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Power Play

Patchogue sets hearing to give constable powers to code enforcement

Kevin Molloy

The Patchogue Village Board of Trustees has set a public hearing for mid-December for a local law that would designate its Bureau of Code Enforcement officers as constables.

The motion to set the hearing, passed unanimously at last Monday night's board meeting, was the first step towards expanding the powers of the department. Those powers would include, among other things, the authority for issuing summonses for vehicle and traffic infractions.

The public hearing will be held on Monday, November 14 at 8 p.m. in Village Hall.

Village officials said the constables, should the designation be granted, would be used to supplement local enforcement of certain situations by the Suffolk County Police, which has been wracked by fiscal and manpower cutbacks over the past few years. The law would not create a separate Patchogue police force, they said.

The move comes at a time when several villages in Suffolk are questioning their right to protect their residents under the county charter. These villages, in a public vote in 1958, agreed they entered into the county police district, irrevocably giving up their rights to having their own police forces.

Several villages have sought increased powers since the cutbacks in the county police department's man-

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Patriotic Holiday

Uncle Sam (Laura DiPuma) stopped at the Bellport Beach Property Owners Association parade in East Patchogue last Sunday to shake hands with President Debbie Aviles. The parade is an annual neighborhood affair.

Blue Point community sour on A

27th birthday.
In memory of Michael Candelaria, remember to buckle up.

Orolea Koonan
Holtsville

Supports Clinton

Not being a politician, it has been a daunting effort to sort through the views voiced by the presidential candidates in order to make an informed decision. Then, Governor Clinton stated that he would "propose apprenticeship programs to prepare no-college students for jobs in the new economy."

I have long been espousing just such a program, so Clinton is my man.

Rita Reeh
Mastic

Hauser

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a slide show he was creating about Patchogue.

"He was very proud of Patchogue and he wanted these people [the new teachers] to really know what the community was like and to say, 'Wow, this is a great place to be,'" his wife recalled.

"I don't think there was any facet of the district operation that he didn't get involved in," Read remarked. "He was a very creative, bright guy. He was responsible for much of what this district is today."

In addition to his wife, Hauser is survived by his son, Paul Jr., of Berkhamstead, England; two daughters, Kathleen McLeod, of Mount Sinai, and Holly Hauser, of Holtsville; his mother, Catherine, and brother, Daniel, both of Nashau, New Hampshire; three sisters, Nancy Parmekan, of New Mexico, Kaye Mulgrew, of Chelmsford, Massachusetts, and Norrine Sanborn, of Patchogue; and seven grandchildren. Wake prayers were offered at the Ruland Funeral Home and Hauser

did not directives. The time is now to shape our national agenda into a working reality. In the coming century we will be doing business on a global scale. The opportunities are immense, but only if America has a national strategy for competing.

The General Accounting Office recently released a report which found ten different agencies from the executive branch spent \$2.7 billion on export

Code hearing

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power levels patrolling their areas.

The issue has held special interest to Patchogue for nearly nine months, where residents, officials and members of the code bureau have discussed and sought a legal means to give the officers peace officer status while not violating the charter agreement. Village Attorney Ernest Maler, Jr., has extensively researched the question, but until Monday night had not recommended the move, citing prior cases and legislation he felt prohibited Patchogue from being allowed to grant the power of constables, or peace officers, to the bureau.

Prior to the meeting, Patchogue attorney Victor Yannacone, Jr., circulated among the members of the board a 16-page legal opinion he had written arguing that the village could grant the designation to their code officers.

In his opinion, Yannacone argued that the cases believed to stand in the way of the village's granting the power did not pertain to Patchogue's situation, and cited an opinion issued in 1982 by New York's Attorney General which stated the village had the power to issue the status through local law. Yannacone also included a model of legislation for the local law attached to his opinion.

The current philosophy being pedaled in many political and corporate circles is one of America first and America only. Outside of the obvious patriotic pabulum, it is without merit.

In the coming decades there will be no room for hostilities amongst nations, only open, fair-minded competition. We must impress upon all of our trading partners that dealing fairly and with access to their markets less the

article which appeared in last week's Long Island Advance, which analyzed the question of the power of Suffolk's villages to create constabularies and quoted that 1982 attorney general's opinion.

Maler said at the meeting he will be requesting an official opinion from the attorney general on the matter this week. The request, he said, will include more detailed information about prior cases, Patchogue's particular situation, and a request for an update of their 1982 opinion.

Maler had requested similar information last April, but the response was not an official opinion, and did not contain information that specifically referred to Patchogue's case.

"It has been a question we've looked at since last April. This seemed to be the appropriate time to set the public hearing," Leavandosky said after the meeting. "The key is getting back information from the state."

William Logan, chief of the village's Bureau of Code Enforcement, said after the meeting he would be in support of the local law if it met the approval of the village board.

"It's a good tool for us, and we could really do a good job for Patchogue Vil-

lages with it," he said of the proposed local law.

Also at the board meeting, a representative of Governor Mario Cuomo appeared at the board meeting to tell the residents about a \$600,000 grant Patchogue could receive if the Job Bond Act, Proposal One on next Tuesday's ballot, is passed and to stump for its passage.

Joseph P. Wall, Jr.
Patchogue

The \$600,000, according to Patchogue Community Development Director Fred Severance, would be used for infrastructure improvements to village parking lots in the downtown business area. The grant, coupled with a \$350,000 state grant received two years ago, would mean the village would only have to contribute \$150,000 to the \$1.1 million project.

News of the grant, however, sparked a heated debate at the meeting, with residents taking sides about the advantages and disadvantages of the Jobs Bond Act as a whole.

The village board, which credited Assemblyman Bill Bianchi (D-Bellport) with securing the funds for the Patchogue project, did not take a stand either for or against the Jobs Bond Act, leaving the decision to the electorate.

'Public Eye'

300 words or less, in good taste and not libelous. All submissions will be considered

Thanks Patchogue good samaritan

I wish to thank publicly through your great newspaper a gentleman who came to my assistance on Sunday night at about 11:30 p.m., when I got lost in Patchogue making a wrong turn trying to reach Montauk Highway. It was impossible to see the street names due to the heavy rain.

A lot of cars passed me by after I rolled down my window and cried for help asking for directions. No one stopped, except this gentleman, whose name is Al Alberigo, of Patchogue.

He stopped and asked me if he could help me. By that time I was hysterical. This fine person told me to follow him, and escorted me to Montauk Highway all the way to the corner of William Floyd Parkway. God bless you, Al, I will never forget your kindness and concern.

Sonia Homanoek
Mastic Beach

We are all to blame

I have lived most of my entire life on Lee Avenue in South Patchogue. It is a truly wonderful street made so due to the fact that it is inhabited by lifelong local residents of

outstanding character. We may not always agree with each other but we respect each person's right to disagree. I would like to believe that there are other similar streets in South Patchogue but after attending last Monday's village meeting I am sure that there are not too many Lee Avenues.

If you walk this area you become aware immediately of the problems discussed at the village meeting. There most definitely is a problem that needs attention.

Focusing blame for the deterioration of a once beautiful quiet and environmentally sound area, bordered by the Great South Bay, is retrogressive. Simply stated we are all to blame. I myself and my neighbors should have found the time to get involved. The elected officials should have tried to find out what we in this area really wanted and needed. Then they should have led the way to change. It is, after all, government by the people, for the people.

Change is necessary but it can only come about through the orderly process of government. I would ask the people of South Patchogue to learn from my mistake and find the time to be seen and heard. I would ask the elected representatives to do the will of the people.

In the spirit of last Monday's meeting I too would like to volunteer whatever small talents I may have to help create a positive atmosphere in South Patchogue.

Ray Trypuc, Sr.
Patchogue

Hats off to Yannacone

Hats off to Victor Yannacone, Jr. It's about time someone has come forward to challenge the almost non-existent members of our village board.

Coming from Port Jefferson, a town which 20 years ago experienced the same problems and today is a beautiful village, with only one storefront vacant, I can only contrast these two towns. What do they know that we don't? Understanding that these hard economic times are everywhere on Long Island, how come they are doing so well?

Our local government wants us to believe that Patchogue is not unique in these hard times.

Recently, while inquiring about a job on the phone, the interviewer was telling me how the company places its stores. He said, "We put these stores in depressed areas,

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and make further cuts to balance its budget. That makes sense in the long term, but Gaffney went to Albany looking for a solution to a short-term problem. And, as a county, Suffolk is unable to take advantage of practices that are allowed to states, such as deficit spending or passing costs and programs on to smaller municipalities.

The Republican members of the assembly, however, such as John Behan (R-Montauk) proved to be even less responsible. Knowing it is unpopular to vote for a tax increase and run for re-election in the same year, they voted against the plan as a purely political move. They showed a lack of courage and responsibility not befitting those who should hold elected office.

Gaffney showed his leadership abilities in forming this bailout plan in his willingness to compromise, work with coalitions and hold fast to certain parts of the legislation he felt were integral for Suffolk's health. For his part, Blydenburgh also demonstrated a keen understanding of the county's fiscal situation, and the responsibility to cut back time limits on the plan to make the overall package more responsible. Both deserve commendation.

However, the true test for both Gaffney and Blydenburgh will come in little more than a month with the new Suffolk budget. Gaffney must present a truly balanced budget, and Blydenburgh must maintain a legislature that will not be tempted to overspend. Otherwise, all this was for naught.



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