

VILLAGE OF GREAT NECK ESTATES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 10, 2020

PRESENT: WILLIAM WARNER, MAYOR
JEFF FARKAS, DEPUTY MAYOR
LANNY OPPENHEIM, TRUSTEE
HOWARD HERSHENHORN, TRUSTEE
IRA D. GANZFRIED, TRUSTEE

KATHLEEN L. SANTELLI, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: MEETING HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE

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1 MS. SANTELLI: Due to public health and
2 safety concerns related to COVID-19, and pursuant to
3 Governor's Executive Orders, the Board of Trustees of
4 the Village of Great Neck Estates will not be meeting
5 in person until further notice. No in-person public
6 attendance at Board meetings is permitted.

7 The Board opened this meeting at 7:00 p.m.
8 in public session, at which time the Board voted to
9 convene in executive session and reconvene in public
10 at 8:00 p.m.

11 This meeting is being recorded and a
12 transcription will be provided at a later date.

13 The public has the opportunity to hear and
14 observe this meeting live at the Zoom meeting address
15 and to participate in any public hearings which may
16 be held at this meeting.

17 Please be advised that in accordance with
18 the Open Meetings Law, any interested person may
19 comment on public hearing items prior to or during
20 the public hearing or on any other matter at any time
21 during the meeting by email to admin@vgne.com or by
22 using the chat feature on Zoom.

23 MAYOR WARNER: Thank you, Administrator
24 Santelli.

25 MS. SANTELLI: Thank you.

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1 MAYOR WARNER: Okay.

2 MS. SANTELLI: You're welcome.

3 MAYOR WARNER: welcome, everybody. As we
4 enter even more challenging times than we thought we
5 had been in, welcome everybody.

6 The first item on the agenda is a request
7 for extension by -- it's a public hearing for a
8 request for extension by First Playhouse of Great
9 Neck, Corp.

10 I see Mr. Bonesso is here on behalf -- at
11 least I see JP.

12 JP, are you there?

13 MR. LEVIN: I'm unmuting him. Hold on.

14 MR. BONESSO: He's there but he's muted
15 presently, Mr. Mayor.

16 MR. LEVIN: Hold on one second. He'll be
17 unmuted in a moment.

18 And, Bill, if there is anyone else you want
19 to have unmuted, just let me know.

20 MR. BONESSO: That's our group right now.
21 Thank you.

22 MR. LEVIN: Mr. Porretto, you may need to
23 unmute yourself because I'm unmuting you and it's not
24 working.

25 MAYOR WARNER: He's gone.

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1 MR. BONESSO: We may have just lost him.
2 I'm sure he'll sign back on.

3 MAYOR WARNER: Okay. So you want to
4 proceed, Mr. Bonesso?

5 MR. BONESSO: Thank you.

6 Good evening, Mr. Mayor, Members of the
7 Board. William Bonesso, Forchelli, Deegan, Terrana,
8 333 Earle Ovington Boulevard, Uniondale, New York,
9 here on behalf of my client, First Playhouse of Great
10 Neck, Corp.

11 As noted by the mayor, we're before the
12 Board this evening relating to the incentive zoning
13 permit approval that was issued by this Board most
14 recently in January of this year via resolution
15 dated -- I believe it was January 13th. That
16 resolution granted my client an extension of time at
17 that time to obtain its permits, both demolition and
18 building, and, as outlined in my letter dated
19 July 16th of this year, I indicated that due to a
20 number of reasons, not the least of which being the
21 COVID-19 pandemic, delays were experienced which
22 prevented us from securing our permits in a timely
23 fashion. So we are before the Board this evening
24 seeking further extensions of time or further
25 amendment of the approval to allow us a greater

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1 amount of time to obtain the necessary permits.

2 I mentioned before that Mr. Porretto was
3 going -- was joining us. I see -- I don't know if
4 he's --

5 MR. LEVIN: He's on. I'm unmuting him.

6 Mr. Porretto, try to unmute yourself because
7 I've unmuted you, but it's not letting you in.

8 MR. BONESSO: Okay. All right. Well, I
9 could tell you that in speaking with Mr. Porretto,
10 who is, by the way, a representative of Lion Group
11 NYC, the general contractor for the applicant, I'm
12 advised that with regard to the demolition permit,
13 everything that the village requires in terms of
14 submissions has been met but for one, I believe, one
15 insurance certificate, and I'll let Mr. Porretto
16 speak to that. So I'm hopeful that we will not need
17 any more -- much more time in terms of an extension
18 of time for obtaining a demolition permit.

19 with regard to the building permit, I'm
20 advised that the construction drawings are about one
21 to two months away from being completed. Then,
22 obviously, they would need a review on the part of
23 the village in order to make sure that they are
24 satisfactory and can be the basis of the issuance of
25 a building permit.

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1 So I would suggest that the extension of
2 time for the acquisition of the building permits be
3 six months and perhaps we do two months for the
4 demolition permit.

5 MAYOR WARNER: Okay.

6 MR. BONESSO: Did Mr. Porretto unmute
7 himself? Is he on? No, I don't see him.

8 MR. LEVIN: I don't see him either.

9 MR. BONESSO: I will tell you that the
10 problem that he has conveyed to me -- oh, Mr. Shirian
11 is on. Maybe we can unmute him.

12 MAYOR WARNER: There's Mr. Porretto.

13 MR. BONESSO: Oh, there's Mr. Porretto.
14 okay.

15 MAYOR WARNER: He's talking but he's not --

16 MR. LEVIN: Just a second, Mr. Porretto.
17 okay. You're unmuted.

18 MR. PORRETTO: I apologize about that. My
19 internet service is not great.

20 MR. BONESSO: So we have Mr. Porretto and
21 Mr. Shirian present. I was advised by Mr. Porretto
22 that there is an issue with one of the insurance
23 certificates. It's the insurance carrier for the
24 demolition contractor, and they have an issue with
25 the request to have as additional insureds, not the

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1 village, which is not a problem, but to extend that
2 to the village and its agents, officers and
3 employees, and I'll let Mr. Porretto speak to that.

4 MR. PORRETTO: Hi, everyone.

5 So, basically, the carrier for the
6 demolition contract said that they have no issues
7 adding anyone onto the policy. However, it's their
8 policy that they don't have any open-ended vague
9 language in there. So by just saying the village and
10 all of its employees, they said that they won't do
11 that, but we can give them a list of 20 people,
12 whoever is involved in the project, and they have no
13 problem adding additional insureds for that.

14 The reason -- also, we were able to add the
15 language for the scaffold and for the crane, but just
16 keep in mind the requirements for, you know, the
17 demolition insurance as opposed to the scaffold and
18 the crane is completely two different ballgames.
19 That's why there's only a few insurance carriers that
20 actually service the demolition contractors.

21 So they're very strict in their language.
22 So we could add whoever you want, but they just don't
23 want us to leave -- to make it too vague.

24 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: Who is the carrier?

25 MR. PORRETTO: I have to take a look. I

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1 don't know off the top of my head. They have so many
2 different insurance --

3 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: If you could let us
4 know who that carrier is.

5 Billy, that's a good addition, being able to
6 add a list of all these people.

7 MAYOR WARNER: That would satisfy you,
8 Howard, as an expert in the field, that all of our
9 employees that will be involved in this project will
10 be covered by this additional insured's premium and
11 policy.

12 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: Yeah, absolutely. We
13 would also add all of us and Barbara and so on.

14 MAYOR WARNER: Tom, is that something we
15 need to vote on?

16 MR. LEVIN: Well, it's a little different
17 than our usual requirements, so I'd appreciate it if
18 you would. I'm all for it. I'm sure within two
19 days, maybe one day, we could give them the list of
20 names.

21 MAYOR WARNER: Howard, do you want to make
22 that motion?

23 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: Yeah. I move to allow
24 this demolition permit to be issued with the
25 insurance being for the village of Great Neck Estates

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1 and the list of the individuals to be covered and
2 that we modify our usual requirement under these
3 limited circumstances.

4 MAYOR WARNER: Can I get somebody to second
5 that motion?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR FARKAS: I'll second that,
7 Billy.

8 MAYOR WARNER: Okay. Jeff seconds the
9 motion.

10 Any abstentions? Any opposition?

11 (No response.)

12 Then the motion carries.

13 MR. LEVIN: Mayor, that's really outside the
14 scope of the hearing, but it's fine we got that done.

15 MAYOR WARNER: I realize that.

16 MR. LEVIN: The hearing is about the
17 extension. We had a chat message from Miss Cohen who
18 wants to know if we would start talking about issues
19 that affect the neighborhood. So when you're ready
20 to open up the floor, we can unmute Miss Cohen and
21 she can speak.

22 MAYOR WARNER: I'm not sure she wants to
23 speak about the Playhouse, but let's open up the
24 floor to the public.

25 MR. LEVIN: So, first off, I had the chat

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1 with Miss Cohen. Let me unmute her.

2 MAYOR WARNER: Miss Cohen, can you hear me?

3 MS. COHEN: Yes. Actually, my husband
4 wanted to address the Board.

5 MR. LEVIN: Is this about the Playhouse?

6 MS. COHEN: No.

7 MR. LEVIN: Okay. Right now we're having a
8 hearing with respect to the Playhouse.

9 MS. COHEN: Okay.

10 MR. LEVIN: So we'll mute you again and then
11 we'll come back to you when the hearing is done.

12 MS. COHEN: All right.

13 MR. LEVIN: If there's anyone else who wants
14 to speak, please send us a chat message. I'm trying
15 to keep up with them all.

16 MAYOR WARNER: Is there any questions while
17 we're waiting?

18 MR. LEVIN: If you're on video, raise your
19 hand.

20 MAYOR WARNER: While we're waiting for chat
21 messages or waving of hands, does the Board have
22 any -- Alan's iPhone would like to -- can you unmute
23 him, Tom?

24 MR. LEVIN: I'm trying to find out where
25 that is.

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1 MAYOR WARNER: Alan's iPhone.

2 MR. LEVIN: I got it. Hold on one second.

3 MAYOR WARNER: Okay.

4 MR. LEVIN: Okay. You're unmuted.

5 MR. FRANKEL: Hi. This is Alan Frankel of
6 54 Gateway Drive.

7 I guess we'll wait 'til he finishes
8 discussing the Playhouse. Obviously I want to talk
9 about the current matters that have been going on
10 with respect to the utility company.

11 MAYOR WARNER: Okay. Is that it?

12 MR. LEVIN: There's no one else.

13 MAYOR WARNER: Okay.

14 MR. LEVIN: If that's all the discussion, a
15 motion to close the hearing would be appropriate.

16 MAYOR WARNER: Okay.

17 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: I just have one
18 question for Mr. Bonesso.

19 Mr. Bonesso, are you there?

20 MR. BONESSO: Yes, sir.

21 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: Okay. My only
22 question to you is based upon -- now you've heard the
23 vote of the Board and we're allowing the demolition
24 to go forward with the insurance certificate as we
25 stated in the motion. I've been getting a lot of

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1 calls, as you know, and I'm just curious to know when
2 do you think this can start in the demo phase?

3 MR. BONESSO: Mr. Porretto?

4 MR. PORRETTO: I can answer that. So,
5 basically, all of the demo contractors have been
6 ready for several weeks to get in there. All the
7 documents have been furnished. The only thing that
8 was outstanding was two things: One endorsement for
9 the additional insured and the second item was that
10 we had to get our rodent inspection. We did it
11 several weeks ago, but it expired because it's only a
12 ten-day shelf life. We conducted another rodent
13 inspection on Friday, so we're good to the 17th. If
14 we get the permit issued Wednesday, we'll start
15 Wednesday afternoon or Thursday.

16 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: Beautiful. Thank you.

17 MAYOR WARNER: Good answer.

18 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: Great answer.

19 MAYOR WARNER: Any other --

20 MR. PORRETTO: We've been waiting. We've
21 been waiting.

22 MAYOR WARNER: That makes 100 of us.

23 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: Yeah, so have we.

24 MR. LEVIN: A motion to close the hearing is
25 on the floor.

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1 MAYOR WARNER: Who made that motion?

2 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: I'll make that motion,
3 Billy.

4 MAYOR WARNER: Who wants to second the
5 motion?

6 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: I'll second it.

7 MAYOR WARNER: Ira seconds the motion.

8 Any opposition to closing the hearing? Any
9 abstentions?

10 (No response.)

11 The motion carries.

12 MR. LEVIN: Can we have Kathy call the roll
13 on that, please?

14 MAYOR WARNER: Kathy, could you call the
15 roll?

16 MS. SANTELLI: Yes. Trustee Ganzfried?

17 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: Yes, in favor of closing
18 the hearing.

19 MS. SANTELLI: Trustee Oppenheim?

20 TRUSTEE OPPENHEIM: Also in favor of closing
21 the hearing.

22 MS. SANTELLI: Trustee Hershenthorn?

23 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: In favor of closing
24 the hearing.

25 MS. SANTELLI: Deputy Mayor Farkas?

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1 DEPUTY MAYOR FARKAS: In favor of closing
2 the hearing.

3 MS. SANTELLI: Mayor Warner?

4 MAYOR WARNER: Very in favor of closing the
5 hearing.

6 Okay. So the motion passes. The hearing is
7 now closed.

8 Now the Board gets to vote on the proposed
9 two-month extension to get the demo permit and a
10 six-month extension for the building permit.

11 MR. LEVIN: Those, I assume, would be
12 respectively from today, not from the original
13 expiration date; is that correct, Mr. Bonesso?

14 MR. BONESSO: Correct, Mr. Levin.

15 MAYOR WARNER: So I'll make that motion, to
16 extend the time to get the demo permit two months and
17 the time to get the building permit six months. So
18 I'll make that motion.

19 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: I'll second it, Billy.

20 MAYOR WARNER: Howard seconds the motion.

21 Kathy, do you want to call the roll?

22 MS. SANTELLI: Yes. Trustee Ganzfried?

23 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: Yes, in favor of the
24 motion. Absolutely.

25 MS. SANTELLI: Trustee Oppenheim?

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1 TRUSTEE OPPENHEIM: Yes.

2 MS. SANTELLI: Trustee Hershenhorn?

3 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: In favor.

4 MS. SANTELLI: Deputy Mayor Farkas?

5 DEPUTY MAYOR FARKAS: In Favor.

6 MS. SANTELLI: Mayor Warner?

7 MAYOR WARNER: In favor.

8 MS. SANTELLI: No abstentions?

9 MAYOR WARNER: No abstentions and no
10 oppositions.

11 MR. BONESSO: As always, thank you for your
12 time.

13 MAYOR WARNER: Bill, JP, Albert, get to
14 work.

15 MR. SHIRIAN: Give me the permit and I'll
16 go.

17 MR. PORRETTO: Don't tell me or I'll be
18 there tonight.

19 MR. SHIRIAN: Thank you very much.

20 MR. BONESSO: Thank you again.

21 MAYOR WARNER: So the next item on the
22 agenda is our Building Department. Everybody has got
23 that monthly report from Maria and Barbara? There
24 you go.

25 There were two items -- three items on the

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1 Architectural Review Board. All three items were
2 approved by -- the recommendation to approve it was
3 made by the Architectural Review Board. That's
4 Jayson and Karen Hammerman at 2 North Clover Drive,
5 Robert Osman and Anne Wolfson, 22 Hillside, and
6 Jacqueline Chaplin of 12 Ridge Drive East were all
7 approved.

8 So I would ask for a motion to approve the
9 recommendations by the Architectural Review Board.

10 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: So moved.

11 MAYOR WARNER: Howard makes the motion.

12 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: I'll second it.

13 MAYOR WARNER: Ira seconds it.

14 Any abstentions? Any opposition?

15 (No response.)

16 The motion carries. The Architectural
17 Review Board recommendations have been approved.

18 Next item on the agenda is Public works.
19 Public works has been as busy as busy can be. They
20 are doing a fantastic job of clearing our streets of
21 all this debris that's ours, ours as the village and
22 not ours, our residents, which we're not -- you know,
23 we don't necessarily have to, but the village looks
24 great and they're still working out there now.
25 There's so much storm debris that it's going to take

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1 a while to get it all cleared, but they're doing a
2 great job.

3 It had their headaches as far as getting our
4 pool up and running, and that has to do with the
5 lovely PSE&G, but that may have been solved this
6 evening. So we might be able to get back in our pool
7 within a couple of days.

8 I'll make the motion that we accept the
9 Great Neck -- the Public Works Department Great Neck
10 Estates report, the July report, into the record.

11 Can I get a second?

12 TRUSTEE OPPENHEIM: I'll second.

13 MAYOR WARNER: Lanny seconds.

14 Any opposition? Any abstentions?

15 (No response.)

16 We accept the report into the record.

17 Okay. Next item is Police Department
18 monthly report. Unfortunately, one of our finest
19 officers retired this month. I'm going to give her a
20 shout-out. Lisa McCloskey was with us for 22 years.

21 Is that accurate, Rick? Shannon?

22 SERGEANT NOOR: Yes.

23 CHIEF MORENO: Yes.

24 MAYOR WARNER: Twenty-two years of great
25 service and helped make this department what it is

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1 today, which is an outstanding department. It is
2 a -- I feel it's a big loss for our department.
3 Everybody is sorry to see her go, but we are all
4 wishing her very well in her next endeavors, and I
5 just wanted to mention that. Big loss in the
6 department. She was definitely an asset in any way
7 and every way.

8 So you can pass that along to her, Shannon
9 and Rick, if you speak with her.

10 CHIEF MORENO: We'll let her know.

11 MAYOR WARNER: Thank you.

12 The Police Department is getting up and busy
13 again, which is good to see. I'm sorry. They've
14 been very busy, busy as far as doing things that they
15 have done before this pandemic started. They've been
16 deluged with the calls about the power, which I guess
17 we'll get into further in this Zoom meeting, which
18 deserves to be talked about, but thank you, guys, for
19 helping us through this and being attentive to many
20 of our residents who were without power and
21 responding to their needs and wishes.

22 CHIEF MORENO: Our pleasure.

23 MAYOR WARNER: Any questions for either the
24 chief or Sergeant Noor by the Board?

25 Okay. Go ahead, Howard.

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1 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: No. I said "none."
2 I'm sorry.

3 MAYOR WARNER: Okay. Sorry.

4 So I'm going to make a motion that we accept
5 the Police Department July monthly report into the
6 record.

7 Can I get a second?

8 TRUSTEE OPPENHEIM: I'll second.

9 MAYOR WARNER: Lanny seconds.

10 Any opposition? Any abstentions?

11 (No response.)

12 With that said, it passes full.

13 Okay. Park-Pool-Tennis I guess we'll get
14 into.

15 We're now up to the Mayor's report. We have
16 been requested, for both our purposes, the village
17 purposes and our court, we want to get -- at some
18 point get back live instead of doing this very
19 entertaining Zoom meetings. So we've gotten two
20 quotes for installation of PPE shields for the
21 board/courtroom, and one from Event Rentals Group,
22 LLC, d/b/a Divider Solutions -- and what's the name
23 of the other company, Kathy?

24 MS. SANTELLI: Artistic, Inc.

25 MAYOR WARNER: Artistic, Inc.

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1 The lower bid for everything that we need
2 was \$2,950, and we got two written proposals for it.

3 So I'm going to ask somebody -- Lanny, would
4 you make the motion to accept this?

5 TRUSTEE OPPENHEIM: Sure. So moved.

6 MAYOR WARNER: Can I get a second?

7 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: I'll second it.

8 MAYOR WARNER: Ira seconds it.

9 So we're going to now vote to authorize
10 installation of personal protection equipment shields
11 for the board/courtroom by Divider Solutions at a
12 cost not to exceed \$2,950.

13 Any opposition? Any abstentions?

14 (No response.)

15 Okay. With that -- so we accept that,
16 Kathy, so you --

17 MS. SANTELLI: Yes. We also will be -- I
18 understand from the judge that there is a \$1,000
19 grant from the courts for --

20 MAYOR WARNER: That the village will be
21 reimbursed for.

22 MS. SANTELLI: Yeah, um-hum.

23 MAYOR WARNER: So that will reduce our cost
24 under \$2,000. That's a good thing.

25 Anyone want to talk about the next item on

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1 the agenda for the purchase of five PCs for the
2 village office from Atlantic, PC? Lanny?

3 TRUSTEE OPPENHEIM: Me?

4 MAYOR WARNER: Yeah. Do you want to talk
5 about that? We have three written proposals for the
6 equipment. Our PCs in our village office are
7 woefully behind the times. Is that accurate?

8 MS. SANTELLI: Yes.

9 MAYOR WARNER: Go ahead, Lanny.

10 TRUSTEE OPPENHEIM: That's what we have
11 known since -- we knew it before we changed
12 consultants, and we certainly found out with our new
13 consultant and put out three bids, and we are
14 recommending that we accept the bid from Atlantic,
15 PC.

16 MS. SANTELLI: I can elaborate a little.
17 Atlantic, it's \$678.98 per PC. The other companies
18 were -- just give me a minute -- I had it here --
19 \$707.68 per PC, and the other company was -- where
20 did I have it? One second. In any case, there's one
21 other one but they were the lowest.

22 MAYOR WARNER: Okay.

23 TRUSTEE OPPENHEIM: And they have the added
24 advantage that they're, you know, quite familiar with
25 our systems and hopefully they'll be responsible if

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1 anything goes wrong.

2 MAYOR WARNER: Okay. So you want to make
3 that motion?

4 MS. SANTELLI: The other one -- I'm sorry --
5 was \$741 per PC, so they're clearly the lowest.

6 MAYOR WARNER: Okay.

7 TRUSTEE OPPENHEIM: I make a motion that we
8 purchase the five computers from Atlantic, PC.

9 MAYOR WARNER: At a cost of \$3,499.95 plus
10 \$1,200 for labor.

11 TRUSTEE OPPENHEIM: Yes.

12 MAYOR WARNER: Can I get a second on that
13 motion?

14 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: I'll second it.

15 MAYOR WARNER: Ira seconds.

16 Any opposition? Any abstentions?

17 (No response.)

18 Okay. The motion passes.

19 The next item on the agenda is for the
20 appointment of election inspectors for
21 September 15th.

22 Is that right, Tom? That's the date?

23 MR. LEVIN: That's correct. This was done
24 previously, but the date of the election was in March
25 and it got postponed because of the COVID-19

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1 situation. It's now September 15th, so we need to
2 redesignate the inspectors.

3 MAYOR WARNER: So the inspectors are on the
4 screen as we see it now.

5 So I'll make the motion that we appoint
6 these -- would this allow me to appoint them? Is
7 that how --

8 MR. LEVIN: It's just a motion to adopt this
9 resolution that's on the screen.

10 MAYOR WARNER: I'll make a motion to adopt
11 the resolution on the screen.

12 Can I get a second?

13 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: I'll second.

14 MAYOR WARNER: Ira seconds.

15 Any opposition? Any abstentions.

16 (No response.)

17 The motion passes. Okay.

18 we have four seasonal appointments.

19 kathy, could you tell us --

20 MS. SANTELLI: I sent it -- I'll give you
21 the names. We have new park attendants, Jamie
22 Fleschel and Luke Levenson, each at \$13 per hour
23 effective immediately, and new lifeguards Harrison
24 Rothstein and Kylie Sung each at \$15 per hour.

25 MAYOR WARNER: Okay. So I need a motion to

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1 allow me to hire these two lifeguards and two park
2 attendants.

3 MR. LEVIN: Mayor, you're making these
4 appointments and asking the Board to approve them --

5 MAYOR WARNER: Exactly.

6 MR. LEVIN: -- as per the schedule that's
7 attached to the minutes.

8 MAYOR WARNER: Okay.

9 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: You made the motion?
10 I'll second it.

11 MAYOR WARNER: So any opposition? Any
12 abstentions?

13 (No response.)

14 The motion passes.

15 The last item on the Mayor's Report is the
16 schedule -- what was -- schedule C, Tom?

17 MS. SANTELLI: Nonunion.

18 MAYOR WARNER: Nonunion employee salaries
19 for the fiscal year starting June 1, and that gets
20 attached to the minutes.

21 MR. LEVIN: That schedule has been
22 distributed to the Board and discussed. So if
23 anybody wants to move to approve -- these are all
24 compensation adjustments. They're not new hires.

25 MS. SANTELLI: Correct.

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1 MR. LEVIN: We need a motion from someone to
2 approve the schedule.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR FARKAS: I'll make that
4 motion --

5 MAYOR WARNER: Jeff makes the motion.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR FARKAS: -- to approve the
7 schedule to give increases to the nonunion village
8 employees.

9 TRUSTEE OPPENHEIM: I'll second it.

10 MAYOR WARNER: Lanny seconds.

11 Any opposition? Any abstentions?

12 (No response.)

13 The new salary levels pass.

14 Anything from you, Tom, that either we're
15 going to discuss or haven't already?

16 MR. LEVIN: Nothing.

17 MAYOR WARNER: Has everybody reviewed the
18 minutes from the last meeting and made all their
19 comments and forwarded them to the village
20 administrator? We have to -- I need a motion to
21 approve the minutes from July 13th.

22 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: I'll make it.

23 MAYOR WARNER: Ira makes the motion.

24 I'll second it.

25 Any opposition? Any abstentions?

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1 (No response.)

2 The minutes from the July Board meeting
3 passes.

4 Abstracts?

5 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: Abstracts, yes. I need
6 a motion to approve the abstract. We have to ratify
7 two general abstracts, 202006 and 202007. We have to
8 approve two general abstracts for current bills,
9 202008 and 202009, and there's a special abstract,
10 there's a small retirement overpayment, abstract
11 number 302 that has to be approved.

12 MAYOR WARNER: Okay. You'll make that
13 motion.

14 Can we get a second?

15 TRUSTEE OPPENHEIM: Second.

16 MAYOR WARNER: Lanny seconds.

17 Any opposition? Any abstentions?

18 (No response.)

19 Okay. The abstracts pass.

20 That takes care of the agenda, and I'm sure
21 everybody else on this call or a lot of people on
22 this call weren't here for that. So I guess -- Mrs.
23 Cohen was first, I believe, and then Mr. Frankel
24 wanted to speak.

25 Is Mrs. Cohen still there?

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1 MR. LEVIN: Mayor, I'm going to make a
2 suggestion. Since there are a number of people here
3 who are not on video and I can't see them if they
4 want to be recognized, I'm going to unmute everybody
5 hoping if everybody speaks in turn and waits to be
6 recognized by the mayor, we can keep it that way;
7 otherwise, we'll have to go back to muting.

8 MAYOR WARNER: Okay. It's your party.

9 MS. SANTELLI: Mayor Warner, please ask them
10 to identify themselves and their address.

11 MAYOR WARNER: Okay. So have you unmuted
12 everybody yet, Tom?

13 MR. LEVIN: Yeah. Everybody can now unmute
14 themselves as they wish.

15 MAYOR WARNER: Okay. I know Mrs. Cohen had
16 said she wanted her husband to speak.

17 Mrs. Cohen, are you still with us?

18 MR. LEVIN: I don't see them right now.

19 MS. HOLLANDER: I gave her a heads-up to
20 come back on, so maybe just give her a second.

21 MAYOR WARNER: When she comes back she
22 could -- well, I'll bring her back, but Mr. Frankel
23 is right here. He's waiting to go.

24 So, Mr. Frankel.

25 MR. FRANKEL: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

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1 MAYOR WARNER: welcome.

2 MR. FRANKEL: I know all of our residents
3 are going through very difficult times with COVID-19
4 and all the other unprecedented issues, but I think
5 that, as a community, the response from -- the
6 response and the adequacy of PSE&G has fallen far
7 short (inaudible). We had a very devastating storm.
8 It was a tropical storm, and the storm lasted for
9 about (inaudible).

10 MAYOR WARNER: Mr. Frankel, you're really
11 cutting in and out a bit.

12 MR. FRANKEL: Okay.

13 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: Billy, I think it's
14 because everybody's mikes are unmuted.

15 MAYOR WARNER: Everybody try -- if you're
16 on, just -- everybody will get a chance to speak, so
17 let's let one person speak at a time. It's hard
18 enough when we're live. It's more impossible here.

19 So go ahead, Mr. Frankel.

20 MR. FRANKEL: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

21 So I guess the issue is what are we going to
22 do -- obviously, we're into the seventh day now, and
23 if, God forbid, we ever had a hurricane category two
24 storm, PSE&G (inaudible). I don't know what, if
25 anything, (inaudible). The question that -- can we

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1 look to a firm let's just say that has farther
2 expertise (inaudible).

3 DEPUTY MAYOR FARKAS: We can't hear him.

4 MAYOR WARNER: Yeah. Mr. Frankel --

5 MR. LEVIN: People are permitting noise
6 that's causing Mr. Frankel to go in and out. So I'm
7 unmuting people as I see their boxes light up.

8 MAYOR WARNER: All right. So, Mr. Frankel,
9 you're looking for something we can do going forward
10 as a community.

11 MR. FRANKEL: And what are we (inaudible)
12 seven days in as to putting intense pressure on PSE&G
13 as to accountability and responsiveness?

14 MAYOR WARNER: It's a great -- I mean, I
15 couldn't agree with you more, so you have my full
16 support. PSE&G works under LIPA which works under
17 the governor of this state, and he -- I was on a
18 conference call with our State Senator Kaplan today.
19 The state legislature is going to conduct hearings,
20 the attorney general has already said she's going to
21 conduct hearings, and the governor has come out and
22 said how utterly horrible this was and their response
23 and all that. So, as a community, Great Neck
24 Estates, I'm not sure what we can do, but there are
25 enough people on it that will hear about it in days,

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1 months to come.

2 So I don't know what -- if you have a
3 proposal what to do, I'm all ears, but I don't know
4 anything that there's more -- I mean, I can't tell
5 you how often I was on the phone with them, as
6 everybody was, and I can get through -- it was
7 meaningless. The information was wrong. They kept
8 kicking the can down the road. I don't have to tell
9 you. We've all been through it. We all know what's
10 going on, and to tell us how many people they put
11 back in power, if you don't have power, why would you
12 care how many people they put back?

13 It's all absurd, and, hopefully, there are
14 enough people -- like I said, I was on a conference
15 call with the state senator today with mayors and
16 administrators from all over the county, and it was
17 the same chorus over and over again. I don't think
18 that they're going to get away with this lightly, and
19 he's talking about fines and possibly ending the
20 contract, the governor, I mean, so that's where we
21 stand.

22 I'm not sure what else there is for us to
23 do. You can write, you know, anybody you want. I'll
24 certainly be a voice for us, because I found it -- I
25 talked with our counsel before about the

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1 pie-in-the-sky possibility of getting our own power
2 grid for the Great Neck peninsula and what that would
3 involve. So I'm trying to think outside the box so
4 we're not under the thumb of PSE&G, which has been
5 absolutely unconscionably horrible. That's all I can
6 tell you.

7 MR. FRANKEL: Mr. Mayor, we appreciate that.

8 MRS. FRANKEL: What about getting generators
9 for parts of the community like the Great Neck
10 Estates pool that (inaudible).

11 MAYOR WARNER: That is definitely,
12 definitely on our to-do list.

13 MRS. FRANKEL: Okay.

14 MR. FRANKEL: Okay.

15 MS. SANTELLI: Is that Mrs. Frankel?

16 MAYOR WARNER: That was Mrs. Frankel.
17 That would be something that I will
18 definitely, with the Board's approval, push to get us
19 a generator that makes sure that the pool -- we do
20 not depend on anybody else, that our generator will
21 run the pool and we won't be out. That's something
22 that, I can't say guarantee, because I'm only one
23 person, but I will strongly, strongly recommend and
24 we will get proposals and go forward with that sooner
25 than later.

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1 MS. SANTELLI: What is the address of the
2 Frankels, please?

3 MAYOR WARNER: Mr. and Mrs. Frankel, what's
4 your address?

5 MR. FRANKEL: Four Gateway Drive.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR FARKAS: Thirty-four Gateway.

7 MS. SANTELLI: Fifty-four.

8 MAYOR WARNER: Fifty-four Gateway. Got it.

9 MR. FRANKEL: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Thank
10 you to the Board for at least hearing us.

11 MAYOR WARNER: You're welcome, Mr. Frankel.

12 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: Thank you for coming
13 on and voicing your feelings. We all feel the same
14 way. Everybody on this Board is completely outraged,
15 and Billy has been on top of this. He's been
16 fighting. He's been pushing. He's been yelling.
17 He's been screaming. And, by the way, so has Senator
18 Kaplan's office and our local legislators, and they
19 can't get anywhere either. PSE&G has just completely
20 fallen down and has done an absolutely horrible job.

21 MR. FRANKEL: Thank you, Howard.

22 MRS. FRANKEL: Thinking outside the box is a
23 good plan.

24 MAYOR WARNER: I know. I'm trying. I'm
25 trying. You know, one of the things I like about our

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1 village and that I've tried to implement, and I've
2 been on the Board now since '01, is to try to make us
3 as independent as possible.

4 MS. FRANKEL: That's smart.

5 MAYOR WARNER: That we don't need the state,
6 we don't need the county, we don't need the town, we
7 don't need anybody. We can operate in our own world.
8 We have our own pool and park. We have our own
9 police. We have our own public works. We really are
10 very independent, and the more independence that we
11 can create for ourselves the better off we are,
12 because so often we're seeing government above us and
13 private utilities that let us down on a pretty
14 regular basis. So that's my feeling on the subject,
15 and that's something that I'll continue to try to
16 implement as things go on.

17 MR. FRANKEL: I think the private grid would
18 be an interesting thing to look into further, you
19 know.

20 You guys are doing a great job, so thank
21 you.

22 MRS. FRANKEL: And you have our support
23 100 percent.

24 MAYOR WARNER: Thank you, the Frankels.

25 MR. FRANKEL: Thank you.

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1 MAYOR WARNER: Mrs. Cohen was on, and she
2 was -- I know her husband wanted to talk.

3 So, Tom, how do we let them on?

4 MR. LEVIN: I'm trying to --

5 MAYOR WARNER: There's Blossom Cohen, but
6 it's her husband who is right there.

7 MR. LEVIN: I'm not seeing it. Hold on.

8 MAYOR WARNER: He's got glasses, white shirt
9 with a stripe through it.

10 MR. LEVIN: There he is. Okay. So if --
11 there. The Cohens are unmuted. Go ahead.

12 MAYOR WARNER: With his hand up.

13 Mr. Cohen?

14 MR. COHEN: Yes, hi. How are you?

15 The question that I had was already
16 addressed by the previous person. So you guys are
17 doing everything that's possible. I think this
18 situation is really horrible, and I admire your
19 efforts. We really need to get to the bottom of
20 this. Maybe at the end of the tunnel they'll find
21 some way to just bury the wires underneath the ground
22 like a civilized society should so we're not
23 dependent on trees anymore.

24 MAYOR WARNER: There's a little part --
25 first of all, it's very expensive, but it's not out

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1 of the -- if you have breaks in underground wires,
2 then you got to start digging. So it's not all
3 great, but it's certainly something to talk about.

4 MR. COHEN: It has to be done sometime. It
5 has been 150 years where electricity was invented,
6 and, you know, there's power grids. So I think at
7 one point somebody needs to put this expense and put
8 these things under the ground at some point so every
9 time we don't need to be dependent on the winds.

10 MAYOR WARNER: Yeah. I'd rather somebody be
11 not us. That's all.

12 MR. COHEN: Well, the problem is for the
13 last 150 years people keep rolling the ball forward.
14 It's PSE&G. I mean, they charge a lot of money for
15 electricity. Maybe whoever is the contractor who
16 provides electricity gets tasked with the task of
17 (inaudible) providing the framework, as well, the
18 wires underground and whatever. I mean, everything
19 else goes underground. The cables go underground,
20 the gas goes underground, the water goes underground,
21 so why can't electricity go underground?

22 MAYOR WARNER: By the way, Michael Faraday
23 invented the electric motor in 1821. Two hundred
24 years. Two hundred.

25 MS. SANTELLI: May I have the Cohens'

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1 address, please?

2 MAYOR WARNER: Mr. Cohen, what's your

3 address?

4 MR. COHEN: 11 Pine Drive.

5 DEPUTY MAYOR FARKAS: Eleven Pine.

6 MR. COHEN: And we still don't have
7 electricity here.

8 MAYOR WARNER: Are those trucks still over
9 there on Boxwood?

10 MR COHEN: I'm sorry. I didn't hear you.

11 MAYOR WARNER: Are those trucks still over
12 there on Boxwood?

13 MR. COHEN: Actually, we went out of the
14 (inaudible).

15 MAYOR WARNER: Who else would like to speak?
16 Do we have anybody else who would like to speak?

17 GN RESIDENT: Yes. I would like to make a
18 mark. You mentioned something about being --

19 MR. LEVIN: May we have your name and
20 address, please?

21 GN RESIDENT: Sure. (Inaudible) S-O-L, 201
22 Myrtle Drive.

23 MAYOR WARNER: Okay.

24 GN RESIDENT: So just to continue your
25 conversation about being independent, if we really

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1 want to be independent, why is it that some of us
2 can't have solar power in our house? why can't we do
3 any of these initiatives where we don't depend on
4 extra companies?

5 You keep saying that we are doing all we
6 can, but we really are not. All the five boroughs
7 have electricity, but yet us, who is paying the most
8 amount of taxes, have been displaced. We have
9 nowhere to go. We have nowhere to charge our phones.
10 Great Neck Estates Park has no power outlets. I
11 spent the whole day the other day in a parking lot in
12 Queens trying to charge my phone, which is ridiculous
13 for the amount of taxes I'm paying. I'm really fed
14 up by this.

15 MAYOR WARNER: Well, first of all, let me
16 tell you that taxes and electricity have nothing to
17 do with each other. That's A. B, there is power in
18 the park. C --

19 GN RESIDENT: No, there isn't. I was there
20 today. There was no power.

21 MAYOR WARNER: There is full power in the
22 park as of Saturday.

23 GN RESIDENT: I was there today and the
24 lifeguards continue to say there's no power. Maybe
25 the pool has it, but the pool is not helping

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1 (inaudible).

2 MAYOR WARNER: Anyway, I'm not aware that we
3 don't allow solar panels. We have solar panels in
4 this village on homes.

5 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: We approved some
6 tonight, Billy.

7 MAYOR WARNER: Yes. We approved some
8 tonight. So the solar panel part is -- I don't know
9 where you're getting that from.

10 GN RESIDENT: So now as far as generators,
11 you're saying you're doing everything you can, but
12 yet why aren't we asking PSE&G to bring generators in
13 to centralized places for people to charge what they
14 need? Suffolk County is doing it. Their mayor is
15 pushing for generators, for PSE&G to provide
16 generators. Why can't we do that?

17 MAYOR WARNER: They can be pushing for
18 anything. PSE&G doesn't have to do anything anybody
19 wants until the people above them tell them they need
20 to do it. That's the first time I'm hearing it, but
21 it certainly sounds like a good idea, so I'm for it.

22 GN RESIDENT: Mr. Warner, we had this
23 conversation after Hurricane Sandy. The same thing.
24 We had no power, one week, and we had this
25 conversation that we were going to hold PSE&G or LIPA

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1 accountable, and we still haven't. And, again --

2 MAYOR WARNER: No. No. whoa. whoa. whoa.

3 PSE&G was not the contractor then. It was National
4 Grid. They're gone. So PSE&G came in. They spent
5 over a billion dollars, they say, in tax-payer money,
6 federal, state, and improved everything, upgraded,
7 did all these improvements, communications, poles,
8 wires, cut trees, and this is still what happened.
9 So this isn't on anybody else but PSE&G.

10 MR. LEVIN: Mayor, I have a note from
11 Adrienne, and I'm not sure of the name, who wants to
12 speak. If unmute yourself.

13 MAYOR WARNER: Okay. Adrienne?

14 MS. HOLLANDER: Sorry. I'm checking into
15 the Inn at Great Neck.

16 I just wanted to say, and I don't know if
17 there's a way to address this that I'm not aware of,
18 but I know at least two very senior people living in
19 the village that do not have power, and I think one
20 of them was just restored. One is my next-door
21 neighbor, and it's heartbreaking. I have been on the
22 phone with PSE&G a million times, and they're just,
23 like, sorry, we can't do anything. I don't know if,
24 as a community, there's a way to elevate certain
25 things, certain people's conditions. I mean, it's

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1 horrible.

2 MAYOR WARNER: First of all, what's your
3 full name and address?

4 MS. HOLLANDER: You know me. Leo's wife.
5 Adrienne Hollander, 12 Amherst Road.

6 MAYOR WARNER: Kathy, would you talk about
7 the people that are on PSE&G's list?

8 MS. SANTELLI: Yes. There is something
9 called critical care. I'm not sure that it would
10 expedite any repair, but they do, evidently, maintain
11 something called critical care.

12 MS. HOLLANDER: So when they talk to you on
13 the phone they don't just want to talk about it, I
14 guess.

15 MS. SANTELLI: Well, you know, I mean, I
16 think that they have to enroll, they have to have a
17 doctor's letter. I don't know what the criteria is,
18 but it's something the family should look into.
19 There is some sort of a program.

20 MS. HOLLANDER: Yeah, because, you know, my
21 neighbor Jules has been in this community I think
22 something like 50 or 60 years. He's in his mid 90s.

23 MAYOR WARNER: Dr. Mendelbaum.

24 MS. HOLLANDER: He's just sitting in the
25 dark, no phone, nothing. He's stubborn. You know, I

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1 can't -- he can't hear me if I ring the doorbell to
2 check on him. It's horrible.

3 MAYOR WARNER: What's his address off the
4 top of your head, Adrienne?

5 MS. HOLLANDER: Ten Amherst Road.

6 His daughter has been visiting him, but,
7 like, you know --

8 MAYOR WARNER: Rick, can we put a note to
9 start to check in -- let's put 10 Amherst down so the
10 police could check on him.

11 CHIEF MORENO: Yeah.

12 MS. SANTELLI: He went to his daughter's
13 today, Mayor Warner.

14 MAYOR WARNER: Oh, he left.

15 MS. HOLLANDER: And he came home. He's,
16 like, I don't want to be here. He's back in his
17 house.

18 CHIEF MORENO: We'll keep an eye on him,
19 Mayor.

20 MAYOR WARNER: Thank you.

21 MS. HOLLANDER: I love him and I understand
22 he's a stubborn guy, but, like, he's sitting in there
23 alone, and I tried to get him to come for dinner and
24 I can't get him out of his house.

25 CHIEF MORENO: He's at 10 Amherst, right?

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1 MS. HOLLANDER: Yeah.

2 CHIEF MORENO: Okay. We'll keep an eye on
3 him.

4 MS. SANTELLI: I think we have a number of
5 elderly --

6 MS. HOLLANDER: And I'm sure he's not the
7 only one.

8 MS. SANTELLI: Right. I think we should
9 have a list. We should prepare a list of, you know,
10 people that are older aged.

11 MS. HOLLANDER: And I -- if there's a way
12 for them to escalate it and say, look, this issue has
13 nine people that are over the age 90 sitting in the
14 dark without a generator, I feel like that should be
15 a priority for us to push for them.

16 MAYOR WARNER: I couldn't agree with you
17 more.

18 MS. HOLLANDER: I don't know if there's a
19 way. I've literally spoken to maybe 60 people in
20 person and on the phone in the last three days, and I
21 get nowhere with them. They're reading off of a
22 script. And I get it. I do that for a living
23 sometimes, too, but, you know.

24 MAYOR WARNER: I empathize. I understand.
25 I drive around all the time looking to see if I can

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1 help people. It's horrible. It's terrible.

2 MS. HOLLANDER: It is. Look, when Sandy
3 happened, I was in an apartment and my husband went
4 every single day and gave every single elderly person
5 breakfast, lunch and dinner. I wish they had more
6 sympathy.

7 MAYOR WARNER: I'm sure it will come up in
8 these hearings that we're going to hear about.

9 Okay, Tom. Who is next?

10 MR. LEVIN: I don't have anybody else yet.

11 MAYOR WARNER: Does anybody else want to
12 speak? You have to wave.

13 MR. LEVIN: Or send a chat message, please.

14 MAYOR WARNER: Debbie Kerendian?

15 MR. LEVIN: You can unmute yourself.

16 MS. KERENDIAN: Thank you. Hi, Debbie
17 Kerendian, 12 Jordan Drive.

18 MAYOR WARNER: Debbie, let me stop you
19 before you go any further and congratulate you on a
20 great camp season. You guys did a great job for the
21 community, and I appreciate it, and it couldn't have
22 gone any smoother as far as the children were
23 concerned. So let me congratulate you and your board
24 and your parents on a job well done.

25 MS. KERENDIAN: Thank you very much. It

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1 means a lot. It was a great accomplishment for all,
2 that includes the parents. And we thank you, Billy,
3 and the Board for working with us and helping this
4 day camp come to fruition. I know it was a hard
5 summer, but we all made it work.

6 MAYOR WARNER: Yes. Great job.

7 MS. KERENDIAN: Thank you.

8 So I just wanted to maybe suggest going
9 forward, I don't know if you guys have ever done this
10 before, but maybe putting some advisory committees
11 together made up of, you know, trustees and residents
12 who aren't on the Board for issues that come about --
13 for example, this one -- just for residents to get
14 together with Board members to meet frequently to
15 discuss how to tackle issues like this if they ever
16 arise again, not necessarily -- you know, obviously
17 we can't get the power on, but maybe discuss ways and
18 ideas of how to alleviate the stress on the
19 residents.

20 Like I've heard some towns, yes, they have
21 generators in multiple locations, and there are towns
22 where people can charge their phones or use -- you
23 know, plug in their computers to work, and I know
24 PSE&G has been giving out packs of ice and bottled
25 water. If we could do that as a community, just all

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1 these little ideas that people come together and plan
2 ahead and, you know, so we're a prepared community
3 for the next, you know, problem, because right now,
4 you know, a lot of times when something bad happens
5 people are very quick to point fingers. You know,
6 I'm sure you guys, unfortunately, are on the
7 receiving end of a lot of that at times. It's not
8 necessarily your fault, but I feel like if more
9 residents had the opportunity to participate in some
10 of the decision making, and I'm not saying, like, big
11 decisions, I'm just saying, you know, put their heads
12 together with you guys to, you know, help form some
13 plans of some sort, I think it would help.

14 MAYOR WARNER: Debbie, let me say a couple
15 of things. First of all, thank you for the
16 suggestion. We do have a Civic Association, and
17 that's exactly what the Civic Association is for.
18 It's kind of gone very weak over the past few years,
19 W-E-A-K, and it hasn't had a lot of -- but that's
20 what the Civic Association is for, to get together --
21 for residents to get together amongst themselves and
22 come up with ideas and recommend to the Board of
23 Trustees ideas that we can implement, and you can get
24 that information -- Lili Zarabi is the president of
25 that organization. Ira Ganzfried used to be the

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1 president.

2 Right, Ira? You were the president?

3 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: I was always treasurer,
4 but I was on it.

5 MAYOR WARNER: I was always involved in it.
6 But that's exactly what a civic association is for.
7 And we meet every month and, you know, people get in
8 touch with me all the time and Howard all the time.
9 I mean, our ears -- we are you. So we want to do
10 what's best for us. It's just the feasibility of it
11 and how to make it work, especially in a pandemic,
12 you know, how to get people together.

13 But let me also mention the generator aspect
14 for home generators. You know, I know it's a bullet
15 to bite, but it's something that everybody should
16 consider. You don't have to get them that they're so
17 expensive that they have to run, you know, an 8,000
18 square foot house with five zones of air
19 conditioning. You can get something just to run for
20 the bare necessities, and that goes along with not
21 being, you know, dependent upon people outside of our
22 influence.

23 But everything you say -- I mean, there's
24 nothing that we won't listen to, but I would like --
25 if the Civic Association could get that together and

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1 you guys get together and come up with some stuff,
2 the Board will listen to anything and everything.

3 Like I said, we are you. We want the best
4 for this village, only the best. We want to be the
5 best village. And if somebody didn't see,
6 Niche.com -- did anybody see that? Let me get that
7 photo up. It ranked us, Niche.com, best places to
8 raise a family in New York, number 2 of 899, best
9 suburbs to raise a family in New York, number 2 of
10 385, and we're number 4 of 899 of best places to live
11 in New York.

12 So I think that that's a reflection upon the
13 residents, as much as the Board, as much as the
14 community, but anything we can do to improve our
15 living and service to our older residents, younger
16 residents, everybody -- I mean, Debbie and Jonathan,
17 you guys have known me long enough that I'm willing
18 to do anything and everything to make things better.

19 So I think the Civic Association is a great
20 outlet for that, and if you guys can get that up and
21 running with some young blood, so to speak, that
22 would be a great thing.

23 MR. KERENDIAN: I have a quick question.

24 MAYOR WARNER: Sure.

25 MR. KERENDIAN: Is there a way of -- I don't

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1 know whose responsibility it would be -- but to maybe
2 track -- not track -- but follow the power lines, and
3 maybe we could have PSE&G do it or suggest it, but
4 see what trees are susceptible to -- that are weaker,
5 that --

6 MAYOR WARNER: They've been claiming they've
7 been doing that for the last five years at a cost of
8 over a billion dollars, but we have tree -- I mean,
9 we do have those lines. They have replaced poles in
10 our village to go above some of the trees so that
11 when they fall they don't take the wires down. You
12 know, we've got 150-year-old trees in this village.
13 So that's -- it's a good suggestion, but -- are you
14 volunteering for that job?

15 MR. KERENDIAN: Sure.

16 MAYOR WARNER: Exactly. So it's something
17 that's going to come up to make it so we're not so
18 vulnerable to the trees coming down. You know, it's
19 certainly a very good suggestion. I'm just not sure
20 that it's within our purview to do that.

21 MR. LEVIN: Mayor, we have a request from
22 Miss Shemesh who wants to speak and Mr. Bibas wants
23 to speak.

24 MAYOR WARNER: Okay.

25 MR. LEVIN: So Miss Shemesh, if you would

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1 unmute yourself?

2 MS. SHEMESH: Hi, Billy -- hi, Mayor. Sorry
3 about that.

4 MAYOR WARNER: That's all right.

5 MS. SHEMESH: I missed a few minutes of
6 Adrienne speaking so maybe it was addressed, but I
7 have some friends in different villages in New Jersey
8 who have said isn't there a generator that your
9 village can let you borrow, and I said we don't have
10 anything like that.

11 So is there any way of the village having
12 five portable generators that can be lent out on a
13 most-needed basis for, like, someone who's on oxygen?

14 MAYOR WARNER: I guess, you know, for the
15 people that Kathy brought up that are in the special
16 care, the older people and stuff like that, I mean,
17 that's something -- that's never been proposed, but I
18 don't see that as something that we couldn't do for
19 emergency situations. But, you know, to pick five,
20 maybe there's nine people that need it. Maybe
21 there's twelve. Who do you decide and how do you
22 get? But, you know, it's certainly something to talk
23 about. We don't have to get these huge generators.
24 We can get smaller ones that can help the people who
25 are in need most to get these things. It's not a bad

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1 idea.

2 MS. SANTELLI: What was her address, Miss
3 Shemesh? What's the first name?

4 MS. SHEMESH: L-I-L-I-A.

5 MAYOR WARNER: Lilia.

6 MS. SANTELLI: And the address, please?

7 MS. SHEMESH: 99 Ash.

8 MAYOR WARNER: Kathy, we're going to have
9 this on the transcript, but make a note of that.
10 It's something that we can discuss and see how
11 portable we can make them and we could get them over
12 to the people in need and so on, how many we could
13 buy, how many we should buy. These are -- it's an
14 excellent suggestion. Just the implementation would
15 take a little work.

16 MS. SHEMESH: I just feel these extreme
17 weather events are only getting more numerous. You
18 know, they're just happening more often. I've only
19 lived in Great Neck for nine years and this is the
20 third one.

21 MAYOR WARNER: In baseball you'd be in the
22 Hall of Fame, but it doesn't get us anywhere.

23 Tom, who is next?

24 MR. LEVIN: Mr. Bibas.

25 Mr. Bibas, if you want to unmute yourself,

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1 please? There you go.

2 MAYOR WARNER: Mr. Bibas?

3 MR. LEVIN: You're unmuted.

4 MR. BIBAS: Can you hear me?

5 MAYOR WARNER: Yes. We can hear you, Mr.

6 Bibas.

7 MR. BIBAS: Well, seeing a few people
8 mentioned the issue of being self-sufficient, we are
9 talking about a small town. The infrastructure is
10 well defined and flat surface, flat area. If we talk
11 about all of the services that we get, like
12 electricity, gas, water and internet, and the bulk
13 payment sometimes goes to the infrastructure itself.
14 They used to call this the last mile when they use
15 the telephone, and, therefore, they charge you for
16 the pipes where there's nothing to do with the
17 content of the pipe, if you will, in this case, the
18 electricity.

19 And, specifically, we are talking about
20 PSE&G. We are talking about an old technology that
21 has transformer with very high voltage involved very
22 close to the houses, and it does make a lot of sense
23 to take this old technology and bury it in the
24 ground. By doing that the town -- my question is did
25 the town want to do a case study or case analysis of

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1 going through the cost of doing that and see how long
2 it would take and cost to get the savings back based
3 on not paying for the last mile, because now the town
4 will be a whole (inaudible) where they can get all of
5 those resources from a wholesaler without paying for
6 that last mile that companies charge you.

7 MAYOR WARNER: Are you talking about the
8 Town of North Hempstead or the Village of Great Neck
9 Estates?

10 MR. BIBAS: The Village of Great Neck
11 Estates.

12 MAYOR WARNER: Tom, do you want to weigh in
13 on that?

14 MR. LEVIN: I'm not sure I understand the
15 proposal other than the fact that we comment that we
16 don't own the system, so we can't do anything to it.

17 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: I think the proposal
18 is, Tom, that we build our own and have our own
19 system.

20 MAYOR WARNER: He wanted to bury the wires.

21 MR. BIBAS: Well, it's not only burying the
22 wires. The idea is that if it's your own wire, you
23 don't pay for the wire. At this point you're paying
24 for the wire and for the electricity. So if you take
25 a look at any bill, it's composed of the (inaudible)

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1 and the infrastructure.

2 DEPUTY MAYOR FARKAS: The delivery.

3 MR. LEVIN: So I could comment the wires
4 don't belong to us. They belong to LIPA. And you
5 could buy them from LIPA, if they're willing to sell
6 them to you, which I doubt, or you have to go put in
7 your own and then get them connected to their system,
8 which you'd have to pay for, as well. So you're very
9 likely going to have to reconstruct that last mile,
10 if you could do this at all. And you can't make them
11 do it. You can't acquire it by eminent domain
12 because they're a state agency and you can't override
13 a state agency.

14 MR. BIBAS: Someone has done a study?
15 Because usually these things is done. That's why
16 some people -- I don't know. Other places do buy
17 self-systems wholesale, and then they distribute them
18 within their facilities, and then if you're -- for
19 instance, if you have an energy company that sells
20 back solar panels, they're going to -- they're not
21 going to put the solar panels next to a line that you
22 would charge them for. You're going to put those
23 solar panels next to a hub where you can give it
24 without paying for the pipes to take electricity back
25 to the company. So I'm talking about something

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1 singular to this line.

2 My question is did anybody do such a study
3 and what is the ROI, if there is an ROI? I'm just
4 throwing something out there to see if there is
5 any -- if it can come back with positive results.

6 MAYOR WARNER: I know nothing of a study
7 that's been done like that.

8 MR. BIBAS: I would suggest -- what I'm
9 suggesting is to look into this kind of study where a
10 saving could make sense within a short period of
11 time, because the charges are not going to be
12 composed by the electricity usage, for instance,
13 but -- it would be only by electricity usage but not
14 by the infrastructure.

15 MAYOR WARNER: Our counsel just mentioned
16 that we don't own the wires or anything. We'd have
17 to buy them from them, if they would sell them to us,
18 then we bury them is what you're proposing. It's
19 above my pay grade, so I don't know.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR FARKAS: I think Mr. Bibas is
21 asking us if -- what the cost would be to put in new
22 buried wires for the entire village and how much the
23 cost savings would be from the utility, because the
24 homeowners and or slash village would own that last
25 mile and what the savings would be.

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1 Is that what you're talking about?

2 MR. BIBAS: That's correct. The same with
3 fiberoptics, for instance. You can give internet and
4 you can save about \$200, \$250 for each home where you
5 have the wholesale internet to the fiber and you just
6 buy one wholesale bandwave.

7 MAYOR WARNER: Where would we possibly get
8 the funds to do something like this? Anybody have
9 any comment on that? I mean, it sounds like --

10 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: My question is, Billy,
11 Mr. Bibas, do you know of any villages that have done
12 this?

13 MAYOR WARNER: Mr. Bibas?

14 MR. LEVIN: He's still on and he's not muted
15 but we're not hearing anything.

16 MAYOR WARNER: Okay. I guess everything is
17 on the table. So we don't have to deal with this
18 anymore, but that sounds like a -- it's not as big as
19 getting our own power grid, Tom, something just below
20 that.

21 Okay. Why don't we recognize the next
22 person.

23 MR. LEVIN: I don't have anyone else.

24 MAYOR WARNER: Okay.

25 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: Billy, the last thing

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1 I just wanted to mention is after Hurricane Sandy you
2 spearheaded, along with the then mayor, David Fox, a
3 real initiative to make ease of use for people who
4 want to put generators in, and I just want to remind
5 everybody about how easy the Village Code is and how
6 little is required. It's a fee, a very small one, if
7 I recall correctly, and it's really easy.

8 Under Section 95 of the Village Code, which
9 you can see online, you'll see that it's very, very
10 simple to do, and so we should spread the word for
11 people to get their generator installed, because at
12 the end of the day, as Tom said, we are beholden to
13 the people that own the power lines and us putting
14 our own power lines in is almost unheard of. So
15 that's not going to happen any time soon. So getting
16 a generator is just a great idea, and it's really
17 simple to do in Great Neck Estates.

18 MAYOR WARNER: There are a lot of companies
19 that do it now.

20 MR. LEVIN: Mayor, when the power
21 discussions finish, Miss Kerendian has something else
22 she wants to say.

23 MAYOR WARNER: Yeah. I see her comment.

24 Sergeant, what was that website?

25 SERGEANT NOOR: Rockville Centre actually

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1 provides their own electricity.

2 MAYOR WARNER: Yes. Mr. Levin not only
3 lives there, but he is the village attorney.

4 MR. LEVIN: There are three villages on Long
5 Island that do that. Rockville Centre, Freeport and
6 Greenport have their own electric plants. Those are
7 legacy plants. They've been in place a very long
8 time. They all buy significant amounts of their
9 power from the hydroelectric grid and get it through
10 PSE&G.

11 we had a problem with this storm, not only
12 with our own village with trees coming down, which
13 was actually a minor part of our outage problem to
14 begin with, but PSE&G's transmission lines went down.
15 Three main lines went down, and they took everybody
16 on the south shore out with them, and until they got
17 back up, nobody else could do much. If we had our
18 plant back up -- it took us many hours to get the
19 plant up and running again to be able to start
20 supplying power, and by that time they got their
21 transmission line back. Then they just had to clear
22 trees. Everybody had tree problems.

23 MAYOR WARNER: why don't you unmute
24 Mrs. Kerendian again so she can ask --

25 MR. LEVIN: Mrs. Kerendian, you can unmute

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1 yourself.

2 MAYOR WARNER: There you go. Okay.

3 MS. KERENDIAN: I don't want to take away
4 from the discussion if we're not done.

5 MAYOR WARNER: It's okay. No one else
6 stepped up. If they will, they can come back to it.
7 Go ahead.

8 MS. KERENDIAN: My question is about the
9 pool, which, you know, many of us love so much, and I
10 know several people feel the same way, and we're just
11 wondering since we missed out on the first month of
12 the pool, are you planning on keeping it open longer
13 than Labor Day, past Labor Day on the weekends? Are
14 your lifeguards -- do you have enough lifeguards who
15 are not going away to college who can stick around
16 and --

17 MAYOR WARNER: Great question.

18 Ira, do you want to answer that or do you
19 want me to answer that?

20 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: Well, I mean, we had
21 thought about that. We have at least one more
22 weekend right after Labor Day which we can, I think,
23 run. Okay? Beyond that we run into the holidays,
24 the Jewish holidays, and I don't really think we'll
25 keep it open past that weekend after Labor Day, but

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1 we're making a shot at that. I don't want to promise
2 anything because we still have to get the staffing
3 figured out, but, you know, we could keep it open
4 that week also if you want. We haven't spoken about
5 that yet.

6 MAYOR WARNER: The kids will be in school,
7 but, yes, we have -- it's a matter of kids in school
8 and it's all about staffing.

9 Debbie, before we got up and running, that's
10 something I brought up to Dennis and Michelle. I
11 said since we're not opening until July 8th --
12 July 6th -- July 8th, actually, I said let's try to
13 extend it.

14 I know every year we talk about it. The
15 high school kids who are around, some of them are
16 athletes and they have sports. There's no fall
17 sports, so there's nobody that has any commitments.
18 So we really are efforting, as Ira said, about trying
19 to keep it open as long as we possibly can. Right
20 now I'd like to open it today so we can get it open
21 today, but that's -- it looks like -- you know, I got
22 some texts during this meeting. It looks like we
23 might be able to open, maybe not tomorrow, but by
24 Thursday -- not tomorrow, but by Wednesday.

25 So it's definitely a concern we were out in

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1 front of. Every year we ask the kids when we hire
2 them in March and April and May, you know, can you
3 stay an extra weekend, and obviously this year it's
4 completely different than all others, but we're
5 trying to do that. So I hope -- we hope to do it.
6 Like Ira said, he's not promising, but we're hoping.

7 MS. KERENDIAN: After school, you know, from
8 three o'clock.

9 MAYOR WARNER: Right. Possibly a 4:00 to
10 7:00 thing like we used to do.

11 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: That would probably be
12 the way it's going to go, yes, probably, because we
13 won't have enough lifeguards to staff a full-time
14 seven-day program.

15 MAYOR WARNER: So we're trying.

16 MS. KERENDIAN: Okay. Thanks.

17 MAYOR WARNER: Okay.

18 Anybody else?

19 Nobody waving? No chatrooms? Tom?

20 MR. LEVIN: Nope, nothing else.

21 MAYOR WARNER: Does the Board have anything
22 they want to bring up?

23 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: No, thank you, Billy.

24 MAYOR WARNER: Somebody want to make a
25 motion to adjourn? Anybody?

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1 TRUSTEE HERSHENHORN: So moved.

2 MAYOR WARNER: Howard Hershenhorn makes the
3 motion to adjourn.

4 TRUSTEE GANZFRIED: I'll second it. I'm on
5 vacation, so I'll second it.

6 MAYOR WARNER: Any opposition? Any
7 abstentions?

8 (No response.)

9 with that, the motion passes.

10 Thank you, everybody.

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