

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – April 1, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

John J. Valdini	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Trustee
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk – Treasurer
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney
John Catania	DPW Foreman
Anthony Rambazis	Code Supervisor

At 7:30 pm, Mayor Valdini called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for those serving in the military.

Approval of the Minutes from the Board meetings of March 4, 2019 & March 18, 2019

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Trustee Zepf

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdini:

- At the last meeting, the Village Board dedicated the second-row pew at Village Hall to resident Joan Manahan in honor of her 88th Birthday.
- The Village is dedicating the flagpole at Wohseepee Park to a Brightwater's resident Steven James Prescott who died in the Vietnam War. This dedication will follow at the Cabin renovation grand opening on May 25th.
- The Capital Improvements Projects Inventory Report prepared by Great Bay Communications is available to all residents and can be viewed on the village's website at www.villageofbrightwaters.com

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects

- We are aiming to start the work on the Northwest corner soon but are waiting on the contract from Suffolk County.
- We are tree planting this spring. If you would like a tree planted in front of your house let the village know.
- Looking at the structures around the village (gazebos, bridges, etc.) We are looking into getting funds from grants to offset the costs. The village's grant writer has applied for a grant to conduct an historical survey of the village to identify any historical assets. If received and identified, we can use this to pursue grants for repairing any structures that are identified as historical.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway

- The Highway Dept. finished cleaning up around the lakes recently.
- Will start the spring cleanup of Wohseepee Park in preparation of the Easter Egg Hunt.
- Luckily, we got off light this winter with our snow removal.
- Tuning up equipment for the landscaping for the spring.

Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations/Events

- Kicked started the Junior resident program. Collected over 15 junior residents between the ages of 6th-12th grade. Emails go out when there are volunteer opportunities in the village. We had 7 junior volunteers help deliver a flyer out around the lakes for lakes appreciation day.
- The next event is coincided with the Easter Egg Hunt Saturday.
- On the day of the plant sale, May 11th the village is working with the summit council and Bay Shore Beautification on the event called Spruce Up. This is a cleaning event all around Bay Shore and Brightwaters. Brightwaters will be running a cleanup event at Wohseepee Park. Residents are encouraged to participate and there are other opportunities to cleanup all around the village.

Trustee Zepf – Code Enforcement

- The April calendar is pretty full with shifts. One of our code officers became ill and we are trying to fill the shifts the best we can.
- Please lock your car doors at all times. We've put it in the newsletter and mention it every month.
- We've asked Suffolk County Police and the Sheriffs Dept. for increased presence at stop signs. 27 tickets were issued for running through the stop signs since we contacted them. We are doing our best to address this issue.

Fire Marshall's Report

As of this report, all permits for Public Assembly and Multiple Dwelling occupancies within the Village of Brightwaters are currently valid and up to date.

Commercial occupancy fire inspections continue in the Village of Brightwaters. Subsequent re-inspections having also been conducted to insure that all violations have since been removed.

There were no request for investigation of fire by the Bay Shore Fire Department during the past month.

Visits have been made to the "Cabin" on Wohseepee Dr. during the construction phase insuring the continuity of the automatic fire alarm system or in its absence the availability of a fire-watch conducted by Village Code Enforcement. Additional coordination's of the above-mentioned actions is ongoing with Village Clerk Jeanne Pirkel to insure the integrity of fire protection of the Cabin.

A point of information regarding smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. A new law has recently been passed prohibiting the manufacturing and/or new installation of either type detection, which is powered by a replaceable battery. The new law states that starting April 1, 2019 all businesses and residential occupancies requiring new or replacement protection must install smoke detectors or carbon monoxide detectors that are either a **10-year, sealed, non-removable battery or hardwired detector**. Commercial and residential occupants will be versed on this change when opportunity exist.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brennan

Matthew Brennan, Fire Marshal
Village of Brightwaters

Public Hearing on Local Law 2-2019 A local law to amend Chapter §119-19.1 Speed Limit 25 miles per hour, on the following roads:

North Windsor Avenue; South Windsor Avenue;
Windsor Avenue; Concourse W & Concourse E.

To Open Public Hearing:

Motion: Mayor Valdinì Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

The Mayor advised that these roads were picked because these are the heavily traveled roads in the village. Trustee Fawcett has witnessed on his own block on Concourse West, speeding and blowing through stop signs and it's our own residents rushing to get to the train or work. It just takes a second for a tragedy to happen. We are trying to make an effort to make the village a safer place.

Resident Chris Pace of N. Windsor Avenue said he see's speeding going on all hours of the day and even catches it on his Ring system. He would like to see the speeding be enforced by the Police. The Mayor advised that he has no problem setting up speed traps within the village. The police have already said they could do that.

Resident Rich Dayhab would like to see speed humps in the village. He doesn't believe speed limits slow people down. They would physically stop people from driving too fast.

To Close Public Hearing:

Motion: Mayor Valdinì Second: Trustee Zepf

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

To approve LL 2-2019:

Motion: Mayor Valdinì Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Public Hearing on Local Law 3-2019 A local law to amend Chapter §81-1.1 Certain Construction and Lawn Maintenance. (Minor revision to allow contractors & landscapers to begin work at 8am on a Saturday)

To Open Public Hearing:

Motion: Mayor Valdinì Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Resident Jason Ruggiere does not want to see the time change to an earlier start time. There are noise problems and complicated to enforce noise codes all around the village as it is.

Resident Carmine Chiapetta suggested giving the law more "teeth" and making it clear on the permit that if work is started before the allowable time that the fine shall not be less than such and such instead of leaving it up to the Justice.

Resident Bob Fisher said the time change would take away from the peaceful enjoyment of the weekends. The Mayor advised it was always an 8:00am start time until a year ago.

Resident Antonio Romano of Hiawatha Drive says the Landscapers plow through the stop signs and are very disruptive. He said it's a quality of life issue and would not like to see them starting work an hour earlier on Saturdays. They leave litter all over the place. They leave their personal vehicles on Brooklyn Blvd between Hiawatha and Orinoco every day. The Mayor said we could put two hour paring over there to address it.

To Close Public Hearing:

Motion: Mayor Valdinì

Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 5 ayes

0 nays

The Board did not vote on this law and will be tabled for a future meeting.

Public Hearing to override tax cap

The Mayor and Board of Trustees decided not to hold the Public Hearing to override the tax cap being that NYS had restored the Aid for Municipalities (AIM) Funding. The fate of transportation aid as well as Extreme Winter Recovery funding remains unknown. The Village Board is aiming to remain within the allowable tax cap.

Public Hearing on the 2019-2020 Preliminary Budget

To Open Public Hearing:

Motion: Mayor Valdinì

Second: Trustee Zepf

Vote: 5 ayes

0 nays

The 2019-2020 Tentative Budget Hearing was presented to the Public.

BUDGET DISCUSSION INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

- **ASSIGNED CAPITAL FROM PRIOR YEARS \$170,000**
The previous Board had assigned \$170,000 for Capital Projects. The current Board has included it in this year's budget to cover the costs of the \$52,634 in Capital Projects, the 2nd Payment of \$44,640 for the DPW dump truck and to go towards this year's road bond payment.
- **CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THIS YEAR'S BUDGET**
Downtown Revitalization of the Northwest corner, Highway Building Phase I, Downtown Walkability/Traffic Study.
- **POISON IVY REMOVAL**
The Poison Ivy removal around the lakes was completed this year. In the proposed budget it's listed as Plants and Soil for \$28,614 for the second half of the payment and follow-up of poison ivy.
- **RESERVE FUND**
The Village's Reserve Fund stands at 17.5% of the budgeted expenditures and the Village's Fund Policy states to keep a minimum of 6% and a maximum of 20%.
- **CABIN RENOVATION**
The Cabin renovation is not included in the proposed 2019-2020 budget. All services and materials are being donated, along with monetary donations. A separate charitable reserve fund was opened specifically for this project.
- **BUDGET INCREASES**

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Employee Health Insurance, Union Welfare Benefits Fund, NYS Employee Retirement, Fire Department.

The revised budget will be voted on at the April 15th Board of Trustees Meeting.

To Close Public Hearing:

Motion: Mayor Valdinì Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Approve Treasurer's Report and Abstracts

VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT April 1, 2019

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4154 - #4162	vouchers	\$70,192.26
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Alpha Carting - March 2019	\$	27,454.33
Employee Benefits Division - Health Insurance April 2019	\$	18,937.52
Atlantic Salt	\$	3,008.20

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 4/1/2019

General Fund - BNB	181,157
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General Money Market - BNB	50
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CLASS General	805,183
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Total Cash on Hand - General	986,390
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Capital Fund	88,447
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CLASS Capital fund	13,677
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Total Cash on Hand - Capital	102,123
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Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB	107,989
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Charitable Reserve Fund for Cabin Restoration - BNB	7,062
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Motion: Mayor Valdinì Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Adjourn: Motion: Mayor Valdinì Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Meeting adjourned 9:48 PM