

VILLAGE OF BUCHANAN

BOARD MEETINGS

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Municipal Building

236 Tate Avenue

Buchanan, NY 10511

January 6, 2026

7:00 p.m. - 7:44 p.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theresa Knickerbocker, Mayor

Awilda Baez, Trustee

Anthony Capicotti, Trustee

Steve Laker, Trustee

Daniel Stewart, Trustee

ALSO PRESENT:

Marcus Serrano, Village Administrator

Stephanie Porteus, Village Attorney

Cynthia Kempter, Village Clerk, Treasurer

Sharon Murphy, Deputy Clerk

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2 (The board meeting commenced at 7:00 p.m.)

3 MS. THERESA KNICKERBOCKER: Hi, welcome  
4 to the village of Buchanan January 6, 2026 board  
5 meeting. This evening after the pledge, we're  
6 going to do a moment of silence for Richard Fay,  
7 longtime village resident and also a prior owner  
8 of the Gallon Measure here on Albany Post Road.  
9 He, you know, he was retired, but many people  
10 remember him. He was in business for many years.  
11 So, if we could do a moment of silence after the  
12 pledge. Also, in case of emergency, there is an  
13 emergency door here that will take you outside  
14 down a staircase. Do never ever, ever, ever use  
15 an elevator no matter where you are, in case of  
16 emergency or fire, always use the stairs. So,  
17 there is a staircase behind the elevator. So,  
18 just in case of emergency, please use that.  
19 Please join me in the pledge of allegiance.

20 MULTIPLE: I pledge allegiance to the  
21 flag of the United States of America and to the  
22 republic for which it stands, one nation under  
23 God, indivisible with liberty and justice for  
24 all.

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2 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Thank you everyone.  
3 Okay, we have a very short agenda this evening  
4 but I'm sure we'll be talking about a lot of  
5 things. I'm going to ask to approve the minutes  
6 for November 25, 2025 workshop meeting and  
7 December 16, 2025 board meeting. I'd like to make  
8 a motion to approve those minutes if there are no  
9 comments or questions on them.

10 MR. STEVE LAKER: I make a motion to  
11 approve those.

12 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. Can I have a  
13 second?

14 MR. DAN STEWART: Second.

15 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: All in favor?

16 MULTIPLE: Aye.

17 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. The next is  
18 comments from the floor, but agenda items only.  
19 No comments? Okay. Under new business, I'm going  
20 to make a motion to open the public hearing  
21 overriding the New York State property tax cap.  
22 Can I have a second?

23 MS. AWILDA BAEZ: Second.

24 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: All in favor?

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2 MULTIPLE: Aye.

3 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. This is  
4 something we do every year. The property tax cap  
5 is two percent. We have to have it in place in  
6 case we go over the cap, so this is something we,  
7 we do, like I said, every year just to protect  
8 ourselves. Are there any comments from the board  
9 on that? It's standard, standard procedure. Any  
10 comments from the floor? No, okay. All right, I'd  
11 like to make a motion to uh close the public  
12 hearing overriding the New York State property  
13 tax cap. Can I have a second?

14 MR. STEWART: Second.

15 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: All in favor?

16 MULTIPLE: Aye.

17 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. So, the next  
18 I'm going to read a resolution to adopt local law  
19 number one overriding the property tax cap.  
20 Whereas the state legislature and the governor  
21 enacted legislation that establishes a property  
22 tax levy cap on the amount that a local  
23 government's property tax levy can increase each  
24 year. And whereas under this law, the total

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2 amount to be raised through property taxes  
3 charged on the municipality's taxable assessed  
4 value of property will be capped at two percent  
5 or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, with  
6 some exceptions. And whereas the state  
7 legislation provides for local governments to  
8 override the cap to protect the village from  
9 unforeseen financial circumstances. And whereas  
10 state legislation requires that in event that an  
11 override is necessary, the law enabling it must  
12 already have been adopted by the board of  
13 trustees. And whereas local law introductory  
14 number one of 2026 has been drafted to override  
15 the property tax levy cap law enacted by state  
16 legislature if necessary. And whereas a public  
17 hearing was held and closed on January 6, 2026.  
18 Now therefore, be it resolved that the village  
19 board of trustees hereby adopts local law number  
20 1-2026 to override the property tax levy cap law  
21 enacted by state legislature. And be it further  
22 resolved that the village clerk be and hereby is  
23 directed to enter said local law in the minutes  
24 of this meeting and in the local law book of the

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2 village of Buchanan and to give due notice of the  
3 adoption of said local law to the secretary of  
4 the state of New York. So can I have a second?

5 MS. BAEZ: Second.

6 MR. STEWART: Second.

7 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: All in favor?

8 MULTIPLE: Aye.

9 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. Various  
10 updates, I have just a few questions just to  
11 keep, you know, to we're starting the year over  
12 just to keep everybody in the loop of where we  
13 are with certain, certain things. So for example,  
14 cell tower. Any further information on the cell  
15 tower?

16 MR. MARCUS SERRANO: Hemphill, who's  
17 the, who will be the contractor building the cell  
18 tower, is still negotiated with Verizon. He  
19 actually has reduced his fee to Verizon. And he  
20 said Verizon did say that they that that they  
21 seem acceptable to that number and they'll get  
22 back to him by the end of January, beginning of  
23 February with a final decision. AT&T at this  
24 point said they're not interested. So, Verizon is

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2 the only one that might have interest at this  
3 point. So we should know by February if there's  
4 any interest in this area.

5 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. I'm just  
6 remembering the previous company didn't, wasn't a  
7 few companies in agreement with joining on to the  
8 cell phone tower?

9 MR. SERRANO: They say they were going  
10 to reach out to them. They never had agreements  
11 or lease agreements with anybody. They, they said  
12 they're going to reach out to all the, all the  
13 companies.

14 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: I thought they had  
15 gotten some approvals from some?

16 MR. SERRANO: I never saw one, unless  
17 you saw I didn't.

18 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: No, I didn't, no.

19 MR. SERRANO: I never saw an approval. I  
20 never saw any communication with any carrier. I  
21 just -- they had said that if they acquire a site  
22 that the village board agrees to then they'll  
23 reach out to the carrier.

24 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. Because --

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2 MR. SERRANO: I don't think --

3 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: -- this is very  
4 necessary here.

5 MR. SERRANO: Agreed.

6 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: I mean we have our  
7 police department that doesn't have cell phone  
8 service in some areas. We have another situation  
9 that I'm not going to say publicly right now and  
10 then we also have our fire department. So this  
11 isn't just it's, it's nice, we need the cell  
12 service but this is not only for the cell service  
13 but it's also emergency services. So, we might  
14 have to get the school involved, to get a letter  
15 of --

16 MR. SERRANO: And that's what exactly  
17 what I told them. I said if Verizon would like to  
18 hear from the community and, and the emergency  
19 services, the village board, he -- they said that  
20 would be helpful and part of the discussion. I  
21 think Verizon is looking at the numbers right now  
22 more than anything else. But I told them, I've  
23 been in a lot of communities where every time  
24 they want to put a cell tower in, it's a big

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2 fight, the community doesn't want it. This is the  
3 first community that I've worked in that people  
4 will want a cell tower and it's like, it's like  
5 pulling teeth have interest in this community. So  
6 I live, I feel like I live in an upside down  
7 world when it comes to this aspect. So that was  
8 been made very clear to Verizon that the  
9 community and emergency service are in support of  
10 it. They said that's a helpful part of the  
11 discussion, but I'll re-, I'll say that to them  
12 again and say the village board would be willing  
13 to talk to them as well, and said that we want  
14 to, we want to, we still have to follow processes  
15 in the code but I don't see much of a pushback to  
16 move forward on this project. So I made that very  
17 clear to Verizon and the contractor.

18 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: So I think what we  
19 need to do going forward is get a letter from the  
20 fire department explaining their concerns of the  
21 lack of --

22 MR. SERRANO: Sure.

23 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: -- service in some  
24 areas and then also the police department.

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2 MR. SERRANO: Sure.

3 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: So, you know, it's  
4 kind of putting them on the line that this is an  
5 emergency situation. This is not, you know.

6 MR. LAKER: And can you just remind me  
7 how the process started? Because any other cell  
8 towers I've saw be put up, it's really at the  
9 request of the carrier. So, I've seen Verizon in  
10 many municipalities go out, approach the board,  
11 but is that how this came about? I don't  
12 remember, it's been a couple years now.

13 MR. SERRANO: No. It came with a company  
14 that wanted to build a tower and then reach out  
15 to these --

16 MR. LAKER: And they reached out to  
17 carriers. So, it wasn't the carriers directly  
18 that was requesting.

19 MR. SERRANO: No. Correct.

20 MR. LAKER: Okay.

21 MR. SERRANO: And that's why part of the  
22 problem is the carriers, I don't want to be  
23 negative but I think the numbers does, you know,  
24 the population size where we are, don't forget

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2 half of it is going to be in the Hudson River.

3 MR. LAKER: Mm-hmm.

4 MR. SERRANO: So it's not a very it's  
5 not a conducive kind of area for the --

6 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: [unintelligible]  
7 [00:08:43] populace.

8 MR. SERRANO: Correct. Correct. So I  
9 think that's part of the problem as well. But I  
10 definitely --

11 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: And what's different  
12 about was the police and the fire department  
13 raised some concerns.

14 MR. SERRANO: And the school district.

15 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: And the school  
16 district. So, you know, that's really how it all  
17 came about. And it seems like the service is  
18 getting worse.

19 MR. STEWART: It is getting worse. It's  
20 getting worse.

21 MR. SERRANO: Mm-hmm.

22 MR. STEWART: Yeah.

23 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: And we were hoping  
24 the town just I think that went live.

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2 MR. STEWART: I believe so too.

3 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: So, okay, that went  
4 live over -- it did nothing for us. I thought, I  
5 was hoping at least the upper part of the village  
6 it would cover that and, you know, give a little  
7 more coverage for them, but it didn't affect us  
8 at all. Excuse me.

9 MR. SERRANO: We'll reach out to the  
10 police, fire, and school district, a letter of  
11 support so I can get it over to them as well.

12 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yeah. And I think  
13 that would help.

14 MR. SERRANO: And if you on the behalf  
15 of the board or the board member want to write a  
16 little letter of support as well.

17 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yeah.

18 MR. SERRANO: I can get a little package  
19 together and get it to Verizon.

20 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: I think now we need  
21 to kick it up in gear.

22 MR. SERRANO: Yep. That sounds great.

23 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: If that doesn't  
24 work, maybe we need to do some type of a petition

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2 and get the residents all involved, too.

3 MR. SERRANO: Mm-hmm. Perfect.

4 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: So let's see. We'll  
5 just move that along.

6 MR. SERRANO: Thank you. Perfect.

7 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. Let's see,  
8 information from officers and departments. Okay.  
9 Oops, sorry, justice reports November 2025. One  
10 amount was \$1,424, the other was \$3,518. Police  
11 report?

12 MS. BAEZ: The monthly call statistics,  
13 they had 126 calls. The majority of them were for  
14 property checks where they checked 33 properties,  
15 17 were for other complaints and 15 were medical  
16 aided calls.

17 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. Next is  
18 highway report.

19 MR. ANTHONY CAPICOTTI: The highway  
20 report for November 2025, 97 tons of residential  
21 garbage was picked up. They were busy doing catch  
22 basins and tree, getting up our decorations, and  
23 bringing in salt and doing a lot of catch basin  
24 cleanout in collaboration with the town of

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2 Cortlandt. I think they used their shop vac, not  
3 shop vac, their vac haul.

4 MR. SERRANO: Yep. Correct.

5 MR. CAPICOTTI: And they're always busy  
6 and they're doing a nice job. They did a great  
7 job decorating for the season. So thank you.

8 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Wastewater plant for  
9 November 2025, treated wastewater 7,744,000,  
10 sludge removal 32,500, and on November 20th the  
11 Westchester County Department of Health inspected  
12 and there were no violations reported. Building  
13 department?

14 MR. STEWART: Yep, that would be me. So  
15 this is through November 2025, orders of remedy  
16 five, court appearances one, stop work orders  
17 one, building permits issued or reviewed 20,  
18 inspection required for newly issued permits 15,  
19 inspection on file for permits and compliance  
20 inspections 17, certificates of occupancy and  
21 completion issued were nine and compliance  
22 inspections for resale or refinance were four.  
23 Additional items, there was a court appearance  
24 for 300 Blakeley Avenue. The inspection of the

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2 property was not performed to cooperate with the  
3 village board court and building department. It's  
4 been requested that the property inspection owner  
5 remove the illegal tenants and the eviction  
6 process order to be started with a new attorney.  
7 And it's been, it was adjourned until December. I  
8 don't know if we heard anything.

9 MR. SERRANO: It's been adjourned to  
10 January.

11 MR. STEWART: So now it's been adjourned  
12 to January. Then we have an update on AMS  
13 construction with the building. The interior  
14 construction is moving along as per scheduled.  
15 There were three, there were five compliance  
16 inspections and they're awaiting a re-inspection  
17 for the new certificate of occupancy issuance.  
18 And the property maintenance issue was reported  
19 or it was resolved. And that just about does it.

20 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Thank you. All  
21 right, planning board minutes have been received  
22 for November 2025. Oh, I'm sorry, Steve. I  
23 skipped right over you. I'm sorry. Okay, Buchanan  
24 engine November 2025, thank you.

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2 MR. LAKER: No problem. For the month of  
3 November, there was three total alarms, one of  
4 those being a structure fire did occur on  
5 November 29th. However, the fire was extinguished  
6 by the fire suppression system and there was no  
7 notification to the fire department. It only  
8 required a investigation by the chief. In  
9 addition, Buchanan Engine Company has reached out  
10 to both the mayor and myself as liaison. They are  
11 seeking support from the board. They are looking  
12 to obtain a state grant. There is a state grant  
13 available for \$425,000 for volunteer fire  
14 infrastructure and response equipment. And they  
15 would like to see if the board would support them  
16 in that grant application. I for one believe it's  
17 a good opportunity and support them.

18 MS. BAEZ: I agree.

19 MR. STEWART: I agree.

20 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: And they have been  
21 they've been very successful with getting grants.  
22 I think Kieran Outhouse is one of the grant  
23 writers there.

24 MR. SERRANO: Yeah, he's our --

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2 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yeah, he's, I'm  
3 telling you we they have been successful. And  
4 what I'm understanding it's, it's for the  
5 building, mostly the building infrastructure  
6 like, and the windows and things like that. So  
7 that would be great if they could get that. So we  
8 will get a letter of support together for them  
9 for that.

10 MR. STEWART: Is that all they're asking  
11 for or do they need any additional resources?

12 MR. LAKER: Just the letter.

13 MR. STEWART: Okay. Sure. Yep.

14 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: All right. Good.

15 MR. CAPICOTTI: Is this the email we  
16 just got?

17 MR. LAKER: Yeah.

18 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yeah. I just got it  
19 this afternoon.

20 MR. CAPICOTTI: Yeah, I know. I just was  
21 looking at it. All right.

22 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. There is no  
23 prosecutor's report. Attorney's report,  
24 Stephanie?

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2 MS. STEPHANIE PORTEUS: Just a brief  
3 update. I think you've all been updated on the  
4 strip of land and the back and forth. So, counsel  
5 for one of the homeowners that is looking to  
6 acquire that is continuing her research. I think  
7 she was looking through past minutes today, from  
8 --

9 MR. SERRANO: 1973.

10 MS. PORTEUS: -- 1973 because I guess it  
11 matters how it was acquired.

12 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: So is that when the  
13 village of Buchanan purchased it in 70 --

14 MR. SERRANO: For 85,000.

15 MR. STEWART: Could be, yeah, that  
16 sounds that sounds about right.

17 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yeah.

18 MS. PORTEUS: But it matters how it was  
19 how it was, how it was --

20 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: How it was, yeah.

21 MS. PORTEUS: Yeah, acquired and what  
22 you can do with it afterwards.

23 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: And it's --

24 MS. PORTEUS: Because it might very well

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2 be it's for public use and if that's in the  
3 minutes, then it becomes more difficult or  
4 impossible. And that's the same for a license  
5 agreement. You know, somebody was mentioning a  
6 license agreement, but if you look at, because it  
7 was school property and the way you acquired it,  
8 and it was, if it was deeded for public use, then  
9 even for a license, you can't do purely private  
10 use. So, you could grant a license if somebody  
11 needed to park there and they were going to do a  
12 community garden, something for the community,  
13 they might do it, but it can't be. So, but we're  
14 still waiting on counsel, right?

15 MR. SERRANO: Yes.

16 MS. PORTEUS: Because I think she was  
17 just in today doing

18 MR. SERRANO: Yeah, she actually,  
19 through the minutes. She actually found it in the  
20 minutes, our minutes. We couldn't find it, the  
21 school couldn't find anything. But we found out -  
22 - Sharon was going to make copies and scan them  
23 so I can get it to the board as well. She made  
24 copies for herself, but it's very interesting

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2 reading how we went back and forth. There was  
3 issue that the village gave money to the school,  
4 gave the land to the school district and then  
5 when the village acquired this property, the  
6 school was charging us \$85,000 there was some  
7 back and forth and there's a three-two vote to  
8 acquire the property because they felt they were  
9 that they gave something to the school and the  
10 school didn't return the favor. So it'll be  
11 interesting reading for the board members.

12 MS. PORTEUS: Yeah.

13 MR. SERRANO: I'll get you a copy of the  
14 minutes.

15 MR. STEWART: Could that have been to  
16 build the new BV school.

17 MR. SERRANO: That's exactly right, it  
18 was. The village gave that land to school --

19 MS. PORTEUS: For free.

20 MR. SERRANO: -- for free, and then the  
21 school charged us \$85,000 for this property and  
22 the village had to borrow the money.

23 MR. LAKER: How is that possible?

24 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: That wasn't a good

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2 negotiation.

3 MS. BAEZ: Yeah.

4 MR. SERRANO: So, I'll get you a copy of  
5 the minutes, interesting reading.

6 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Wow. That's  
7 interesting.

8 MR. STEWART: Pretty interesting how  
9 that one [unintelligible] [00:17:01].

10 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: A lot of history,  
11 right? A lot of history.

12 MR. SERRANO: But it's great. She's done  
13 a lot of research. She's doing a great job and I  
14 think she's doing a great job for her clients as  
15 well and, and she's doing a lot of good research  
16 for us. So I think we've got a clearer picture.

17 MR. LAKER: And there's two parties  
18 involved. Have we heard from I know the other  
19 party retained counsel.

20 MR. SERRANO: The other party retained  
21 counsel and they actually provided and I just  
22 want to say that both parties have made the  
23 village whole for all the expenses we made  
24 between the survey and the appraisal. So both

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2 parties have made us whole and the other party  
3 also gave us money for escrow, in case we want to  
4 continue the discussion.

5 MS. PORTEUS: And they also have  
6 counsel.

7 MR. SERRANO: They have counsel.

8 MS. PORTEUS: Who's on every email and  
9 is following it all. That's Dan.

10 MR. LAKER: Yeah, I'm just wondering if  
11 there's anything from, you know, because I know  
12 one side has been active.

13 MR. SERRANO: One side has been very  
14 active.

15 MR. LAKER: Informed of what's going.

16 MR. SERRANO: Right. And what's great  
17 about it, it's been open communication. All the  
18 emails can be shared with everybody. So  
19 everybody's on the same page.

20 MR. LAKER: That's good.

21 MS. BAEZ: It's been transparent.

22 MR. SERRANO: Oh, absolutely.

23 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: We'll see what  
24 happens, right.

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2 MS. PORTEUS: Yeah.

3 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: But it's, it's been  
4 an adventure with that. Okay, mayor's report. So,  
5 today, we celebrated Josephine Antonini. It was  
6 her 100th birthday. She's a Buchanan senior and  
7 proclamations were given from the given from the  
8 village and from the town of Cortlandt. And yeah,  
9 Josephine is just an inspiration. Everybody in  
10 the seniors absolutely love her and it was it was  
11 so nicely done. Her son Rick Perugini, who is  
12 also a resident here, got up and spoke about her  
13 and it was it was a beautiful celebration for  
14 her. And Awilda also attended and it was a nice  
15 turnout. So happy, happy birthday again Josephine  
16 Antonini.

17 Let's see, I have a few things going on.  
18 Oh, we, most of the board members went, they,  
19 they invited the elected officials to the new  
20 racetrack, the HQ Racing at Charles Point at the  
21 old Bertoline building. And for those that don't  
22 know, it's an indoor/outdoor multilevel go-kart  
23 racing and it's a beautiful addition to the  
24 community. I don't know, I know Awilda was there,

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2 Steve and Dan. I know I got in the go-kart. Who  
3 else got in the go-kart?

4 MR. STEWART: Yeah.

5 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yeah.

6 MS. BAEZ: I wasn't allowed to because  
7 of my surgery.

8 MR. STEWART: And they, they had the  
9 first responders from Peekskill there. It was it  
10 was well, it was well planned. They did a nice  
11 job.

12 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: And so you know,  
13 it's not so easy to get in and out of those  
14 things because you kind of slide down and you're  
15 sitting on the floor. So I told the first  
16 responders, I said, don't go anywhere until I get  
17 out of this thing because I'm not sure if I can  
18 get out. So, but they were very helpful. Everyone  
19 was helpful. So, it was a lot of fun and I just  
20 think it's a great addition, you know, for the  
21 little kids and the big kids, too. This is a fun  
22 thing for the community.

23 What else? Oh, and I have a few more  
24 update questions I have to ask you yet, Marcus.

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2           The other thing I wanted to mention, the

3           decommissioning oversight board meeting in

4           December was, I guess you could say, a little

5           lively. It started out with the school

6           superintendent, Mr. Tomblee making a statement

7           about several things. And one of the things he

8           commented about was of course, you know, the

9           school needs more money and I sat there listening

10          very attentively and I believe it's up to \$3

11          million now. That money was given from the state

12          in addition from Senator Harckham and also from

13          Dana Levenberg. And, so he spoke about that. He

14          also spoke about asking for an extension to the

15          cessation fund. Our cessation fund runs out in a

16          couple of years. And the cessation fund was a

17          seven-year basically bridge from the state. And

18          it's given to all communities that have energy

19          producing facilities. And once they close, of

20          course, there's a big gap in the taxes in

21          revenue. So he mentioned about extending that and

22          I was, I spoke later. I said, yes, I'm in full

23          agreement with that. I told him also that very

24          happy that the school had gotten that amount of

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2 money because it does help the village residents  
3 also with our school taxes 70. About  
4 approximately 70 percent of our total tax bill is  
5 the school. So it did help us, but then I also  
6 continued to say I had Senator Harckham to the  
7 right of me, so I took advantage of that. And I  
8 also continued to say that yes, the village would  
9 be in complete support of extending the cessation  
10 fund. And also we are facing some heavy  
11 infrastructure, going forward, that needs to be  
12 addressed. And I had also asked for the village  
13 of Buchanan to get some additional funding,  
14 considering we are the host community and we lost  
15 the most money with the closure of Indian Point.  
16 We lost 50 percent, the school lost I think  
17 approximately 30 percent. So we'll see where that  
18 goes. Because we're going to talk about the New  
19 York Swims grant in a minute.

20 One of the things I got a little upset  
21 about is, as we were having discussions, um,  
22 Westchester County legislator Emiljana Ulaj spoke  
23 up and said something to the effect that she  
24 didn't want to see a data storage center there.

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2 She was concerned about environmental and we need  
3 to talk about what's going on, what's, what's  
4 going to go in there and blah, blah, blah, blah.  
5 And once again, I had to put this right out  
6 there. I thanked her for her thoughts and her  
7 comments, but whatever is going to go in over  
8 there is going to be approved by the village  
9 board, the planning board, the zoning board, and  
10 the village residents.

11 So, this has happened before, at other  
12 meetings where people from the outside of the  
13 village of Buchanan, and I realize it's an  
14 important piece of property for the area, I  
15 understand that. But I have been told over the  
16 years many different things. And one of them was  
17 a lot of the antinuclear people want to see total  
18 solar panels on that property. You never ever  
19 want to do that. We are going to waste that  
20 beautiful piece of property that we haven't been  
21 able to access for over six years. If solar  
22 panels go up, that's it. You will not have use of  
23 that property.

24 So, it's a long, it's a long process

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2 yet. The 60 acres doesn't appear that that's  
3 going to be anytime soon that they'll release  
4 that. The area that they are working on is close  
5 to CertainTeed, the sheetrock or the wool board  
6 plant. So they are currently working on that.  
7 That would be the first piece of property that  
8 they would potentially release. They are working  
9 on cleaning that up and getting that ready. They  
10 did mention Holtec, last year that they were  
11 interested in putting a data storage center  
12 there. And I don't know if you have any further  
13 information on this Marcus. I know they were  
14 waiting to see if there was enough power  
15 available to even do that. So they were going to  
16 NYISO to ask them.

17 MR. SERRANO: Right. They haven't got a  
18 response yet. I'm still working with them.

19 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yeah. I don't, I  
20 don't think that's a possibility.

21 MR. SERRANO: I don't know where they're  
22 going to get that much electricity.

23 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: No, it's, it's quite  
24 a bit. And I also said I'm not sold on a data

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2           storage center there. Throughout the country you  
3           see a lot of people pushing back on the data  
4           storage centers. So might not be what we want  
5           here but it's a discussion that will happen and,  
6           you know, with input from everybody. But, yeah,  
7           no, that's, yeah. I've just over the years heard  
8           people with their, what -- not only their  
9           thoughts but they're basically demanding what  
10          they want to see there. So, I just want to put  
11          that, put that out there and that got settled.  
12          And so now they know where we're all coming from.  
13          So, we'll see if we get a million dollars, too.  
14          Lots of luck, right? Oh, what else is going on?  
15          It's been a crazy, crazy time of year.

16                   MS. BAEZ:   And we're only six days in.

17                   MS. KNICKERBOCKER:   Yeah. Can you  
18                   imagine? It's going to be a fun year. I'm going  
19                   to go back to the updates. So, I know you sent us  
20                   an email. The village had put in for the New York  
21                   Swims grant and we did not get that.

22                   MR. SERRANO:   You saw where the money  
23                   went.

24                   MS. KNICKERBOCKER:   Well, yeah. You

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2 know, really, we were hoping, but that, you know,  
3 let's be honest. Let's all be honest, that was a  
4 long shot.

5 MR. SERRANO: Yeah.

6 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: We're a small  
7 community. It's going to go to more of the city  
8 type and, you know, it --

9 MR. SERRANO: But, but you would think  
10 with Indian Point shutting down, the financial  
11 impact to the community. They're the ones who  
12 shut down Indian Point you would think they would  
13 give us something. That was very discouraging.

14 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Well, in their mind,  
15 in their mind, they're thinking that the money  
16 for the sewer treatment plant, so you see what  
17 I'm saying, like so. But, you know, what annoys  
18 me and I know we're a small community, I know  
19 we're a village. But you see like, Peekskill just  
20 gets money I mean thrown at them. And I  
21 understand they're a city. I know they're a  
22 bigger population, but you see these other  
23 communities between the DRI grants, this grant,  
24 that grant. I mean, it's millions of dollars and

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2 you couldn't, couldn't just like help us out a  
3 little bit? I mean, we're not asking for millions  
4 of dollars here. But that, it was a long shot,  
5 but we had to try. We had to at least try for  
6 that grant.

7 MR. LAKER: However, with that grant,  
8 they, they only allocated, I think, 20 percent of  
9 that.

10 MR. SERRANO: Correct.

11 MR. LAKER: So --

12 MR. SERRANO: We can reapply again.

13 MR. LAKER: -- we have the opportunity  
14 again to reapply and hopefully the next round.

15 MR. SERRANO: Correct. And just to give  
16 you an update based on that loss of that grant, I  
17 reached out to our consultants to give me a  
18 proposal now, because the report was the all the  
19 all the inlets and outlets for the -- are in  
20 pretty bad condition. So the idea would be maybe  
21 to start replacing some of the pipes and, and get  
22 a price for the concrete removal and the pipe  
23 remove, and the pipe. And then at this point we  
24 just have to fix what breaks. But I would hate

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2           to, and you know only it it's only working during  
3           the summer when the pool is working. So if  
4           something breaks down, we might have to close the  
5           pool to make the repair. So we might have to do  
6           band-aids until we decide to do the entire deck  
7           area with all the inlets. So I, I'm doing I guess  
8           a price proposal so the board can consider that  
9           for future capital project.

10                   MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yeah. I mean, you  
11           know, let's look at it and what we can do we can  
12           do and --

13                   MR. STEWART: Yes.

14                   MS. KNICKERBOCKER: -- going for it. And  
15           how much you know that was another question, the  
16           kiddie pool. Yeah. How what was the cost on doing  
17           that again?

18                   MR. SERRANO: It's half a million.

19                   MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Half a million.  
20           Yeah, that slipped my mind. Sorry, I was I was  
21           trying to -- okay. Code red, we did put a code  
22           red out the last meeting, the last snowstorm.  
23           Yep. And, I'm not sure if everyone got it. I'm  
24           hearing not everyone got it so there's a change

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2           in the system. And so if you did not get the code  
3           red, please go on the village of Buchanan page  
4           and re-sign up because with the change I, we  
5           might have lost some people. So it's always  
6           important to be able to be in the loop. If  
7           there's a storm, if there's an emergency, a code  
8           red will go out and notify everyone.

9                        So we, years ago, we didn't have the  
10           code red and we had a situation here in the  
11           village. We had somebody on Albany Post Road got  
12           in a car accident, totaled their car, jumped out  
13           of their car, running through all the backyards  
14           in the village and people were scared. They, it  
15           was at night, so it's good to have the code red.  
16           Not only just storms, but there's times, you  
17           know, that we can communicate with the public and  
18           let them know if something's going on. And water  
19           main breaks, we had a water main break on First  
20           Street today.

21                        So, what else, Marcus? Kitchen remodel.  
22           I went in today. The kitchen is getting remodeled  
23           in the office downstairs.

24                        MR. SERRANO: Yeah, they, it was a

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2 Formica countertop and all the water was getting  
3 into the back of it and was getting rotten. So,  
4 it was opportunity to get that out. I was  
5 concerned about mold and stuff like that. So,  
6 we're getting that repaired. And what's great  
7 about it is it's being done in house. Our guys  
8 are doing all the work themselves. So, I think we  
9 have the opportunity now that, you know, we have  
10 skilled guys now that are willing to work. We  
11 got, Tony's a good plumber. We got a good price  
12 for the electrical work and all the hardware and  
13 the work is being done in house. So, I got to  
14 thank the guys for, they volunteered to do it  
15 without even me asking for it, they said we'll do  
16 it. So, it was great to have that kind of  
17 reaction.

18 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yes, we've got a  
19 talented crew. So, that's, that's good.

20 MR. SERRANO: Mm-hmm.

21 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: And the only other  
22 thing, I, I saw this, this afternoon. I just, I  
23 couldn't believe it. I almost hit this guy on an  
24 electric wheelchair. He was on Albany Post Road

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2 and he was not on the sidewalk because he  
3 couldn't get on the sidewalk. There was still a  
4 lot of snow. So before the next storm, I think we  
5 need to look at what sidewalks, especially,  
6 especially on 9A, it's very dangerous there. And  
7 whoever the property owners are, you know, we  
8 have to we have to treat everybody equally,  
9 equally. So, everybody does their sidewalks. So  
10 maybe with those properties to send out the code  
11 to make sure that the sidewalks are clean,  
12 whatever the code is within a certain amount of  
13 hours. Because, that I -- all of a sudden he was  
14 like right there and I was like, oh my god, what  
15 is he doing in the middle of the road and then I  
16 saw that. So, please if we can address that  
17 throughout the village that would be great,  
18 especially Albany Post Road.

19 MS. BAEZ: Can't something be posted on  
20 the digital board to remind homeowners to clean  
21 their sidewalks?

22 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yeah.

23 MR. CAPICOTTI: That's part of the code.

24 MS. BAEZ: Yeah. But you know, a little

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2 reminder does it help and that's very visible.

3 MR. LAKER: Yep.

4 MS. BAEZ: The newsletter.

5 MR. STEWART: Utilize the sign.

6 MR. SERRANO: She does it all the time  
7 with newsletters, yeah.

8 MS. BAEZ: We cover all our bases.

9 MR. SERRANO: Yeah.

10 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: And then sometimes  
11 there's some new people, but some of them are  
12 businesses too, that need to. They know, they  
13 know they should do it. So, you know, just a  
14 little friendly reminder, as they say.

15 MR. SERRANO: Mm-hmm.

16 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay, I think that's  
17 it for me. I'm going to start with Anthony this  
18 evening. I'm going to go right down the row.

19 MR. CAPICOTTI: Good evening everybody.  
20 Again, so the AMS updates, I saw the emails,  
21 everything looks like it's going well. Dan gave  
22 us an update on that. I know they're pretty much  
23 on hold with everything exterior now, but it  
24 looks good. They're, they're pushing, moving

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2 right along. Anything on the two properties? I  
3 want to know if we had, just to keep the public  
4 up to speed with what's going on with Blakeley  
5 Avenue and Lents Cove property.

6 MR. SERRANO: No, no update. Both  
7 contractor, both developers still doing their due  
8 diligence. They both say when we're ready to  
9 present, we'll present to the village board, but  
10 nothing, no update.

11 MR. CAPICOTTI: So there's nothing going  
12 on?

13 MR. SERRANO: No.

14 MR. CAPICOTTI: Okay. All right. That's  
15 good. I was very, I was upset about the Swims  
16 grant. I thought we would maybe get something out  
17 of that. I know it's very important for us to get  
18 this pool up and going. I did have a conversation  
19 with a representative from Holtec though, about  
20 monies that Theresa did bring up about a baseball  
21 field and they are willing to talk about putting  
22 it somewhere else. So I think that maybe it's not  
23 as much as, clearly as much as we're going to  
24 need, but it will be a helpful start to invest

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2           that money in something like that. The code red,  
3           I know the code red went out. I did not get it. I  
4           know that it wasn't out, but I know that we need  
5           to update that system, like Theresa said. It is  
6           effective. The guys did a great job. The  
7           community responded anyway. I think everybody  
8           gets the plan. You know, there was limited cars  
9           on the streets, the guys did a really good job  
10          cleaning up the streets. I commend them for the  
11          work they did and the hours they put in.

12                    And the data storage thing with, up at  
13          Holtec, you know, it is a discussion for all of  
14          us. I feel that, you know, that property, you  
15          know, we get a one shot deal out using that  
16          property and we are not to be dictated how to  
17          zone it, you know, and plan it. I think that's  
18          something that we need to take seriously and make  
19          the right decisions on. And I think we're all on  
20          the same page with that. And it's cold out. Stay  
21          warm and stay off the streets for these guys  
22          cleaning up. That's all. Thank you.

23                    MS. KNICKERBOCKER: I think it's Didn't  
24          they say like 50 on Friday?

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2 MR. SERRANO: Yes.

3 MS. BAEZ: Nice.

4 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: That what do they  
5 call that? Ammonia weather when it warms up like  
6 that. Be careful. Okay, Awilda, do you have?

7 MS. BAEZ: All right, I just have a few  
8 things. First of all, Happy New Year to everyone,  
9 I wish everyone a happy and blessed year. I hope  
10 we have some warm weather that continues because  
11 I'm done with the snow. Once again, happy  
12 birthday to Josephine. I'd like Trustee  
13 Capicotti, Laker, and Stewart to know that I  
14 delivered your message to her and the family. I  
15 told them that although you could not go because  
16 of work obligations, you did wish her a happy and  
17 prosperous day and the family told me to thank  
18 you.

19 MR. LAKER: Thank you.

20 MS. BAEZ: I did not forget. As a  
21 liaison to the schools and to the police  
22 department, I continue keeping in touch with  
23 them. The superintendent and I have been working  
24 on a few projects. Once they're completed, I will

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2 definitely report back. And I have one thing that  
3 I'd like to discuss at executive session.

4 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. Is it --

5 MS. BAEZ: It's about the police  
6 department.

7 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay.

8 MR. SERRANO: Personnel.

9 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: So personnel.

10 MS. BAEZ: Yeah, personnel.

11 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: I just need it.

12 Yeah.

13 MS. BAEZ: Mm-hmm.

14 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: To know that. Okay.

15 MS. BAEZ: And thank you for coming.

16 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: All right. Steve,  
17 what do you have for us?

18 MR. LAKER: Thank you. I also would like  
19 to wish Ms. Antonini a happy 100th birthday.  
20 Sorry I could not attend the party. I did see  
21 some pictures, it looked like it was a very well  
22 attended event. Good times, so happy birthday  
23 again and, you know, Happy New Year to everyone.  
24 I'm looking forward to what 2026 brings with the

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2 board. I think there's a lot of exciting things  
3 here in the village to look forward to for this  
4 upcoming year. I know Marcus, you and I had a  
5 discussion and I think we started preliminary  
6 discussions with AMS and the possibility of  
7 having an open house. I know as they move  
8 forward, they're going to look to start opening  
9 up in the springtime was the tentative date. I  
10 believe that it'd be beneficial for the residents  
11 to have an opportunity to go take a look, if  
12 they're interested, and see what you know what's  
13 being built over there first before anybody else  
14 has an opportunity to. I think that you know if,  
15 if possible we allow the residents an opportunity  
16 to do that.

17 MR. SERRANO: That is a great, yep,  
18 definitely it's a great idea. Talking about maybe  
19 setting up a sign-in sheets, first come, first  
20 serve. A couple, that way keep the limits of it.  
21 But they actually are look, it's a great idea.  
22 They are going to look into it and they're going  
23 to get back to some details, I'll report back to  
24 the board and then we get the information out.

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2 MR. LAKER: Great. And then just looking  
3 at the calendar going ahead, just, you know,  
4 there's some months that, you know, we're meeting  
5 maybe three days after, you know, we have a  
6 workshop and then three days later we have like a  
7 regular meeting, or you know, almost less than a  
8 week.

9 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Oh, really?

10 MR. LAKER: So I don't know, maybe we  
11 just want to look, you know, January 27th is the  
12 workshop and then February 3rd is the February  
13 meeting. So I don't know if maybe we just want to  
14 look at --

15 MR. SERRANO: Combine them?

16 MR. LAKER: -- combining a meeting or --  
17 just a thought that maybe we have that  
18 discussion.

19 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yeah, sometimes it's  
20 been like a week span, like you have it one  
21 Tuesday.

22 MR. LAKER: And a couple times we've  
23 had, you know, like tonight we have a very light  
24 agenda. Some workshops we don't have much really

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2 at all. You know, I like to give the residents  
3 the opportunity to come in and speak with us, of  
4 course, but maybe if we just kind of look at what  
5 the calendar looks like going forward. Just my  
6 suggestion, but that's all I have. Thank you.

7 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Thank you. And  
8 Marcus, do you know how many units have been  
9 rented yet at AMS?

10 MR. SERRANO: The last time they told me  
11 an update was 30 percent.

12 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Thirty percent.

13 MR. STEWART: Oh, wow.

14 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Dan, what do you  
15 have for us?

16 MR. STEWART: Just Happy New Year to  
17 everybody. Also, thank you to HQ Racing for  
18 hosting us. Pretty impressive facility, if you if  
19 you get a chance to go over. If you're a racing  
20 enthusiast, even if you're not a racing  
21 enthusiast, it's, it's a pretty neat venue over  
22 there. So I suggest people go over and either  
23 just, you can just be a spectator if you want.  
24 The, Steve and I were just finalizing up, we

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2           shared up a date for the Buchanan St. Patrick's  
3           Day parade. It looks like it's going to be the  
4           15th of March, which is a Sunday. We're looking  
5           for any nominees for parade aids and a grand  
6           marshal. So, if anybody has anybody in, in mind,  
7           feel free to email myself or Steve Laker. We're  
8           looking forward to a nice parade this year. It  
9           looks like we've got Local 21 back again, which  
10          will hopefully lead us down Tate Avenue and look  
11          for a good day for that.

12                        We touched on the Holtec monies. I'd  
13          really like to see that maybe go towards the pool  
14          if that's possible. I think we need to have a  
15          discussion with Holtec in detail on that. Also  
16          we're looking for volunteers for the Centennial  
17          Committee. Before you know it, you know, time  
18          goes by pretty quickly. So anybody that's  
19          interested in serving on the Centennial  
20          Committee, please reach out to Cindy and Cindy  
21          will put your name on a list with contact  
22          information. Also I wanted to know the status on  
23          the employee handbook with the union was supposed  
24          to be reviewing that.

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2 MR. SERRANO: Both of you have copies. I  
3 have not I'm not receiving any responses for  
4 either union. I know they're looking, still  
5 looking at it, but I have not got a response.

6 MR. STEWART: Can somebody, can we have  
7 somebody call and follow up on that?

8 MR. SERRANO: I'll call.

9 MR. STEWART: Just see where they're at.

10 MR. SERRANO: And see if they have any  
11 update, no problem.

12 MR. STEWART: That'd be great. Thank  
13 you, Marcus. And then the last thing I wanted an  
14 update on was the abandoned home on Blakeley  
15 Avenue. We were, they were talking about going to  
16 auction on that. I was wondering if there's any  
17 status with a date that maybe it's on a docket.

18 MR. SERRANO: I'll follow up tomorrow  
19 and send you guys an email. I know they said  
20 they're going to put on the next auction, but I  
21 needed to get a date the last time, but I'll  
22 double check for you and get back to you.

23 MR. STEWART: I did see where they  
24 cleaned out the property.

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2 MR. SERRANO: Yeah.

3 MR. STEWART: Yeah, they cleaned up the  
4 property. So, that, you know, that's a good  
5 thing. But --

6 MR. SERRANO: And it's good. They're  
7 going to keep maintaining from this point forward  
8 to the point that it sells.

9 MR. STEWART: Yeah, so that's at least  
10 we got some progress to, you know, in that  
11 respect. But, and that's really it. And again,  
12 happy birthday to Mrs. Antonini, quite remarkable  
13 to hit the 100-year mark so God bless her.

14 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: No easy feat, right?

15 MR. STEWART: That's all I have.

16 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: The Centennial  
17 Committee, do you think we're ready to have  
18 another meeting that we could have before the  
19 workshop? This month's workshop? Does the board  
20 think --

21 MR. STEWART: Cindy, how many people we  
22 have signed up, rough idea?

23 MS. KEMPTER: [unintelligible]

24 [00:40:48].

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2 MR. STEWART: And I have, I have another  
3 name too so yeah. I'm fine if somebody wants to  
4 you know set something up we can set something  
5 up.

6 MR. CAPICOTTI: Dan, are you chairing  
7 that committee?

8 MS. BAEZ: That was that's what I was  
9 asking.

10 MR. CAPICOTTI: Are you the chair?

11 MR. STEWART: I'd kind of wanted to wait  
12 a little bit until we get the Buchanan St.  
13 Patrick's Day parade done. We're trying to  
14 finalize that, but --

15 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: That's fine. I just  
16 didn't know what you wanted to do.

17 MR. STEWART: Yeah, I think that's the,  
18 I think that would be the more logical thing.  
19 This way, I don't have too much on my plate, but  
20 --

21 MR. CAPICOTTI: Well, we could bring a  
22 meeting together. Maybe we can find a community  
23 member to chair it, you know.

24 MR. STEWART: Yeah.

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2 MR. CAPICOTTI: Maybe we can get  
3 somebody there that wants to take it on.

4 MR. STEWART: Okay. For sure.

5 MR. CAPICOTTI: So maybe we'll just  
6 wait.

7 MR. STEWART: But it doesn't hurt, it  
8 doesn't hurt to have it just an initial meeting  
9 either. So, it's whatever, I'm flexible, whatever  
10 anybody wants to do. But, I do want to get the  
11 St. Patrick's Day parade wrapped up and under our  
12 belt.

13 MR. CAPICOTTI: Mm-hmm. Three months,  
14 yeah, two months, spring.

15 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: It goes by fast.

16 MR. STEWART: And, Steve, did you want  
17 to set up a meeting? Did we want to announce a  
18 meeting for the St. Patrick's Day parade, just to  
19 meet?

20 MR. LAKER: We'll put something out  
21 there. We'll put something out.

22 MR. STEWART: Again, we just found out  
23 today the date, so yeah.

24 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. And Marcus,

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2 it's your turn

3 MR. SERRANO: Sure, a couple of quick  
4 things. Just to let the board know and the  
5 public, we've been talking about the LWRP for  
6 some time. We finally got comments back from the  
7 Department of State back to the committees. So,  
8 all the committees received them, really nothing  
9 of substance, they just want to get some  
10 clarification some of the statements in the LWRP.  
11 So the so the town committee and the village  
12 committee are thinking about getting together  
13 sometime in the next couple of weeks, and then  
14 get responses back to the state. And again then  
15 the state needs time to review those responses.

16 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yeah, they take  
17 their time.

18 MR. SERRANO: Right. And then, and  
19 hopefully that's get finalized then we can  
20 schedule public hearings and get public comments  
21 and move the process forward. So I think, but I  
22 think their response to the questions is not  
23 really that of much of a hurdle. So I think it's  
24 some clarification in some language. So I don't

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2 think this state is going to take that long to  
3 finish their review. And then we'll get a public  
4 document out, put it on the website get comments  
5 and then you have public hearings. So that's one  
6 thing.

7 The other thing is a while back if you  
8 remember the village, the fire department the air  
9 truck with the issue with the compressor, they  
10 finally found a company that is willing, that the  
11 committee has found. We were talking about  
12 \$150,000 for the air truck. They found somebody  
13 that think that can meet that budget, in fact  
14 maybe be a little below it. So they just wanted  
15 me to give you an update on that. They're going  
16 to move forward for it. The money comes out of  
17 the money we have for the fire department. But I  
18 think they can actually get, get it repaired or  
19 replaced and then with the old pump for the old  
20 system be able to sell that, get some money back  
21 into the into our back, reimbursed back into our  
22 system. So just to give an update, they're going  
23 to move forward. The committee is happy about who  
24 they found and they want to send the truck up to

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2 get the repairs with moving forward with the with  
3 the air pump. Okay.

4 MR. LAKER: Thank you.

5 MR. SERRANO: That's it.

6 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: And if you could get  
7 to the board with uh what the funds are in there.

8 MR. SERRANO: Oh, yeah. Cindy, Cindy can  
9 give it to you. Yep.

10 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Yeah. Just send that  
11 out to the board, that would be great.

12 MR. SERRANO: Yeah.

13 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: And when we're  
14 talking about the LWRP, you know, we sometimes we  
15 use abbreviations and not everybody knows what  
16 they are. So, the LWRP is a Local Waterfront  
17 Revitalization Project, program

18 MR. SERRANO: Program, Mm-hmm.

19 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: So, that's what  
20 Marcus was talking about.

21 MR. SERRANO: Thank you.

22 MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Okay. Any comments  
23 from the floor? And I just want to mention  
24 there's a three minute time limit. And so if

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anybody would like to get up?

MS. BAEZ: Who's timing, so we can be fair.

MS. KNICKERBOCKER: Nobody has any comments to make? Okay. All right. But thank you all for coming. Thank you.

MR. STEWART: Thank you.

MS. KNICKERBOCKER: All right. I'd like to make a motion to go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Can I have a second, please?

MR. LAKER: Second.

MS. KNICKERBOCKER: All in favor?

MULTIPLE: Aye.

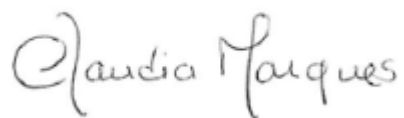
MS. KNICKERBOCKER: All right. Thank you. Thanks for coming and have a great Buchanan Day.

(The public board meeting concluded at 7:44 p.m.)

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