Councilman Panico Secures Needed Pagers for Shirley Community Ambulance
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FARMINGVILLE, NY - At the April 20, 2010 meeting, Councilman Dan Panico moved to have the Town Board authorize a release of funding in accordance with the host community benefits agreement made between the LIPA and Town of Brookhaven, which was put in place in relation to the construction of Caithness’ electric generating facility. The Caithness Long Island Energy Center is located in an industrially zoned section of Yaphank, in the Town of Brookhaven, and represents an advanced class of clean-burning, efficient power generating facilities.

"The Shirley Community Ambulance has been in great need of pagers for use when calls are activated." Said Councilman Daniel J. Panico (R/C) "A substantial increase in membership over the last year is the impetus behind the need for the additional pagers this year." The approved authorization directed Brookhaven's Commissioner of Finance to disburse funding from the Caithness Community Benefit Fund to the Shirley Ambulance company - the funding will come directly out of the portion of the community benefit package.

The Caithness Long Island Energy Center commenced commercial operations of its 350 megawatt natural gas fired power generating facility last August. As part of the approval process, funds were set aside for the benefit of the plant's host communities.