



Minutes
Public Meeting/Business Meeting
May 1, 2006

1. Disapproved: 2006/2007 Fiscal Budget – Tax rate of \$15.64.
2. Approved: May 2006 Calendar
3. Approved: April 3, 2006 meeting minutes as amended.
4. Approved: Recommended Budget Transfers as requested by Treasurer Diane Javitz.
5. Approved: Change the organizational meeting date of the Inc. Village of Port Jefferson from Monday July 3, 2006 to Monday July 10, 2006.
6. Approved: Warrants as presented by Treasurer Javitz.

Present: Mayor Lee
Trustees Britt, Harty and Ransome
Administrator/Clerk Juliano
Treasurer Javitz
Deputy Clerk Howell

Absent: Village Attorney Johs

6pm – Country Club General Manager Larry Henn presented and reviewed the Country Club Budget with the Board of Trustees.

Motion by Trustee Britt, second by Trustee Faulknor to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issue at 7pm. Motion approved: 5-0.

Motion by Trustee Britt, second by Trustee Faulknor to come out of Executive Session at 7:01pm. Motion approved: 5-0.

Public Meeting:

- Pledge of Allegiance
 - Public Safety Issues – SCPD/Port Jefferson Code Enforcement
- Suffolk County Police Department – Lieutenant Smith fielded questions and announced that 18 new recruits fresh out of the Police Academy will be on patrol in our area.
- Al Cossari: Jaywalkers are a problem in the Village.
- Marge McCuen: Questioned motorcycle parking.
- Michael Conte: Motorcycle issues – Too many bikes in one parking space – volume of bikes is an issue.
- Anne Cossari: Not against multiple bikes in one space.
- Michael Mart: 1. Town of Brookhaven lot has been re-striped – no parking in southeast corner of lot where motorcycles parked. 2. Against multiple bikes in 1 parking space.
- Rose Messina: Speeding trucks are an issue on Jamaica Avenue.
- Lieutenant Smith: Gave his number 854-8618 to the audience and told them to call if they have problems.
- Rose Messina: Storage Company at the end of Jamaica Avenue – People are loitering in the bins – noisy and littering, hanging out all night long.
- Lieutenant Smith: Call 911.
- Valerie Schroeder: Is there a noise limit for motorcycles?
- Lt. Smith: Yes. All noise meter operators must be certified.
- Valerie Schroeder: Requested SCPD monitor motorcycle noise at least once a month.

Board Member Reports

Trustee Britt

- Rain – We have had between 5 and 6 inches of rain and our drains are designed to hold 3 inches – Village did very well. Canyon Creek was a problem.
- Branch Pickup – Schedule is in the newspaper.
- Meeting with merchants of E. Main Street on Wednesday morning – putting up signage throughout the Village.
- At this time I would like to announce that I will not be running for re-election.

- Mayor Lee wished Trustee Britt a happy retirement.

Trustee Faulknor

- Thanked Trustee Britt for all his years of service to the Village.
- Parks and Recreation
 - Part-time position open in recreation department – Scorer/open and close field, apply in recreation office.
 - Meeting with Bender Insurance to review Village insurance coverage needs to be rescheduled – will keep residents posted.
- Trustee Faulknor discussed resident's (name withheld) issues with country club parking lot lights.

Trustee Harty

- Thanked Trustee Britt.
- Sends his condolences to family of John Swenk who passed away over the weekend.
- Sent letter to the Town of Brookhaven voicing Village concerns regarding plans for Yaphank plant. Ed Grilli of LIPA replied that a study will be conducted.
- Port Jefferson School in top 100 in the Country.
- The Business Improvement District along with the Chamber of Commerce and the Lyon's Club held it's annual Earth Day Cleanup this pass Saturday.
- Managed Parking – Trustee Harty along with Michael Mart wend and reviewed managed parking in Babylon. RFP is ready to go out.

Trustee Ransome

- Expressed her feelings that Trustee Britt will truly be missed. The time and effort he gave to the Village is extraordinary.
- Fire Marshal – Town of Brookhaven to discuss at it's May 18, 2006 meeting.
- Grants – The Village is applying for 2 potential grants from the NYS Environmental Protection Agency – Mill Creek Restoration and The refurbishment of the Phillips Roe House Exterior.
- Charles Dickens Festival
 - The Board has elected me the liaison.
 - The Village is giving the left over past years ornaments to the festival - proceeds from the sale of these ornaments will go to future Dickens festivals.
 - Hired professional coordinator Nancy Rasmussen for a fee of \$5,000.00.
 - The Ball will return in 2006.
- The Meadow Parking Lot RFP was approved at the April 24th Business Meeting.
- ZBA – Met last week – it was a light agenda. Next meeting is scheduled for May 18th.
- Planning Board – Reviewed last meeting's agenda. Next meetings are scheduled for May 4th and May 23rd.
- CAC – The Board received the Stormwater Management Update.
- Children's Maritime Museum
 - Sign to go up in front of the Chandlery Building.
 - Re-pointing of the Chandlery Building is almost complete.
 - Grant is imminent for Chandlery Building windows.
 - Fundraiser tonight.
- Harborfront Park - First phase of the Interior of park scheduled for Mid-May. 2nd Phase will be final aesthetics.
- Met with Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy regarding motorcycle noise. Will reach out to Chamber of Commerce for help with a campaign of respect.
- East Main Street 2-hour parking limit was approved.
- Attended BID spring cleanup.
- 2006-2007 Budget – Trustee Ransome expressed the feeling that the Board did not have the leadership to make the budget process produce the required results. Mayor Lee has gone on record for wanting a 100% tax increase without ever reviewing the budget line by line and challenging all departmental expenses - Believes Board can do better. Not fair to blame the Village Center for everything. Feels tax increase is necessary, but argues the increased amount. Feels Board should create a fiscal management plan that creates funding to do capital projects, contingency funds and surpluses for unexpected expenses. Agrees with 10-year payoff of debt for Village Center. Supports large capital project for highway that would be a separate referendum on the June ballot. Concluded by saying that she will not vote yes to this budget and hopes that the tentative budget would also not be passed in hopes of reducing the budget even more.

Mayor Lee

- Fire Marshal – Negotiated with Town of Brookhaven to bring Fire Marshal aboard – new Town of Brookhaven Board will vote at next business meeting.
- Motorcycles – I lived on Main Street from 1955-1986 – motorcycle noise was one of the reasons I sold.
- Addressed Budget – Village is in deep financial trouble. Good planning did not exist – any surplus has been spent. In the past 15 years the Village has only seen a 98-cent increase. Long-term bonds are not the answer.

- Floor open for comments

Shirley Leonard: John Swenk was a pioneer of this Village. Questioned what kind of business was going to go in to the old pharmacy location on Main Street.

Trustee Ransome: A motorcycle accessory shop has applied to the Village.

Nick Acampora: Questioned water near Cappy's on Main Street.

Trustees Ransome and Britt: It is from springs – not much can be done.

Nick Acampora: Budget – understands tax increase – asks that the Board review and come up with a compromise.

Mayor Lee: Explained “in detail” the tax increase.

Marge McCuen: Thanked Trustee Britt for his years of service. Expressed appreciation to the trustees for all their efforts. Hopes tonight's meeting will dispel all the anger and angst.

Krista Conte: Expressed concern with motorcycle issues – noise, speeding, multiple bikes in parking spaces and illegal parking. Code must enforce law and issue tickets.

Charlie Kenny: Thank you to Trustee Britt. Received a copy of the Lombardi contract in his mailbox – contract is well written. Cited what he feels are several breach of contract issues.

Trustee Faulknor: After last election the Board took a new tact on open issues. Village Attorney Johs and Administrator/Clerk Juliano met with the Lombardis – Attorney Johs is working on the details. Village is working to assure that the contract is upheld.

Loraine Borardi: Lombardi contract left in her mailbox. Tennis issue – no food or beverage other than catering.

Lee Rosner: 1. Thanked Trustee Britt. 2. Feels Village should enforce the Lombardi contract. 3. Budget - Village should entertain 20-year bond not 10 year.

Mayor Lee: Interest is the reason Village should not go longer. You will be given the opportunity to vote this time – last time you were not. If tax increase had been put in place in the past this would not be necessary. An increase is needed every year to get us out of debt.

Trustee Harty: Explained bond financing – 10-year vs. 20-year.

Marge Ehrensen: Questioned current Village bond fees for building.

Trustee Ransome: Bond is calculated by cost of entire project – done by square footage. A performance bond is also in the equation.

Marge Ehrensen: Inquired about her landscaping issues and when the work would be started.

Mayor Lee: Village made an offer to you – we are waiting for a reply.

Marge Ehrensen: Feels that she should not have to do anything – the Village should take care of it.

Jeff Rimland: Identified himself as resident with light issues near tennis courts. Village has no documentation regarding Lombardi violations. Codes and contract are not being enforced. Also, takes issues with the Lombardis not using the proper name of the Country Club.

Rose Messina and Denise Larose: Having a problem with the commercial businesses at the end of Jamaica – Avenue – needs signage to address issues.

Dr. Cossari: Questioned whom he should report Lombardi contract violations to?

Board: Gave Chief Keitel's cell phone number.

Wayne Rogers: Does not agree with high tax increase.

Iris Mastrangelo: Lombardi contract – contract is well written, language is good – current negotiation not going well.

Trustee Faulknor: We are working on it.

Charlie Kenny: Lombardi contract – make sure Lombardis comply with contract – document each breach.

Valerie Schroeder: E. Broadway (near Village Center) water problem.

Trustees Ransome and Faulknor: It is under control.

Valerie Schroeder: Status of Ice Skating revenue.

Trustee Faulknor: \$25,000.00, which is 25% of revenue.

Loraine Borardi: Questioned whether lack of a fire marshall was the reason the Lombardi violations were not being documented.

Trustee Ransome: No.

Jeff Rimland: Questioned \$600,000.00 country club revenue.

Brian Kelly: Village needs to buy a street sweeper.

Marge McCuen: Suggests leasing Village parking lot to Danfords and raising country club fees.

Michael Mahon: Agrees with tax increase.

Trustee Faulknor: Village must move forward – supports last budget agreed upon by the Board.

Motion by Trustee Faulknor, second by Trustee Ransome, to close the public comment portion of the meeting at 9:55pm. Motion approved: 5-0.

Business Meeting

- 2006/2007 Budget

Motion by Trustee Faulknor, second by Trustee Ransome, to approve the 2006/2007 Fiscal Budget – Tax rate of \$15.64. Motion disapproved – budget voted down: Yes – 2 votes (Trustees Harty and Faulknor) No – (Mayor Lee, Trustees Ransome and Britt).

- May 2006 Calendar

**Motion by Trustee Ransome, second by Trustee Harty, to approve the May 2006 Calendar.
Motion approved: 5-0.**

- Minutes of April 3, 2006
Motion by Trustee Faulknor, second by Trustee Britt, to approve the April 3, 2006 meeting minutes as amended. Motion approved: 5-0.

Budget Transfers and Increases

- Treasurer Diane Javitz has submitted the following budget transfers:

<u>From Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>To Account #</u>	<u>Account Name</u>
A1410.10	Village Clerk F/T	\$ 5,000.00	A1410.40	Village Clerk Expen.
CR9901.90	PJCC Fund Balance	\$28,489.00	CR9050.80	Unemployment Ins.

Motion by Trustee Britt, second by Trustee Harty, to approve the recommended Budget Transfers as requested by Treasurer Diane Javitz. Motion approved: 5-0.

Board Member Reports

Trustee Britt

- \$100,000.00 Grant received from Senator LaValle's office for multi modal programs – could possibly be used for East Broadway Traffic Calming and Liro design fee.

Trustee Faulknor

- Beach photos – \$100.00 fee for wedding photos shot on East Beach. Resolution at next business meeting.
- Country Club
 - Budget assessment revision – resolution at next business meeting.
 - Maintenance Barn at Country Club – expect proposals on May 9th.
- Ice Skating Rink – Trustee Faulknor and Administrator/Clerk Juliano met with P- K Skating to discuss issues.

Trustee Ransome

- Proposed separate budget for Village Center. Treasurer Javitz advised that it was not possible – Village Center is not self-sustaining.
- Motorcycles – ticket multiple motorcycles is one parking space – code has said this is not possible. Send letter to Town of Brookhaven addressing motorcycle issues. Write memo to Chief Keitel instructing him to ticket all code violations.
- Lombardi contract status – Trustee Faulknor is waiting for a summary of meeting between the Lombardis and Village from Attorney Johs.

Village Administrator

- Motorcycle issues in the Village
- Jamaica Ave. traffic issues
- The Village's next Organizational Meeting date needs to be changed.

Motion by Trustee Britt, second by Trustee Faulknor, to change the organizational meeting date of the Inc. Village of Port Jefferson from Monday July 3, 2006 to Monday July 10, 2006. Motion approved: 5-0.

Correspondence

- Village Historian Robert Sisler is requesting to meet with the Board to discuss the annual antique auto show, the Phillips Roe House and the Port Jefferson built Baldwin Coles and Bentley wagon.

New Business

- White Birch Consulting Report

Old Business

- Zoning Board/ Planning Board Attorney
- Port Jefferson Volunteer Ambulance - Re: Retirement Program
- Code Changes - SCHEDULE
 1. Conditional Uses in residential districts – **Public Hearing date of May 15, 2006**
 2. Neon signs – **Public Hearing date of May 15, 2006**
 3. §250-37 Lighting – **Set Public Hearing date of May 15, 2006**
 4. Eating and Drinking Establishments – **Work session set for May 15, 2006.**
 5. Site Development §250-10 – **March 6, 2006**
 6. Planning Board recommendations for amendments to Sections 250-18 F and 250-19 E. - **March 6, 2006**

- 7. M-W Zone – **Suffolk County Planning to review and analyze Village Marine Waterfront District**
- 8. Bond Schedule

- Welsbach Electric – **Board to review performance at May 1st Business Meeting.**

Voucher

- Treasurer Diane Javitz has submitted the following **Warrants** for approval:

FUND	WARRANT Num.	AMOUNT
General (A)	24	\$11,535.95
Country Club	24	\$38,419.31
Trust (T)	19	\$21,450.001

Motion by Trustee Faulknor, second by Trustee Britt to approve the Warrants as presented by Treasurer Javitz. Motion approved: 5-0.

Executive Session

Motion by Trustee Britt, second by Trustee Faulknor to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issues. Motion approved: 5-0.

Motion by Trustee Ransome, second by Trustee Faulknor to come out of Executive Session at 11:15pm.

Adjourn

Motion by Trustee Harty, second by Trustee Faulknor to adjourn the meeting at 11:15pm. Motion approved: 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Howell
Deputy Clerk