

*Welcome to the Village of Wappingers Falls monthly regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Trustees today Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 7PM.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:**

**RECOGNITION / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL EVENTS**

Mother Mag Zion Episcopal Church leaving the area.

Dear Mayor and Village Board Members:

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Sgt. Matthew Wall and Detective Scott Mchugh, for their meritorious actions during a shooting incident on September 24, 2020 as described below.

On September 24, 2020, at approximately 2246 hrs (10:46 p.m.), Sgt Wall and Detective McHugh were dispatched for a reported noise complaint located on West Main St., Wappingers Falls N.Y.

Upon their arrival, loud music could be heard by the officers on the street below and by surrounding neighbors. Assigned officers also observed a female sitting on a stoop outside of building. When interviewed by responding officers, she claimed to have NO access into the building or information on occupants residing on floor where music was being played.

Responding officers made several attempts at gaining entry into the apartment building, but access was locked at the front and rear of building. During one of several attempts at gaining entry through the rear door, the same female was now observed by officers to be inside the common area and speaking with a male who was later identified as the shooter.

This observation by officers would become a pivotal moment of potential danger for officers. The female previously interviewed had now informed the shooter that officers were outside and attempting to interview him regarding the noise. When officers observed both parties communicating in the common area, the officers attempted to gain their attention. The female looked at the officers, at which time both parties ignored the officers and left the common area from line of sight of officers.

As the officer(s) made another attempt at gaining the attention of 3rd floor occupant, a gunshot was then heard. Both officers took cover from a ground floor vestibule of an adjacent building and reported their observation of possible gunshots. Immediate assistance was requested from adjoining agencies, and as assisting units began to arrive, approximately 3 more gunshots were heard coming from the building that officers were initially investigating for a noise complaint.

At that moment, and with so many potentially dangerous scenarios now in play, Sgt. Wall and Det. McHugh with assisting units cordoned off the W. Main Street corridor to prevent passing motorists from being struck from stray gunshots. Sgt. Wall and Det. McHugh then left cover and hurdled people emerging from their building to observe the commotion and placed them in a safer location to prevent them from being struck from potential gunshots. With the assistance of another resident, they began calling surrounding apartments and evacuated neighbors of the shooter. One neighbor was a young mother and small child.

During the time of commotion and distraction from evacuating residents; coordinating responding police units and blocking traffic, Officers were now faced with the actual shooter emerging from his building with an Ar-15 rifle in hand who was screaming derogatory comments and threats towards officers.

At this time, officers were now in grave danger and faced with an intoxicated male armed with a rifle. Officers then began yelling commands for the suspect to disarm himself. It should be noted that due to the close proximity of neighboring buildings and the fact that residents were located in the street observing the events as they unfolded, officers would probably have been justified in utilizing deadly force to prevent innocent bystanders from being injured by the suspect armed with a very dangerous assault weapon.

Instead, our officers, with assistance of surrounding agencies gained ground on the suspect by using cover and screaming commands for the suspect to drop his weapon and surrender. Thankfully, the suspect complied and surrendered to the custody of our officers.

There is no doubt that lives were saved due to the actions and professionalism of our officers, to include the suspect's life. It was later determined that the suspect was highly intoxicated, and he was armed with an AR-15 that was NOT New York State compliant. The suspect's apartment also contained an unlicensed handgun and several other firearms that he was disqualified to possess due to his criminal past. The suspect was arraigned and remanded to D.C. Jail in lieu of bail.

I would respectfully request that the Village Board recognize Sgt. Wall and Detective McHugh for their heroism and professionalism during this life-threatening event. There is no doubt that lives were saved due to the professionalism and patience of our officers. Our officers provided opportunity persuasion that I believe prevented the loss of life.

I would also request that letters of appreciation be sent to surrounding police agencies NYSP, DCSO, Metro-North Police and Dutchess County 9-1-1 operator for assisting us and for their performance of excellence.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lt. Carl Calabrese  
Wappingers Falls Police Department

Mayor and Trustees,

I wanted to take this opportunity to recommend Disp. Autumn Piazza for her professional conduct during the shooting call on September 24, 2020.

Dispatcher Piazza is a relatively new employee and on September 24, 2020, she was faced with a call that most employees will not handle during their 20-year tenure. On this day, she dispatched officers to a noise complaint. This is a normally a routine call, at least until 1145p.m. when she heard officers announce shots fired send assistance. She remained calm and was able to direct assistance towards officers who were handling evacuation protocols and dealing with an armed suspect. During this highly stressful situation, she also needed to handle the incoming routine calls and the volume of calls and radio transmissions from onlookers and officers. There is no doubt that her professionalism and attention to detail contributed to the safe return of our officers. Please take the opportunity to commend Dispatcher Piazza for her life saving actions.

Respectfully,

Lt. Carl Calabrese  
Wappingers Falls Police Dept.

Dutchess County St. Patrick's Parade March 6, 2021, parade kick off 1PM.

**ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE:** Mayor Alexander, Trustee Marcojohn, Trustee Catalano, Trustee Niznik, Trustee Huber, Trustee Paonessa, Trustee Lammars Village Attorney Wallace.

**ACTION ON MINUTES**

September 9, 2020

September 30, 2020

**AUTHORIZATION TO PAY BILLS AS PER APPROVED WARRANTS**

**REGULAR SESSION:**

**LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls will conduct a PUBLIC HEARING on the 14 day of October, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York, at which

time all parties in interest and citizens shall have an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls shall adopt a proposed Local Law entitled "Local Law No. of the Year 2020, Amending Chapter 143. Vehicles and Traffic. Article V. Schedules. § 143-56. Schedule XVIII: Time Limit Parking of the Code of the Village of Wappingers Falls".

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the purpose and intent of the proposed Local Law is to limit the hours of parking at Franny Reese Park, including no parking on specified days and times in order to allow for parking lot maintenance.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Village Board of Trustees has determined that pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5 (c) (20) the proposed adoption of the aforementioned Local Law is a Type II action not requiring environmental review pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and, accordingly, no environmental review has been undertaken.

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that a copy of the proposed Local Law is available for review and inspection at the Office of the Village Clerk on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue, Wappingers Falls, New York.

Dated: September 30, 2020

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS

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JOHN KARGE, VILLAGE CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 382020 of 2020

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A LOCAL LAW ENTITLED "LOCAL LAW NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE YEAR 2020, AMENDING CHAPTER 143. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC. ARTICLE V. SCHEDULES. § 143-56. SCHEDULE XVIII: TIME LIMIT PARKING OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF WAPPINGERS FALLS"**

The following Resolution was introduced by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS**, a Resolution was duly adopted by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls introducing a proposed Local Law entitled "Local Law

No. \_\_\_\_ of the Year 2020, Amending Chapter 143. Vehicles and Traffic. Article V. Schedules. § 143-56. Schedule XVIII: Time Limit Parking of the Code of the Village of Wappingers Falls” for consideration of adoption by the Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was duly advertised in the official newspaper of the Village as required by law; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Hearing was held on October 14, 2020 and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak on behalf of or in opposition to said proposed Local Law or any part thereof; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has determined that the proposed Local Law was a Type II action and, accordingly, not subject to environmental review; and

**WHEREAS**, said Local Law has been on the desks of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls for at least seven (7) days, exclusive of Sunday, prior to the adoption of this Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees, after due deliberation, finds that it is in the best interest of the Village to adopt said Local Law; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls hereby adopts the Local Law entitled “Local Law No. \_\_\_\_ of the Year 2020, Amending Chapter 143. Vehicles and Traffic. Article V. Schedules. § 143-56. Schedule XVIII: Time Limit Parking of the Code of the Village of Wappingers Falls”, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting into the Local Law book for the Village of

Wappingers Falls and shall file the Local Law with the Secretary of State of New York as provided by law.

The foregoing was put to a vote which resulted as follows:

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Mayor Matthew Alexander	_____	_____
Kevin Huber – Trustee	_____	_____
Bill Marcojohn – Trustee	_____	_____
Jennifer Niznik – Trustee	_____	_____
Mary Paonessa – Trustee	_____	_____
Kristin Catalano – Trustee	_____	_____
Bryan Lammers – Trustee	_____	_____

Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York  
October 14, 2020

The Resolution is hereby duly declared adopted.

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JOHN KARGE, VILLAGE CLERK

**“Curfew”**

10/13/2020

By Executive Order of the Mayor of the Village of Wappingers Falls,

Please be advised that ‘During the evening hours of October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 thru November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 between the hours of 9:00 p.m. to 5: a.m. the following day, it shall be unlawful for any minor to congregate, loiter, wander, remain or play in or upon any public place, public park, public area, street, road or highway in the Village.

- A) The terms “remain” and “loiter” mean: 1) linger or stay, or 2) fail to leave premises when requested to do so by a police officer, owner, operator or other person in control of the premises.
- B) “Minor” means under the age of 18 years of age.

John M. Karge, CMC, RMC  
Village Clerk

**approve resolution designating “Call of Election”. Chief Election Officer J.M. Karge.**

**Call of Election**

**RESOLUTION BY THE** Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls, New York, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That pursuant to Section 504 of the Election Law, the general Village Election of and for said Village will be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021, and that the polls shall be open for voting between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M.

**SECTION 2:** That the said Village has been divided into three (3) election wards and that a description of said wards, together with the polling place for each such ward is as follows:

**ELECTION WARD NO. 1:** All that portion of said Village lying North and West of the Wappinger Creek; the polling place in Ward No. 1 is the Village Hall 2582 South Avenue in said Village.

**ELECTION Ward NO. 2:** Election Ward No. 2 is comprised of all that portion of said Village generally bounded as follows: on the South by the Village boundary line, on the North by East Main Street, on the East by South Avenue and on the West by the Wappinger Creek and the polling place is the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue in said Village.

**ELECTION WARD NO. 3:** All that portion of the Village lying outside the two wards above described; the polling place is the Village Hall, 2582 South Avenue in said Village.

**SECTION NO. 4:** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

John M. Karge  
Village Clerk

***Reminder polling place for all three wards is Village Hall 2582 South Avenue.***

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**Approve resolution designating offices to be filled next General Election. Chief Election Officer J.M. Karge.**

**RESOLUTION DESIGNATING OFFICES TO BE FILLED AT THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION AND THE TERMS THEREOF**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, By the Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls, New York, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** That pursuant to subdivision 3.a. of Section 15-104 of the Election Law, this Board does hereby designate the offices to be filled at the General Village Election on March 16, 2021 and the respective terms of such offices as follows:

<b><u>Office</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
Mayor, Village	2 Years
Trustee, First Ward	2 Years
Trustee, Second Ward	2 Years
Trustee, Third Ward	2 Years

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**Hearing 8 Trabucco Order to Remedy 114-6F**

**8/26/2020 Motion by Trustee Huber to open the Public Hearing Notice of Violation Exterior Maintenance 8 Trabucco Place. Seconded by Trustee Poanessa. ROLL CALL VOTE: Trustee Marcojohn, Absent. Trustee Paonessa, Aye. Trustee Davis, Aye. Trustee Komornik, Aye. Trustee Lammers, Aye. Trustee Huber, Aye. Carried.**

**8/26/2020 Motion by Trustee Huber to adjourn the Public Hearing to 9/9/2020. Seconded by Trustee Poanessa. Carried.**

**9/9/2020 Motion by Trustee Komornik to adjourn the Public Hearing to 10/14/2020. Seconded by Trustee Lammers. Carried.**

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**Notice of Violation 10 North Street, Exterior Maintenance.**

**9/9/2020 Motion by Trustee Huber to adjourn the North Street issue to 9/30/2020.**

**This item was not discussed during the 9/30/2020 meeting.**

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**7/29/2020 Notice of Violation 25 South Remsen, Exterior Maintenance.**

**7/29/2020 Motion by Trustee Davis to adjourn the 25 South Remsen issue to 8/12/2020. Seconded by Trustee Huber. Carried.**

**8/11/2020 Remove 25 South Remsen notice of violation from the 8/12/2020**



agenda. Please place this matter on the 8/26/2020 agenda. Sandra Oakley  
8/11/2020.

**8/26/2020 Motion by Trustee Poanessa to adjourn the Public Hearing  
“RESOLUTION NO. 342020 of 2020” to 9/9/2020. Seconded by Trustee Lammers.  
Carried.**

**9/9/2020 Motion by Trustee Lammers to adjourn the Public Hearing  
“RESOLUTION NO. 342020 of 2020” to 10/14/2020. Seconded by Trustee Poanessa.  
Carried.**

**RESOLUTION NO. 342020 of 2020**

**RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ABATEMENT OF BUILDINGS AND  
ACCESSORY STRUCTURES MAINTENANCE VIOLATIONS AT 25 SOUTH  
REMSEN AVENUE**

The following Resolution was introduced by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ and  
seconded by Trustee \_\_\_\_\_.

**WHEREAS**, John Tochet is the last known owner of real property shown on the  
tax records and the tax map of the Village of Wappingers Falls as Tax Parcel ID # 6158-  
18-409148, having a street address of 25 South Remsen Avenue (“Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, there is no record of a mortgage on the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 12, 2020 and August 12, 2020, respectively, an Enforcement  
Official of the Village of Wappingers Falls inspected the Property and determined that the  
garage roof is in need of repair/replacement and is allowing water in the structure, which  
violates § 114-7(F) of the Village of Wappinger Falls Code and thereafter issued Notices  
of Violation & Orders to Remedy dated July 10, 2020 and August 12, 2020, respectively,  
copies of which are affixed hereto, which informed any person in control of the Property  
that they had an opportunity to appear and be heard at this meeting of the Village Board to  
offer proof that the Property is in compliance with the standards of Chapter 114 of the  
Village Code or that additional time is needed to take corrective action to cure the violation;  
and

**WHEREAS**, an Enforcement Official of the Village of Wappingers Falls filed  
written reports with the Village Board of the Village of Wappingers Falls noting that he  
had inspected the Property and found that the garage roof is in need of repair/replacement

and is allowing water in the structure and the Property was not in compliance with the property maintenance requirements of Chapter 114 of the Village Code; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing was held on August 26, 2020, and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak regarding the maintenance conditions of the Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Wappingers Falls, after due deliberation, finds that the garage roof is in need of repair/replace and that the Property is not in compliance with the property maintenance requirements of Chapter 114 of the Village Code; that such condition has continued after the Order to Remedy was duly issued and it is determined that abatement of the damaged garage roof is now required; now, therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Village Board of Trustees hereby directs that the Enforcement Official hire a contractor to repair/replace the garage roof as soon as possible, which is not subject to competitive bidding; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that accurate records of the labor and materials costs required to perform the abatement work at the Property shall be kept so that they can be assessed and levied against the Property; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, a notice stating the total amount due and the nature of the charge shall be mailed by the Village Treasurer to the last known address of the person whose name appears on the records in the Office of the Village Treasurer as being the owner or agent or as the person designated by the owner to receive tax bills or, where no name appears, to the Property, addressed to either the owner or agent. Such notice shall have stamped or printed thereon a reference to § 114-6(F) of the Village Code. The property owner shall have ten (10) days, after a copy of the notice establishing the costs and expenses is received, to challenge any of the costs incurred by the Village; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that after expiration of the time period to challenge the determination of costs and expenses, the amounts thereof shall be reported to the Village Treasurer to be levied and assessed against the Property, and the expense shall constitute a lien and charge on the Property on which it is levied until paid or otherwise satisfied or discharged and otherwise be collected in the same manner and at the same time as other Village charges; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Village Clerk is directed to mail the annexed Order of Abatement, a copy of which is annexed hereto, within two (2) days hereof to the property owner at the address shown on said Order.

The foregoing was put to a vote which resulted as follows:

	<b>Yea</b>	<b>Nay</b>
Mayor Matthew Alexander	_____	_____
Kevin Huber – Trustee	_____	_____
Bill Marcojohn – Trustee	_____	_____
Ronnie Komornik – Trustee	_____	_____
Mary Paonessa – Trustee	_____	_____
Scott Davis – Trustee	_____	_____
Bryan Lammers – Trustee	_____	_____

Dated: Wappingers Falls, New York

August 26, 2020

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**Approval VFW Auxiliary to Victor L. Bracone Post No. 5913, Inc. request to hold fundraiser 11-14 & 11-15 8AM to 4PM each day intersection of West Main Street and DeLavernge Avenue.**

**Approval easement partial survey (20004927A – V-SURV 9-17-20.pdf), for Central Hudson - Gas Regulator.**

**9/30/2020 Motion by Trustee Niznik to table this item to 10/14/2020. Seconded by Trustee Poanessa. Carried.**

**POLICE AND FIRE SAFETY**

**W.T. Garner Engine Company voted in Anton Ljuljdjura, as a new member of the Company and Department.**

**S.W. Johnson reported Joe Raffaele Sr. changed his status to Life-Inactive.**

Police

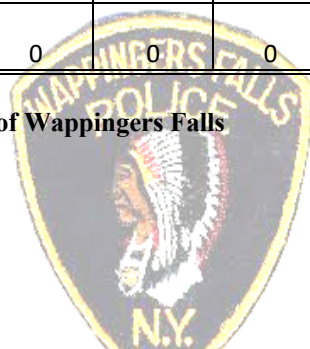


Village of Wappingers Falls  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
 2628 South Avenue  
 Wappingers Falls, NY 12590  
 (845) 297-1011

## MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STATS 2020

	Date Jan 01- Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Date Feb 01 – Feb 29th	Date March 01– March 31	Date April 01 – April 30	Date May 01- May 31	Date June 01- June 30	Date July 01- July 31	Date Aug 01- Aug 31	2020 Date Sept 01 – Sept 30	2019 Date Sept 01 – Sept 30	Date Oct 01 – Oct 31	Date Nov 01 – Nov 30	Date Dec 01 – Dec 31
Total Calls for Service	340	312	289	218	304	487	301	348	306	378			
Arrests	7	16	7	3	6	3	4	6	11	9			
Traffic Tickets	226	149	68	10	26	31	66	130	85	118			
Sick Call Outs	8	7	5	1	2	8	6	2	3	7			
Call Outs (other)	11	21	11	3	1	10	8	12	3	10			
Call Outs (shift not covered)	10	20	7	1	3	8	11	11	1	7			
Domestics	8	10	12	6	7	11	12	9	11	5			
Lockouts	14	11	5	10	5	5	15	12	13	12			
Larceny	3	3	5	4	6	8	5	4	4	6			
Drug Complaint	1	0	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	1			
Criminal Mischief	0	5	1	1	2	3	2	5	2	4			
Accidents	20	16	16	9	9	18	19	18	21	30			
Assault Calls	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	2			
Burglar Alarms	19	11	17	11	0/ 15	18	19	22	6	20			
Medicals	50	37	38	35	55	65	44	51	40	50			
Civilian Complaint	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2			
Parking Tickets	46	41	11	2	0	1	9	2	5	0			
Use of Force		1		1	0	0	0	0	1	0			

Village of Wappingers Falls



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## MONTHLY DEPARTMENT STATS 2019

	Date Jan 01- Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Date Feb 01 – Feb 28 <sup>th</sup>	Date March 01– March 31	Date April 01 – April 30	Date May 01- May 31	Date June 01- June 30	Date July 01- July 31	Date Aug 01- Aug 31	Date Sept 01 – Sept 30	Date Oct 01 – Oct 31	Date Nov 01 – Nov 30	Date Dec 01 – Dec 31
Total Calls for Service	374	274	384	350	364	427	383	379	378	347	385	367
Arrests	10	11	15	10	10	12	15	11	9	6	7	22
Traffic Tickets	220	251	300	197	203	205	201	135	118	71	122	251
Sick Call Outs	4	9	7	4	7	7	18	8	7	11	3	7
Call Outs (other)	4	1	12	3	6	16	13	3	10	32	16	15
Call Outs (shift not covered)	3	6	7	4	5	7	9	8	7	26	17	12
Domestics	12	10	13	6	11	9	9	10	5	10	8	12
Lockouts	14	13	17	16	11	13	9	20	12	11	14	13
Larceny	7	3	3	6	9	2	3	3	6	6	4	3
Drug Complaint	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	1
Criminal Mischief	4	1	1	2	2	1	4	2	4	1	5	1
Accidents	24	22	23	13	34	30	25	26	30	18	29	27
Assault Calls	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	2	0	0
Burglar Alarms	6	9	13	12	10	13	12	14	20	13	9	10
Medicals	65	40	57	51	62	54	47	54	50	58	53	45
Civilian Complaints	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0

Highway, Trustee Huber

Fire, Trustee Huber

Safety, Village Clerk

Recreation, Trustee Huber

Lake, Trustee Huber

Water, Mayor Alexander

Personnel, Trustee Davis

Sewer and Grants, Mayor Alexander

***Note: Future reports to be submitted in writing to the clerk prior to monthly meeting.***  
“Public input”

Motion to adjourn the 10/14/2020 Village Board Meeting