

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – March 1, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, March 1, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. conducted via Zoom Video Conferencing following officers present:

John J. Valdin	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Deputy Mayor
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Charles J. Casolaro	Village Attorney
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk – Treasurer
Bob O'Shea	Building Inspector
Daniel Falasco	Village Engineer

At 7:30 pm, Mayor, John J Valdin called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag.

Approve minutes of February 1st and February 11th 2021.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Del Vecchio

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Suffolk County Police Report: One incident on Orinoco Drive for Criminal mischief. Please be diligent and keep cars locked. If anyone picks up anything on your RING please share with the Police and look out for your neighbors.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdin:

- Lulu Lobster is set to open shortly. The Fire Marshal will be inspecting soon and will hopefully give the final approval for opening. This establishment is a nice addition to the Village.
- We are at the one-year anniversary of COVID. We are working to keep everything as normal as possible while keeping the virus in mind. We are working out the Easter Egg Hunt and Plant Sale currently.
- We will be hiring mature residents for Beach Attendants which is something new for Walker Beach. This position will sell passes, check passes and monitor the conditions of the park.
- We hope the Contractor will be in this week for the bulkhead repair. We will be starting from the North and working their way south. We are hoping to get the first 500 ft repaired by April 15th but we will have to see.
- The Mayor, Trustee Fawcett, Bob O'Shea Building Inspector and Kristina Everitt, Office Assistant walked through the Downtown Business District to inspect the exterior property maintenance of all the storefronts. There were three categories that were assessed: Immediate issues to be addressed, short term issues and long-term issues. Each storefront will receive a personalized letter from the Village stating a timeframe and plan to remedy any issues. Some are as little as paint and touch ups but some are more involved.
The final bridge at the lakes will be repaired as well as paving over it as soon as the weather breaks.

Deputy Mayor Zepf – Code Enforcement

- Some complaints about people during the evening hours breaking into vehicles. Please be vigilant and lock your doors.

- Report anything you see to the Police and advise Code.
- Major tickets issued in the past month were for overnight parking and people having commercial vehicles in their driveways.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway

- Thanked all the DPW Employees for tirelessly working throughout this winter. We are very lucky we had our dump truck to handle the huge amounts of snow fall this year.
- Currently working on patching pot holes throughout the Village. We seem to have a lot more than normal. Please let us know if you see any.
- Please curb and pick up after your dogs.
- Thanks all the office staff for doing a great job. He's received great feedback from a resident about how courteous the office staff are.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects

- We have a lot of new residents that may not be aware that you need a permit for new fences or sheds. Please always contact Village Office to confirm if you will need a permit for anything.
- During snow events, please be mindful not to snow blow or have any plows push snow into the Village right of way. We've had a few incidents. Also, if you have a storm drain in front of your home, please clear it out after a snow event as that is where the snow will melt.
- Met with resident Jane Jonas regarding the lakes. She has been voluntarily working diligently on the Village's behalf in getting different ideas on how to remedy some of the issues around the lakes. She reached out to Sea Tuck about a fish bridge. They will work with the Village in helping with grant writing.
- There is a lot of trash left around the lakes. Trustee Fawcett will be coordinating a Lakes Cleanup day.

Fire Marshal Report

All Public Assembly and Multiple Dwelling occupancies within the Village of Brightwaters are currently valid and up to date.

Inspections of commercial occupancies continue in the Village of Brightwaters with re-inspections having also been conducted to ensure that all violations have since been removed.

Multiple attempts to inspect, have been made during the past weeks to accommodate the new management of Lulu's Lobster & Wing Shack, soon to be located at 91 Howell's Rd. The opening and occupancy IS NOT permitted until the approval of the Sprinkler System, Automatic Fire Alarm System and Emergency Lighting System have been tested and inspected.

There was no investigation of fire requested by the Bay Shore Fire Department during the past month.

Sincerely,

Matthew Brennan, Fire Marshal
Village of Brightwaters

Approve Boat Slip rental fees for residents to increase \$5.00 per foot from \$45.00 to \$50.00 per foot.

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Approve an application fee of \$50.00 for Non-residents Boat Slips.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Fawcett
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Approve the non-resident daily boat slip fee to \$50.00 a day.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Dopsovic
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Approve Public Assembly for the Postpartum Resource Center of New York's Sounds of Silence Run to be held on Saturday, May 22, 2021. (7:30am-12:00pm / Gilbert Park)

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Appoint Election Inspectors for the June 15th Village Election as follows:

Michael Ruggiere of Howells Road from 7am-9pm at a flat rate of \$210.00 plus \$20/hr past 9pm
Barbara Boccone of Brooklyn Blvd from 7am-9pm at a flat rate of \$210.00 plus \$20/hr past 9pm

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Fawcett
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Open Public Hearing on Local Law 2-2021 to amend Chapter 128- Zoning- Article XIII – The Powers of the Planning Board.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Del Vecchio
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

This local law will give the Planning Board authority to act as a binding Board on Commercial Applications only. Currently the Planning Board is an Advisory Board. A resolution would be passed for the applicant to cover the costs of the public hearings (ie: Legal, Stenographer, Engineer, etc). The Village would not be responsible financially. The local law needs to be re-drafted for some minor revisions such as reconfiguring some of the wording and paragraph structure as well as some grammatical revisions.

Public Comment:

- Resident Ken Michaels: Will the planning board be publishing commercial property rules and regs that are not "subjective" and will be setting architectural standards for the commercial district? Attorney Charles Casolaro responded: We will not be publishing rules and regulations but will be setting some of an architectural standard based upon what the planning board approves/disapproves for the exterior look of a business in a district on some level.
- Resident Bob Fischer: Very happy to see the Planning Board acknowledged and expansion of powers. Concerned of the cost. Can they approve or deny residential subdivision? Attorney Charles Casolaro advised that no it is solely Commercial. Also, Trustee Fawcett requested the Attorney to changed the Law to start off with the Downtown Business District to start with and not to include all commercial properties in this law.

To adjourn the Public Hearing as a continuation at the April 5, 2021 Board of Trustees Meeting.

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Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Call for Public Hearing on April 5, 2021 to consider the adoption of Local Law 3-2021 A local law authorizing a property tax levy in excess of the limit established in General Municipal Law §3-c.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Del Vecchio
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Call for Public Hearing on April 5, 2021 for the Tentative 2021-2022 Budget

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Approve Treasurer's Report and Abstracts **VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS**

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT March 1, 2021

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4272-4275	vouchers	\$141,874.71
Expense		
Alpha Carting-Garbage January & February 2021	\$	69,872.00
NYS Employee Health Insurance-February & March 2021	\$	46,707.82
Daniel Falasco-Engineering Services	\$	6,937.50

Income for Period: 2/2/2021-3/1/2021	\$39,139.74
Various Building Permits/Plumbing/ ZBA Fees	\$6,822.00
Business Licenses/Landscape Permits/Rental	\$4,035.00
Franchise Fees: Cable/FIOS	\$19,217.97
Sale of Equipment: 2015 Subaru Code Car	\$6,000.00

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 3/1/2021

General Fund - BNB	200,894
General Money Market - BNB	50
CLASS General	933,691
Total Cash on Hand - General	1,134,635

Capital Fund	240
CLASS Capital fund	13,958
Total Cash on Hand - Capital	14,198

Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB	82,297
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Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Fawcett
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Public Comments:

- Anne Donahue of Newsday: Village Attorney Fees
- Resident Nancy Conigliaro: Paving Pine Drive

Adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.