**Village of Maybrook**

**Board of Trustees**

**July 27, 2020**

MAYOR LEAHY – Welcome everybody to the Village of Maybrook Board of Trustees meeting on July 27, 2020. This meeting is held via WebEx. All interested parties may attend the meeting by calling in the telephone number as follows which we put out to the public 408-418-9388. The access code and the password available as well. So for the record the meeting is being recorded and will be posted on the Village of Maybrook website as soon as possible. Can I ask everybody just to please rise for the pledge?

[All] I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of American and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MAYOR LEAHY – Thank you. We’re getting better at this as we go along. Tina can you do the roll call please? Tina? Is Tina still on?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – She’s on and she’s not muted. But, if you’d like

MAYOR LEAHY – Now you just cut out.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – I’m sorry, I muted myself. Daryl can you please say that you’re here?

MEMBER CAPOZZOLI – Present. Daryl Capozzoli present.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Jim?

MEMBER BARNETT - I’m here.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Alright. Bob?

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Present.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Kevin?

MEMBER GREANY – Here.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – and Mayor Leahy?

MAYOR LEAHY – Here.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Excellent.

MAYOR LEANY – And also we have today is Matt Thorp and we have Chief Amthor. Sergeant Maresca is on as well. And did I forget anybody? I don’t think I did.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Sean.

MAYOR LEAHY – Kelly and Sean. That’s right. I’m sorry. Do we have Tina back on again or…?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Say that again.

MAYOR LEAHY – Is Tina back on again?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – She’s here but we can’t hear her.

MAYOR LEAHY – I can’t see her either. She’s not up on the board.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – I can see her. I’m just trying to figure it out.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, I see her there. Ok, we’ll take a motion to approve the bills and claims.

TRUSTEE GREANY - I’ll make that motion.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - So moved.

MAYOR LEAHY – By Trustee Greany. Second by Trustee Barnett. All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Ok, I’ll take a motion to approve the videos and the minutes of the meetings.

TRUSTEE GREANY - I’ll make that motion.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Trustee Capozzoli makes the motion.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, Trustee Greany with the motion. Second by Trustee Capozzoli. All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Ok, great. First on the agenda we have the draft Local No. 3 for 2020 to amend the Village Code to include a stop sign at Logan’s Way and Clark Place. Kelly, do you want to give us a little background on that please?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Sure. So this is a local law to update your code. Pretty explanatory, but you have a listing of the stop signs in your Village, and since you are in the process of taking over Logan’s Way and we’ve almost completed all of those conditions, we wanted to update your Code to include the stop sign that is at the exit of Logan’s Way – at the intersection of Logan’s Way and Clark Place. So the draft Local Law does require a public hearing. If you would like to set that tonight for your next meeting.

MAYOR LEAHY – Any comments from the Board?

TRUSTEE BARNETT - I will make a motion we establish a public hearing for the stop sign at Logan’s Way.

MAYOR LEAHY – Motion by Trustee Barnett.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Deputy Mayor seconds.

MAYOR LEAHY – All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Ok, great.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – That would be for your, what is that, August 24th meeting.

MAYOR LEAHY – Yes, it’s August 24th

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Ok, thank you.

MAYOR LEAHY – Alright, thank you. Everybody has a copy of the Building Department reports for May and June. Jim, have you been able to get in touch with Tim?

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Yes, I spoke to Linda. I did see Tim a couple of times. The good news is that Tim has now gotten back to doing commercial and residential inspections. They’re back doing those now, which is a good thing.

MAYOR LEAHY – Yes. I just want to add that they’ve been very busy lately. I know Kelly, myself and Tim have had a lot of conversations about certain properties inside the Village so business is continuing on as usual. So, anybody have any questions for Jim? Ok. Received and filed. Thanks Jim.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Ok.

MAYOR LEAHY – Next item on the agenda is scheduling a public hearing for 319 Tower Avenue for an unregistered vehicle. Kelly, can you give us a little background on it please?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Yes. As the Board knows for unregistered there has to be a public hearing for due process and you have scheduled several of them in the past. Some of them have gone forward and others have been cancelled the night thereof because the unregistered vehicle has been removed. But there is an unregistered vehicle at this address and the Building Department would like to move forward with prosecuting this so we would ask that you schedule a public hearing for your August 24th meeting for this unregistered vehicle.

MAYOR LEAHY – Any comments from the Board? Ok. Can I entertain a motion to the public hearing for the August 24th for 319 Tower Avenue for an unregistered vehicle.

TRUSTEE GREANY – I’ll make that motion.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD - I’ll make the motion

MAYOR LEAHY – Motion by Trustee Greany. Second by who?

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Deputy Mayor.

MAYOR LEAHY – Second by Deputy Mayor. All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Ok. Motion passed. Thank you very much. Alright our fourth item on the agenda is authorization for the Mayor to execute the CDBGFY2020 municipal agreement for $85,000 for sanitary sewer lining. Before we go into this I want to thank Sean for getting this together for us. We were awarded the $85,000 for more sewer lining in the Village. This is great news. It’s grant money. And there are some stipulations that have to be done in order for us to get it which are required by the Housing and Urban Development. Kelly, do you want to go over it with us please?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Sure. So, as everybody saw in my email we have reviewed the contract with CDBG for this $85,000. It is much, much different and much more in depth than other contracts with CDBG. They have done a complete overhaul of it and it requires a number of different policies, many of which the Village has. Jim and Kevin, we’ve covered a lot of the policies in the handbook, which I distributed as well. But specifically there were two that were necessary for prior to having this signed, and the first was the use of excessive force. Currently the Village has a general policy. The police department has the general policy/general order about the use of force, but there is specific language that CDBG and HUD was looking for. That was included in the resolution and the second was an affirmative action plan. So if you saw the handbook that Jim and Kevin have been working on with me, one of the first policies in there is equal opportunity and anti-discrimination in the workplace. While those are quite similar the CDBG and HUD required a specific affirmative action so we put one together for the Board. We sent that out. So if you would like you could adopt both of those and you can authorize the Mayor to sign this. We are going to be watching HUD closely because they are getting more involved maybe more so than they necessarily should but for right now they are getting more involved and we just want to make sure that the Village is keeping up with the requirements so nobody tries to take that money back if there is non-compliance, and make sure that that these are things that the Village wants to continue to participate in. So that is my summary of those policies unless anybody has any questions.

TRUSTREE BARNETT – I had a question. I had a question but Kelly, thank you, for answering it to me earlier today. I appreciate it very much. Thank you.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – You’re welcome.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, anybody else have any questions from the Board? Alright, Kelly, you need us to authorization to tell us what you need.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – I would like a motion to adopt the excessive force policy.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, motion?

TRUSTEE GREANY - I’ll make that motion.

MAYOR LEAHY – Motion by Trustee Greany. Second?

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – I will second. Trustee Capozzoli.

MAYOR LEAHY – Second by Trustee Capozzoli. All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY - Any opposed? Ok, motion passed.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Ok, I also need a motion to accept the resolution for the affirmative action plan.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI - I’ll make that motion.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Second. Trustee Barnett.

MAYOR LEAHY – Second.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – I’ll second it.

MAYOR LEAHY – Second by Trustee Barnett. All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – And then a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the CBDG contract.

TRUSTEE GREANY - I’ll make that motion to sign the contract.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – I’ll second. Deputy Mayor.

MAYOR LEAHY – Second by Deputy Mayor. All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Alright, Kelly thank you again for putting this all together for us today. Sean, thank you for submitting all of our applications for the CDBG and great job on everybody. $85,000 is a lot of money.

TRUSTEE GREANY - We’ll take it.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok. Is Sean on or . . . Kelly could Sean talk or no?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – He can, sorry, there was just something flying around my head.

SEAN HOFFMAN – Yes, Mayor, I’m here.

MAYOR LEAHY – Is there anything you wanted to add Sean?

SEAN HOFFMAN – No. I’d like to just thank the Board. I think the Deputy Mayor sent me an email last week thanking me for all my hard work but realize that it’s not just me. Matt, Tina, Kelly, the Board, everybody has participated in this and the Village has an exceptional track record with the County, and I think that’s what led to the increase for the funding for this fiscal year. So congratulations and I just want you to know that I already met with Matt today and we’ve kind of verified what sewers are going to be included and we hope to actually put this out with last year’s grant so we’re hoping to get some more competition from contractors and also save on some engineering and administrative costs.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok. Thank you very much.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Deputy Mayor. I would like to add. I think Sean you’re 100% since you’ve been with us now and that’s an outstanding track record, and like you said it’s not just you, it’s everybody on the team and we have assembled in my opinion one hell of a team here. So again hats off to everybody and very nice job. Thank you.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Good job Sean. Thank you.

MAYOR LEAHY – Any other comments?

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Just good job I said.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, great. Alright. Onto the next item on the agenda is the retirement of Chief Arnold Amthor. So as of today we have received notification from Chief Amthor that he will be retiring from his position of Chief in the Village of Maybrook Police Department. As everyone is aware Chief Amthor has retired from the Town of Montgomery Police Department and he has accepted a new position as the Chief of Police in the City of Newburgh. I will be meeting with the Village Board to discuss options going forward for the Maybrook Police Department. I want to thank Chief Amthor for his dedicated service to the Village of Maybrook. Chief Amthor has expressed that he did not want to retire from the Village of Maybrook Police Department however his new command requires his full attention. Chief Amthor is not only the Chief of Police of our Village; he is a friend as well. I wish him all the best in his new command, and hope to work with him again in the future. So does anybody else want to add to the comments?

TRUSTEE GREANY – Chief, we’re all going to miss you over here; good luck on your position

TRUSTEE BARNETT - God speed Chief on your new job. God speed, good luck, God Bless.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Best of luck.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI - Chief best of luck to you.

CHIEF AMTHOR – Thank you very much guys.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD - It’s a pleasure having you Chief. You’re always welcome back.

MAYOR LEAHY – Butch, is there anything you want to add? Butch, is there anything you want to add?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – He’s unmuted but I’m not sure if his connection is ok.

CHIEF AMTHOR – Can you hear me?

MAYOR LEAHY – Now we can.

CHIEF AMTHOR – Ok, I just want to thank everybody, and like I said this was part of a term and condition of going down there as you all can I’m sure understand it’s going to take a lot of undivided attention and it certainly was not I didn’t, this was not my choice to retire from the Town was mine, but you know not necessarily retiring from the Village. So hopefully we can, you know, the department can move the department forward and we’ll take it from there right?

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok.

TRUSTEE GREANY - Good luck Chief.

MAYOR LEAHY – Thank you for your service Butch. Wish you all the best in your new position.

TRUSTEE GREANY - Yup.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok. That ends that portion of the meeting. So I will go right into my report.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Dennis, Dennis.

MAYOR LEAHY – Yes

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Excuse me. I think, correct me if I’m wrong, don’t you have to have the motion to accept his retirement?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – You have done that with other officers; I think that that would be good here.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, so we’ll take a motion to accept Chief Butch Amthor’s retirement effective on July 30, 2020.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - I think, don’t you usually say something like Butch you would also accept it with regrets, deep regrets?

MAYOR LEAHY – I can do that as well.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Ok.

MAYOR LEAHY – With regrets. Any motion?

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – I’ll make a motion to accept it with regrets.

MAYOR LEAHY – Motion by Deputy Mayor Bob Pritchard. Second?

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Second, second.

MAYOR LEAHY – Second by Trustee Barnett. All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Ok, thank you. Motion is passed and thanks Butch. We appreciate everything you have done. Tina, are you on the line? Because you look good holding that phone. Oh boy.

[Laughter.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Oh you are with us!

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – She’s on, I had just muted her.

[Laughter.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Alright. I’m going to get into my report now. Let’s hope this goes smoothly. Effective as today July 27th the latest number for COVID19 were posted on the Village of Maybrook website and Facebook page there are 11,069 positive cases of COVID19 reported in Orange County. This is an increase of 32 from this past Friday. There is over 85,000 people who have been COVID19 tested in Orange County. The County is averaging 600 to 1200 tests per day. There have been 491 deaths reported to date and no increase since this last Friday. There are currently 16 COVID19 cases reported in the Town of Montgomery. 19 people hospitalized. Four of the 19 people hospitalized have tested positive with COVID19. 15 of the people hospitalized have symptoms of COVID19. There are 79% of ICU beds available in the County. The Mid-Hudson Region safely and successfully entered New York Phase IV of re-opening. We, the Village, are gradually working our way back to normal by following the New York State Forward Guidelines that impact employees and the residents. Monday, July 29th, the Village of Maybrook Government Center resumed regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 8 a.m. to Noon. There will continue to be no public access until further notice; however, residents may continue to make appointments for Village business. Face masks must be worn and social distancing must be adhered to as well. Any resident who wishes to make an appointment can do so by contacting the Village Clerk Tina Johnson at 845-427-2717 extension 201. On June 29th the George C Bullis Community Center will reopen and their hours of operation on Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed on Saturday and Sunday. The George C. Bullis Community Center offers curbside pickup. Paper copies and faxes for residents. No access is permitted into the building except for employees. For additional information or to set up an appointment contact the George C. Bullis Community Center manager Bobbie \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at 845-427-2914. We have had several events that have been cancelled due to COVID19. I announced to our at our last village board meeting that we unfortunately had to cancel our annual Village of Maybrook Kick-off the 4th of July celebration. We did however host our Village of Maybrook Family Movie Night on Friday, July 24th as originally scheduled. The featured movie was Disney’s Onward. We really had a nice turn out and everyone practiced social distancing which was great. I spoke to several residents and they told me they were so happy to spend the night out in the park and to get out of the house for a little while. I want to thank Stewart’s Shops and manager Sue Dunlevy for sponsoring the event and donating chips and juice boxes for the kids. They really enjoyed it. Since we had family movie nights for the summer schedule our last one went so well I scheduled another Village of Maybrook Family Movie Night for Friday, August 28th. The movie will be posted on the website and the Facebook page as soon as it is confirmed. We hosted our annual Village of Maybrook Village Wide Yard Sale on Saturday, July 25th. I rode Village the day of the event and there were many participants. Many I spoke to said they did well despite the hot weather and more important it was a safe event. Another positive for the Village of Maybrook 2020 Women’s Summer Recreation Softball Season is said to begin on Tuesday, August 11th. It’s a six-week season. The games will be played on Tuesday evenings. The fee is $35.00 and that includes a T-Shirt. Teams are encouraged to apply. However individual applications are accepted. Individual sign-ups will be placed on teams short of players. Each team should have a minimum of 14 players to avoid forfeits. New York State Social Distancing Rules will apply to all participants. The dug outs will be closed and all participants will be required to stand outside the fence. Celebrate Maybrook 2020 is scheduled to be held on September 24th, 25th and 26th. I tried to hold off cancelling this event as long as possible in the hopes that it can be go on as planned. Unfortunately, the amusement rides operator has cancelled all events due to COVID19. Sadly we are officially cancelling the Celebrate Maybrook 2020 for this year. My conference calls with the County Executive, Supervisors and Mayors are now on an as needed basis however the County Executive, Steve Neuhaus and I have been in contact weekly. I have and will continue to post the daily Orange County COVID19 update on the Village website and Facebook page. Our COVID19 cases in Orange County are at a record low. We want to keep this trend and to do so we must continue to practice social distancing guidelines. This is not something we made up on our own. My intention as well as the rest of the Village Board is to do everything possible to protect our Village employees and our residents. Let’s pray this trend continues and better days are not in the not too distant future. I want to thank the Orange County Executive Steve Neuhaus, Orange County Health Commissioner Dr. Gelman and Orange County Emergency Services Commissioner Brendan Casey for their efforts during COVID19 as always. The Village employees are doing a fantastic job. Everyone is doing their part under difficult circumstances. We are doing everything possible to keep business as usual in the Village. I thank everyone for their efforts. On that note please continue to wear your face masks and practice social distancing. We are heading in a positive direction. Let’s continue our path without any setbacks. Good health to all. The Village of Maybrook wishes to congratulate Jeff Holmes of the Walden Police Department. The Village of Walden celebrated Jeff Holmes retirement on July 17, 2020 after 37 years of service to his community. Jeff Holmes is a gentleman and well respected in our community. I wish him a happy, healthy and long retirement with his family. Thank you for your services Chief Holmes. Many of you have seen in the local newspapers that the New York State Comptroller’s Office performed an audit on the Village of Maybrook’s finances. The link is available on the Village of Maybrook website as well as a written response I sent which contained the corrective action being taken by the Village. Any resident who has any questions feel free to contact me directly to discuss them. Our next Village Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 24th at 7 p.m. We will keep residents informed of our progress in the hope of resuming regular meetings. As of now, we plan to have the meeting on WebEx . Any changes will be posted on the Village of Maybrook website. Just a reminder. There is one meeting in the month of August. And that’s it for me. Trustee Greany.

TRUSTEE GREANY – Good job Dennis. With regard to this COVID19 and we’re going in the right direction. Sorry we had to cancel the fair and everything but we’ll get it back next year hopefully. Everything is running good down at the sewer plant. I informed you last week of the DEC inspection which did very well. He was very pleased with what we are doing to the old plant. I bumped into Sean this morning and he, we both said the same thing, thank God we got Donnie back. The job he’s doing down there is phenomenal. The flows are down. He found the correction and we had normal flows but it wasn’t true. He found the problem there. The phosphates, it’s unbelievable how much they’ve gone down since he discovered where it was and I can’t speak enough about him and other than that everything is going really well. Everybody please be safe. Keep continuing what we’re doing and hope to see everybody pretty soon back to the office. That’s it for me tonight.

MAYOR LEAHY – Sounds goods. Thank you Kevin. Trustee Barnett.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Oh, okay. A couple of things. Friday night, what I found really impressive about the movie night, it was amazing Dennis. Everybody, it’s almost like instinctively, even when the kids came up to get the chips and the juice, they waited, they kept distance away. We didn’t have to say a word to anybody. They just did it, which is really, really quite impressive I thought. You know they had the mask when they came up. They were really, really good. The kids were not running around any of that stuff I thought it was a very nice night. I was very proud of the parents and the kids that were there the way they responded to what we asked them to do. Second thing is our Scout Band is meeting now as you know. We’ve had two meeting already. We’re meeting again on Sunday and we’re playing and we’re getting around. We’re hoping that some things will still take off in September. Right now it looks like there may be a few things going on in September so but right now we’re back and the kids are marching and practicing. They’re doing well. Aiden Duran, a young man who just turned 18 in July, had all his merit badges done for Eagle but unfortunately because of the virus he couldn’t do his project. Thanks to Matt Thorp and Matt if you’re listening I want to extend a special thank you to you again. Aiden should be starting his Eagle project this weekend Mayor. He’s going to be painting the fire hydrants on Prospect, Highland and Clark. And he has a three month extension to do it because of the virus. So he gets it done he will be our 79th Eagle Scout in our Village. So I thought you would like to hear that news. That’s it.

MAYOR LEAHY – I have Aiden Duran’s Citizen and Community Merit Badge letter. I will get that done this week for him.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – What was that?

MAYOR LEAHY – He sent me his Citizenship in Community merit badge letter.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Oh, yea, yea, yea that’s right, the community letter. Yes. He wrote something, a very interesting first one ever. Talked to you about coronavirus didn’t he?

MAYOR LEAHY – Yes he did

TRUSTEE BARNETT – He’s a very bright young man, and he’s leaving for college in the middle of August and a really fine young man. And we heard from Brandon O’Brien. He’s in Annapolis and doing ok.

MAYOR LEAHY – Good for him. We wish him well. Thanks Jim. Deputy Mayor.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Just a couple of quick things. Jim, it was the day before I left to come up to Massachusetts that I heard your band marching down Tower Avenue and it was a sight to see especially with everything going on. And if I’m not mistaken Aiden is probably going to be one of the oldest kids to ever receive Eagle. Nobody has ever gotten it over 18. Yea, so that’s like a Guinness World record thing. Officially he can’t except for the extension so God Bless, good for him. I’m glad to hear they did that so and Matt thanks for helping him out. Economic development wise, very very quiet right now. Nothing is going on at all. They are allegedly getting closer to making a presentation but we will see when we get that presentation call and hopefully it will be within the next month or two so literally that’s all I’ve got so quiet month and let’s hope it picks up a little bit real quick. Alright. Darryl, you’re up.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok.

TRUSTEE CAPOZZOLI – Alright, so things are going as well as they can or as well as can be expected with the community center. I can’t wait to get back to some normalcy but who knows when that’s going to happen. I really have nothing else besides Matt. Great job keeping up with the grass. We’re in the same boat. And to the Chief, best of luck in your new adventure. That’s it.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, Chief, do you have anything you want to add? Are you there Chief?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – You’re in and out.

CHIEF AMTHOR - I thank you.

MAYOR LEAHY – Chief, are you on a house phone or on a regular phone?

CHIEF AMTHOR – I’m on my cell phone. I’m going to dial in on my house phone for the Executive Session.

MAYOR LEAHY – Alright. We’ll go to Sergeant Maresca, You got anything you want to add?

SARGEANT MARESCA – Yes, he knows this already, Chief, I wish you the best over in Newburgh. I’m going to miss you. You’ve been a mentor to me. You enhanced my career. We’ve been through a lot together and over these eight years or so and obviously I wish nothing but the best and I’m going to miss you. That’s all.

CHIEF AMTHOR – Thank you very much.

MAYOR LEAHY – Alright, Matty.

MATT THORP – First off, Butch, Congratulations. We’re going to miss you. You and I go back a long way from when you lived in Maybrook on Homestead Avenue, so haha, but a couple of items coming up. We’re going to be, as soon as I get the information from Reclamation on when they can mill, we’re going to get the Saracino project from Everett Place to the kiddie park done. We’re going to mill that. Sean met with me today and looked over some of the core samples. It won’t take full depth reclamation so we’ll mill. More than likely we’re going to use VanEtten. I’m waiting for one other price as just a paving contractor and we’ll haul the material like we did on Rakov Road to save some money. And Sean has mentioned in report contracts will go out to Upstate Concrete to get going. We want to get Country Club Drive done first and then we’ll go to Homestead Avenue after inspecting the work to make sure we don’t have any issues with DOT.

MAYOR LEAHY – You’re also planning on doing Adams Drive, right? The lower part.

MATT THORPE – The bottom of Adams Drive. We’re probably going to put a detour up in a few weeks. I will send an email out and then you can put it on the website to do the maintenance work and the repairs to the storm sewer on the corner there first.

MAYOR LEAHY – Then you have the manhole right? The man hole’s got to be straightened out?

MATT THORPE – Storm sewers; that’s the one yup.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok.

MATT THORPE – And just a couple of other things. We’re keeping an eye on the water levels because of the heat and the lack of substantial rain fall that doesn’t run off. Not torrential rains and if we have to we may have to go into some restrictions. I know I sent you the email the Town of Wallkill has already started that water restrictions so the water table is down substantially at this time.

MAYOR LEAHY – I just want to mention, I don’t know if anybody on the Board noticed, but the ballfields have been turned over. Matt rented a machine to go and flip it because it was so bad it was like concrete plus there was weeds growing out of it. We’ve had some discussions about this inner field. We do have people that are interested in renting the ballfields and now that we got into phase IV, we would be able to do it, but they were in no condition to do it. We talked about taking the grass off the infield on the senior field because we’re limited to what we could use it for. At this point we have to turn away 11U, 12U, 9U kids. If we take the grass off the infield it will be used as a multi-purpose field and it will require less maintenance because once that gets out of get crazy and that grass starts growing it’s very difficult to cut it back especially when you’re working with the mound area. So does anybody have any comments they want to put into that or any feedback. Anybody?

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – I think if we’re, if we have an option to get more use out of the field then I think it’s a good option to go with Dennis. I think the more use we get, the less limiting factors that we place on ourselves, the better of we’re going to be. By all means, I’m for it.

MAYOR LEAHY – I see it as being easier to maintain for maintenance purposes because now it’s just a sweep instead of all the cutting and everything else that’s involved with it. I mean I’ve done it myself down there and I know how much it is and I know [inaudible] the guys where they could just take the rake around the multi-purpose because we use the other field for you can use that for little league and you can use it for girls softball. It’s a lot easier to maintain. So we’re going to be looking into doing that, I don’t know if it’s going to happen before the end of the summer but if the guys have a lot on their plate right now but they’re moving along they’re getting a lot of stuff done . The main thing right now is to get the sidewalks done and to get the paving done before summer is over. Does anybody have any questions for Matt?

TRUSTEE BARNETT - No, thanks Matt.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – Keep up the good work Matt.

MATT THORP – Yup, and he’s all set for when he has to get the paint, and I will just remind Sean again Jim too tomorrow.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Yeah, I think he wants to start this weekend Matt.

MATT THORP – Ok.

MAYOR LEAHY – Just to give everybody an update on the Senior Center. The Senior Center is still closed for now. We do have rentals taking place in the Fall. They were people that were that had to cancel because of the COVID for graduations. There are limitations as to how many people can be, it has to be under 50. So we will be monitoring that as we go along. We’ve been renting out the pavilion. The past weekend there was a party over there. The police have been keeping an eye on it. Once again under 50, and it looked like I drove by it a few times and people were social distancing and it was just some small gatherings. So the last people that will go in are the seniors. We’re going to hold them off as long as possible because we’re not going to take any chances with them. But we’ll do whatever we have to do. When it comes to the events or anything, I’m going to go and try to as much as possible to find things that we can do because I realized the other night after we were done with movie night that, you know, people are just trying to find things to do and I was very impressed with the response towards the end of the movie. People I spoke to at the gate that were just like this was so good to get out of the house. So we’re going to do what we can to try to find little things like that that we can do for the kids. If we can, we’ll do it. We’ll do the best we can. I’m sorry to get off track there. Sean?

SEAN HOFFMAN – Thanks Mayor. I’ve got a couple of items for you. I will try to be quick. We talked about the community development block grants. Just to give you an over view on those. We have the two. One for 60 and now one for 85. We’re going to try to combine those and bid that out and get that work done as soon as possible. That leaves the 2021 grant. That was submitted to Orange County back on June 26th. So after we complete these two grants with a grand total of 145 we’re going to be looking for another grant from the County but I don’t know how things are in terms of HUD grants and everything else for next year. I just want to let you know about that. A couple of other items for you real quick and I do need some action from you. You have, Matt talked about having the contractor install the concrete sidewalks on County Club. You recall you received the DASNY, that’s the New York State grant, for that sidewalk as well as the sidewalk on 208. Back on July 2nd Matt and I met with Orange County Concrete low bidder. We’re looking to piggyback on the county’s contract. That contractor is Upstate Concrete. I understand he has done some work before in the Village. We spoke to Upstate Concrete and they indicated that could do your project under the County bid and Kelly has prepared an agreement. So I expect Upstate to sign this agreement and return it before your next meeting so if you don’t mind I would appreciate it if you could have a motion authorizing the Mayor to sign that agreement with Upstate Concrete when that comes back in.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, we’ll entertain that

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – I make a motion that I’ll make a motion that after review from both the engineer and the attorneys if it’s if the agreement is as we desire it that the Mayor is authorized to sign it.

MAYOR LEAHY –Ok, motion by Deputy Mayor. Second?

TRUSTEE BARNETT – I’ll second. Jim Barnett.

MAYOR LEAHY – Second by Trustee Barnett. All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed? Ok motion carried Sean. Drop it off, I’ll sign it as soon as possible as soon as Kelly gets a review of it.

SEAN HOFFMAN – Will do. The other item that I need some action on, I’m just going to give you a little background. You will recall that the Village received an engineering planning grant in an action with installing disinfection at the sewer treatment plant. Back in either February or March you authorized an agreement with my firm H2M and the Mayor and that was sent to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation which is the financing arm of the DEC. Back on June 1st the Mayor and I had a teleconference with EFC about the grant process and in mid-June they had sent a grant agreement. Kelly has reviewed that. Outside of I think spelling the Mayor’s name wrong, which I was kind of surprised at, I think that’s ready to go so if I could ask you to have a motion for the Mayor to execute that and we will return it to the State and start on that.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – I will make a motion to accept that and allow the Mayor to sign it.

MAYOR LEAHY – Let’s be specific about this. Sean, what is it specifically?

SEAN HOFFMAN – It is a grant from EFC, I’m sorry, it is a grant from the EFC for engineering and planning work in connection with designing of a disinfection system at the sewer treatment plant.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok.

DEPUTY MAYOR PRITCHARD – That’s a $25,000 grant right?

MAYOR LEAHY – Yup. That’s exactly what it is. Ok so motion by Deputy Mayor Bob Pritchard. Second? Second? Is everybody muted Kelly?

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Dennis, Dennis. I’ll second it.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – I left the Board unmuted.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, second by . . . Oh we got Kevin on again so. . . Ok so motion, who has got the second?

TRUSTEE GREANY - I’ll second it.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – I did. Jim Barnett.

MAYOR LEAHY –Ok, second by Jim Barnett. All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, anybody opposed? No opposed. Ok, great. Motion passed. Thank you Sean. Anything else you got to add?

SEAN HOFFMAN – One last quick item. You recall back when we were meeting in person. We discussed a sanitary sewer easement across lands owned by Tobias at the end of Prospect Avenue. Matt and I completed the design for that. I think Matt has ordered some materials and he’s looking to start that work relatively soon. So just a question for Kelly regarding the easement with Tobias whether that has been filed and whether the Village can enter Tobias’s land to install that new sewer?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – That easement has been filed with the County Clerk. I have not gotten proof of filing yet. But I did send it in and Dr. Tobias has been very receptive with the whole thing so yes, the Village can enter and I will forward a copy of that to you and to Tina for the Village’s files when I receive it back from the County. They’re only doing everything by mail now so it is a little bit slower but we got it in a week, two weeks ago, so it should be all set.

SEAN HOFFMAN – Thank you.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok, do you need a motion?

SEAN HOFFMAN – No motion Mayor.

MAYOR LEAHY – Ok.

SEAN HOFFMAN – That’s all I have for that.

MAYOR LEAHY – Alright Sean. Thank you. Kelly, do you have anything else you want to add?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – I just want to mention, thank you everybody for reading everything that I sent out late this afternoon. I just want to remind everybody that I sent out the draft handbook. Kevin, Jim, I know you have already read it, but I sent it out again. If the Board could take a look at it and maybe we could talk about it at your next meeting. If you have any questions please feel free to email me. I know it is quite long so but it is quite thorough so if anybody has any questions just let me know again, and we can talk about it at the next meeting.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Kelly, did you get my question Kelly? I sent one to you. I noticed, I looked at all the pages. They are going to be numbered right? I didn’t notice numbering on the pages.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – They are going to be numbered but I have to update, with any changes I will update the page numbers because then I have to put the page numbers on the Table of Contents. I already talked to Tina about how many employees are there. I have put together a signature page for receipt and trying to get all the binders for all the employees so it can be loose leaf fashion.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Excellent. Thank you. Good job.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Thanks.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Thank you very much.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Absolutely. Thank you and Kevin for all your work on this.

MAYOR LEAHY – Yes, thank you guys.

TRUSTEE GREANY - No problem.

MAYOR LEAHY – A lot of work went into that and I know how much time it took but we’re finally getting it done.

TRUSTEE GREANY - Thank you.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Thank you. I think we’re going to have the best comprehensive handbook anywhere in the state. It’s going to be unbelievable.

MAYOR LEAHY – Great. Is Tina on? Bueller? Bueller?

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Can you hear me? Can you hear me? Yay!

MAYOR LEAHY – Now I can. Welcome to the meeting. Is there anything you would like to add?

SECRETARY JOHNSON – I just wanted to wish Chief the very, very, very best and thank him for everything single thing and I love you and I wish you nothing but the best and you will be missed.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Ditto.

[Laughter.]

MAYOR LEAHY – The Chief just needs to get better cell phone service at his house.

[Laughter.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Oh, he’s on look at that.

CHIEF AMTHOR – Is it good? Can you hear me now?

MAYOR LEAHY – Yes, we can hear you now.

CHIEF AMTHOR – Thank you Tina. I appreciate it. I love you too.

SECRETARY JOHNSON – You’re welcome.

[Laughter.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Not only is he going to the City of Newburgh, he’s getting a job as a Verizon spokesperson now. Can you hear me? So I think we have Audine on, are there any other residents.

CHIEF AMTHOR – I may tell Tina I need a Chief’s secretary down there.

SECRETARY JOHNSON – Oh, okay.

[Laughter.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Sorry, she’s already taken.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Yes Mayor, Audine is on the line.

MAYOR LEAHY – Audine, do you have anything you want to add? Question?

AUDINE – I just need the name of the Eagle Scout to be.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Oh, his name is Aiden, A I D E N D U R A N

AUDINE - D U R A N?

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Duran, yes, D as in David.

AUDINE – Ok. Thank you very much. And I heard them practicing too it was music to my ears.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - Thank you Audine. It was fun. We had a good time.

MAYOR LEAHY – Do we have anybody else on Kelly?

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – No.

MAYOR LEAHY – We don’t. Ok, so I will take a motion to adjourn.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - So moved.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – A motion to go into executive session with no intent to take action at the conclusion for personnel items.

TRUSTEE BARNETT - I make a motion to close the executive session.

MAYOR LEAHY – Second?

TRISTEE GREANY - I’ll second.

MAYOR LEAHY – Second by Trustee Greany. All in favor?

[All ayes.]

MAYOR LEAHY – Any opposed?

MATT THORP - Good night all.

ATTORNEY NAUGHTON – Good night Matt.

MAYOR LEAHY – Good night Matt.

TRUSTEE GREANY – Good night.

TRUSTEE BARNETT – Good night.