on
18:51:02 22 the record. Every single municipality
18:51:04 23 has agreed except for the Village of
18:51:07 24 Sands Point. I haven't heard from them
18:51:09 25 and I think your counsel works with

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18:51:10 2 them. I haven't heard from them yet.
18:51:13 3 MR. FARRELL: I don't deal with
18:51:14 4 them.
18:51:14 5 MR. BOLLERMAN: I have not heard
18:51:16 6 from Deputy Mayor Moslow yet if he's
18:51:20 7 accepted it.
18:51:20 8 MAYOR DONNO: Okay.
18:51:21 9 MR. BOLLERMAN: But every
18:51:22 10 municipality has shaken my hand that
18:51:24 11 the money is good, they're good with
18:51:27 12 2.98.
18:51:28 13 MAYOR DONNO: Does anybody have
18:51:30 14 any questions?
18:51:31 15 TRUSTEE CLINTON: I do, more out
18:51:32 16 of curiosity.
18:51:33 17 MR. BOLLERMAN: Sir, I will
18:51:34 18 answer any question you want.
18:51:35 19 I want to interrupt you if I can.
18:51:37 20 I want full transparency, above and
18:51:39 21 beyond. I want everyone to know the
18:51:41 22 truth.
18:51:42 23 TRUSTEE CLINTON: Well, away from
18:51:44 24 the compassionate billing issue, which
18:51:47 25 is a great word -- do I have that

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right, compassionate billing?

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MR. BOLLERMAN: Compassionate

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billing.

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TRUSTEE CLINTON: Excellent.

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Is the paramedic equipped or

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prepared to provide services that you

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were not previously able to provide?

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And I'm picking in the event --

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and I'm sure most of you your services

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have been around falls and elderly and

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things like that, but obviously there's

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an increase in accidental overdoses

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with opioids or things like that, can

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the paramedic administer, like, a

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Narcan on the scene rather than wait to

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move to a hospital and potentially save

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somebody's life?

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MR. BOLLERMAN: Let me give you

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the best answer I can and in many

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The Port Washington Fire

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Department is the busiest fire

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department in all of Nassau County.

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Our budget ranks 12 out of all of

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18:52:37 2 Nassau County. We employ two full-time
18:52:39 3 and 29 part-time people to supplement
18:52:42 4 our volunteers.

18:52:44 5 Our volunteer emergency medical
18:52:46 6 technicians both basic and advanced
18:52:48 7 life support are not available all the
18:52:50 8 time. So the idea of supplying the
18:52:53 9 full-time paramedic would be that
18:52:55 10 3 o'clock in the morning tonight if the
18:52:58 11 volunteer has to go to work somebody is
18:53:01 12 always going to be there because
18:53:03 13 that's -- it comes from Mayor Adler,
18:53:05 14 one of my heroes, when he said to me,
18:53:07 15 "I have insurance if my house burns
18:53:10 16 down, but if I die I'm done."

18:53:12 17 So now let's talk about the
18:53:13 18 administration of narcotics or drugs or
18:53:15 19 anything. Narcan can be applied by any
18:53:18 20 human being now. So my wife is a
18:53:21 21 registered nurse in a school setting.
18:53:23 22 She has Narcan in her pocketbook.

18:53:26 23 But, yes, our emergency medical
18:53:28 24 technicians, basic, our emergency
18:53:30 25 medical technicians critical care and

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18:53:33 2 our emergency medical technicians
18:53:35 3 paramedic level all can administer
18:53:37 4 Narcan and we run the gamut, sir, on
18:53:41 5 call volume. We truly really don't see
18:53:44 6 a tremendous amount of overdoses in our
18:53:47 7 neighborhood as we run from Stonytown
18:53:48 8 North, but we do see a significant
18:53:51 9 amount of cardiac issues.

18:53:52 10 MAYOR DONNO: You're at Amsterdam
18:53:57 11 quite a bit.

18:53:57 12 MR. BOLLERMAN: Nearly 300 times
18:53:59 13 a year, ma'am, which leads me to
18:54:01 14 another thing.

18:54:02 15 Port Washington is looking, not
18:54:04 16 in your village, but they are looking
18:54:05 17 to do a couple more big high-rise type
18:54:08 18 things.

18:54:08 19 I was involved in one of them all
18:54:10 20 day today and not that we're against
18:54:12 21 them, but there needs to be some kind
18:54:14 22 of compensation made to the fire
18:54:16 23 department because I need to buy
18:54:17 24 equipment and all that kind of stuff
18:54:19 25 and we're thoroughly against the

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18:54:23 2 proposal for one-half mile radius let
18:54:25 3 alone 15 miles from the city border and
18:54:29 4 I have written our elected that are --
18:54:33 5 that have not come out in favor or
18:54:35 6 opposed yet.

18:54:35 7 MAYOR DONNO: Good.

18:54:36 8 MR. BOLLERMAN: I have written
18:54:37 9 them personally.

18:54:39 10 MAYOR DONNO: On the housing
18:54:41 11 compact, Governor Hochul's housing
18:54:45 12 compact.

18:54:45 13 MR. BOLLERMAN: I call it a
18:54:47 14 tragedy. I'm not here to be political.
18:54:50 15 I, the fire department, can't handle
18:54:52 16 all those houses being built.

18:54:54 17 MAYOR DONNO: Does anybody on the
18:54:55 18 Board have -- Pat?

18:54:58 19 TRUSTEE O'NEILL: I just --
18:54:59 20 something about -- the Port Washington
18:55:03 21 Fire Department is a New York State
18:55:04 22 Department of Health certified agency,
18:55:06 23 one of the few fire departments in
18:55:07 24 Nassau County that holds this
18:55:11 25 distinction.

18:55:12 2 The New York State certified
18:55:13 3 status indicates that the agency
18:55:14 4 adheres to a hire level of standards
18:55:17 5 such as minimal staffing, quality
18:55:19 6 insurance and improvement in training.

18:55:25 7 I think that's worth saying what
18:55:27 8 a good job you guys do and I think
18:55:29 9 having the full-time paramedic on staff
18:55:32 10 just, again, you know insures that we
18:55:36 11 have this quality service.

18:55:37 12 MR. BOLLERMAN: Yes, thank you.

18:55:39 13 MAYOR DONNO: Since our res --
18:55:41 14 our audience is from Circle Drive you
18:55:44 15 may have a question of Mr. Bollerman.
18:55:49 16 You're welcome to ask it.

18:55:51 17 MR. WEINSTOCK: Thank you for
18:55:53 18 being thorough.

18:55:55 19 Is the firehouse on Port
18:56:04 20 Washington Boulevard across from the
18:56:06 21 police station, is that your main fire
18:56:09 22 department?

18:56:09 23 MR. BOLLERMAN: Yes, sir.

18:56:10 24 MR. WEINSTOCK: Is the ambulance
18:56:11 25 service there or elsewhere?

18:56:12 2 MR. BOLLERMAN: That's a very
18:56:13 3 good question. That term came during
18:56:16 4 Covid. That's a very good question.

18:56:18 5 Sir, that is the business office
18:56:19 6 of the Port Washington Fire Department.
18:56:21 7 We are currently in the phase with the
18:56:24 8 Town of North Hempstead for permits and
18:56:27 9 we are going to reconstruct that
18:56:28 10 building and right now an ambulance
18:56:30 11 cannot fit in the garage so we're going
18:56:32 12 to be hopefully remove the garage from
18:56:35 13 the left and building the garage on the
18:56:37 14 right so that we can park an ambulance
18:56:39 15 in there 24 hours a day seven days a
18:56:41 16 week.

18:56:41 17 MR. WEINSTOCK: Okay, so that's
18:56:43 18 where your fire equipment is.

18:56:45 19 MR. BOLLERMAN: No, there's no
18:56:47 20 fire equipment, there's a business
18:56:48 21 office.

18:56:49 22 MR. WEINSTOCK: Where are the
18:56:50 23 trucks stored?

18:56:51 24 MR. BOLLERMAN: Six other
18:56:52 25 locations, the Atlantic Hook & Ladder

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18:56:54 2 Company on Carlton Avenue and Avenue A,
18:56:57 3 Protection Fire Engine on South
18:56:59 4 Washington Street and Channel Drive,
18:57:08 5 the Flower Hill Hose Company on Haven
18:57:10 6 Avenue and all of our ambulances are
18:57:12 7 stored at the main -- at the fire medic
18:57:16 8 company on Harbor Road and if you
18:57:19 9 dropped a dart in the peninsulas that
18:57:20 10 would be the center of the community.
18:57:21 11 That's why it's there.

18:57:22 12 But our hope and our prayers and
18:57:24 13 our intentions and my design features
18:57:26 14 are that this new garage at our fire
18:57:31 15 department headquarters is where we
18:57:33 16 will park an ambulance and that's where
18:57:34 17 the employees will be based which
18:57:36 18 brings them closer to you.

18:57:37 19 But 6 in the morning to 6 at
18:57:39 20 night seven days a week right now an
18:57:42 21 ambulance is brought to that location
18:57:44 22 and that's where they respond out of,
18:57:46 23 the employees, during the daytime so
18:57:48 24 that they're separate from the
18:57:49 25 volunteers.

18:57:54 2 MR. WEINSTOCK: Rob Weinstock,
18:57:56 3 32 Colonial.

18:57:59 4 TRUSTEE O'NEILL: Chris, at the
18:58:00 5 presentation that we attended you said
18:58:02 6 that if this is adopted then you're
18:58:07 7 going to review it after a certain
18:58:09 8 period to see if it's worth -- to
18:58:13 9 determine whether or not you're going
18:58:14 10 to continue with this program?

18:58:16 11 MR. BOLLERMAN: Yes, ma'am.

18:58:17 12 TRUSTEE O'NEILL: Is that still
18:58:18 13 part of the --

18:58:19 14 MR. BOLLERMAN: Absolutely.

18:58:20 15 So we really will not have a
18:58:22 16 grasp on the revenue that this can
18:58:24 17 provide for at least 12, if not 18,
18:58:26 18 months because we would not start it --
18:58:28 19 even if you signed a contract tonight,
18:58:30 20 we're not starting until June 1st when
18:58:32 21 Flower Hill and Sands Point contracts
18:58:34 22 renew. Plus, I'm not ready with the
18:58:36 23 Medicare and Medicaid numbers and all
18:58:38 24 that kind of stuff. So we wouldn't
18:58:39 25 start until June 1st when the other two

18:58:41 2 villages could possibly come on and
18:58:43 3 then I like the 18-month number because
18:58:45 4 that gets me to a January of '24 -- no,
18:58:48 5 '25, until we really see.

18:58:51 6 And then the other problem we
18:58:53 7 have is that the law sunsets in four
18:58:55 8 years so absent resolution --
18:58:58 9 legislation at the state level, so we
18:59:00 10 can't get involved in building
18:59:02 11 buildings, we can't get involved in
18:59:04 12 ten-year notes.

18:59:06 13 We really have to work within our
18:59:07 14 means and just, you know, handle the
18:59:10 15 EMS equipment which this can only be
18:59:13 16 spent on, but I could build an EMS
18:59:15 17 firehouse, but we can't get involved in
18:59:17 18 that phase. We don't know what it will
18:59:19 19 be.

18:59:19 20 MAYOR DONNO: Right.

18:59:19 21 MR. BOLLERMAN: Let me just give
18:59:20 22 you one last thing to your residents in
18:59:24 23 the Village of Plandome Manor.

18:59:27 24 2022 there were four EMS calls in
18:59:32 25 the section that we protect and seven

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18:59:34 2 fire calls and I would like to just
18:59:37 3 wrap it up with your village is covered
18:59:40 4 by like at least two different fire
18:59:43 5 departments.

18:59:43 6 MAYOR DONNO: Yes, Port and
18:59:45 7 Manhasset-Lakeville.

18:59:47 8 MR. BOLLERMAN: My dear friends
18:59:49 9 run the Manhasset-Lakeville, but we're
18:59:52 10 the only ones -- in Nassau County we
18:59:56 11 have the best billing compassionate,
19:00:02 12 especially the co-pay.

19:00:03 13 Nassau police, they have a
19:00:04 14 sliding scale and we're not going to do
19:00:07 15 that.

19:00:07 16 MAYOR DONNO: Rob, did you have
19:00:08 17 another question?

19:00:09 18 MR. WEINSTOCK: Thank you.

19:00:11 19 TRUSTEE CLINTON: Thank you for
19:00:12 20 your time.

19:00:13 21 MR. BOLLERMAN: Thank you very
19:00:14 22 much.

19:00:14 23 MAYOR DONNO: Thank you for your
19:00:15 24 service.

19:00:15 25 MR. BOLLERMAN: Thank you very

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19:00:16 2 much.
19:00:16 3 Again, I apologize for being
19:00:18 4 late.
19:00:43 5 MAYOR DONNO: I'm calling for a
19:00:51 6 motion.
19:00:57 7 MR. BOLLERMAN: Are you going to
19:00:58 8 vote tonight?
19:00:59 9 MAYOR DONNO: Yes.
19:01:00 10 I know you asked me to hold up
19:01:03 11 last time.
19:01:03 12 MR. BOLLERMAN: No, now the
19:01:04 13 contracts are good. Let it be whatever
19:01:06 14 the vote is.
19:01:07 15 Have a blessed night and Happy
19:01:09 16 Easter.
19:01:10 17 MAYOR DONNO: Thank you.
19:01:11 18 Are there any comments or
19:01:16 19 questions?
19:01:17 20 TRUSTEE BAYDAR: No.
19:01:17 21 MAYOR DONNO: Oh, okay.
19:01:19 22 Katie, do we have that in the
19:01:22 23 motions, to approve the contract and
19:01:24 24 the EMS?
19:01:26 25 MS. HANNON: Well, I can amend it

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19:01:28 2 to say and EMS.
19:01:30 3 MAYOR DONNO: We'll vote on both
19:01:31 4 of them.
19:01:36 5 Can I have a motion to close the
19:01:38 6 public hearing regarding the 2023 Port
19:01:42 7 Washington contract -- fire department?
19:01:45 8 TRUSTEE O'NEILL: Motion.
19:01:45 9 MAYOR DONNO: Can I have a
19:01:47 10 second?
19:01:47 11 TRUSTEE BAYDAR: Second.
19:01:48 12 MAYOR DONNO: All those in favor?
19:01:49 13 TRUSTEE O'NEILL: Aye.
19:01:49 14 TRUSTEE DeSOUSA: Aye.
19:01:49 15 MAYOR DONNA: Aye.
19:01:49 16 TRUSTEE CLINTON: Aye.
19:01:50 17 TRUSTEE BADER: Aye.
19:01:50 18 MAYOR DONNO: Okay, I might as
19:01:54 19 well do the motion.
19:01:55 20 Can I have a motion to approve
19:01:58 21 the 2023 Port Washington Fire
19:02:02 22 Department contract at an increase of,
19:02:04 23 what was it, 800 something?
19:02:07 24 MS. DePALO: \$808.
19:02:09 25 MAYOR DONNO: Yeah, I think

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19:02:10 2 that's what it was.
19:02:13 3 MS. DePALO: Or you could say the
19:02:14 4 amount of the contract was \$25,002.
19:02:19 5 TRUSTEE O'NEILL: 805.
19:02:21 6 MAYOR DONNO: That was the
19:02:22 7 increase, 805.
19:02:24 8 TRUSTEE O'NEILL: And 82 cents.
19:02:26 9 THE CLERK: Thank you.
19:02:29 10 TRUSTEE CLINTON: Motion.
19:02:29 11 MAYOR DONNO: Can I have a
19:02:30 12 second?
19:02:31 13 MR. DeSOUSA: Second.
19:02:31 14 MAYOR DONNO: All those in favor?
19:02:32 15 MS. O'NEILL: Aye.
19:02:32 16 MR. DeSOUSA: Aye.
19:02:33 17 MAYOR DONNO: Aye.
19:02:33 18 TRUSTEE CLINTON: Aye.
19:02:33 19 TRUSTEE BAYDAR: Aye.
19:02:33 20 MAYOR DONNO: Can I also have a
19:02:34 21 motion to approve the EMS services as
19:02:37 22 explained by Chris Bollerman?
19:02:41 23 TRUSTEE CLINTON: Motion.
19:02:43 24 TRUSTEE O'NEILL: Motion.
19:02:45 25 TRUSTEE CLINTON: Second.

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19:02:45 2 MAYOR DONNO: All those in favor?

19:02:46 3 TRUSTEE O'NEILL: Aye.

19:02:46 4 TRUSTEE DeSOUSA: Aye.

19:02:46 5 MAYOR DONNO: Aye.

19:02:47 6 TRUSTEE CLINTON: Aye.

19:02:47 7 TRUSTEE BAYDAR: Aye.

19:02:47 8 MAYOR DONNO: Great.

19:02:52 9 I will say all the years I sat in

19:02:55 10 the LOSAP meetings and going to the

19:02:58 11 budget meetings for Port Washington

19:03:00 12 this has been the -- EMS services has

19:03:03 13 been something that everyone has

19:03:05 14 discussed and they're particularly

19:03:08 15 concerned about it because they were

19:03:11 16 really having -- they were absorbing

19:03:14 17 all the costs and as Chris said they

19:03:18 18 had at least 300 calls at Amsterdam and

19:03:21 19 he -- I didn't even ask him about I

19:03:23 20 think it's Sand Point Nursing Home

19:03:26 21 which is on Middleneck Road and they

19:03:32 22 have quite a number of calls and he

19:03:34 23 said they get calls for, you know, a

19:03:38 24 hangnail and they need to go and

19:03:44 25 administer whatever they need to

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19:03:47 2 administer and it's very costly for

19:03:49 3 them.

19:03:49 4 So they were very concerned that

19:03:51 5 they were going to be able to continue

19:03:52 6 at least the EMS services in the

19:03:57 7 villages. We have Circle Drive, but

19:03:59 8 the other villages in Port Washington,

19:04:02 9 it's their entire village and the

19:04:04 10 villages were very concerned and

19:04:06 11 looking at other EMS services to

19:04:09 12 contract to such as Northwell I believe

19:04:12 13 contracts out, there was some others

19:04:14 14 that contracted out.

19:04:16 15 So when this law passed they

19:04:20 16 were -- the villages and Port

19:04:23 17 Washington were really very happy to

19:04:26 18 move forward with this and hope that

19:04:28 19 the villages would approve it so I

19:04:30 20 think it's a good thing.

19:04:33 21 TRUSTEE O'NEILL: New York was

19:04:34 22 the only state that prohibited fire

19:04:37 23 department billing for ambulance

19:04:38 24 services.

19:04:40 25 MAYOR DONNO: New York was the

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19:04:41 2 only state?

19:04:41 3 TRUSTEE O'NEILL: Yeah.

19:04:42 4 MAYOR DONNO: Really, wow.

19:04:46 5 So thank you, everyone.

19:04:48 6 (Public hearing concludes 7:52

7 p.m.)

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9 It is hereby certified that the
10 foregoing is a true and accurate
11 transcript of the proceedings.

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