

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – February 7, 2022**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Drive, Brightwaters, NY, conducted in person as well as Facebook live with the following officers present:

John J. Valdinì	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Deputy Mayor
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk – Treasurer
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney
Bob O'Shea	Building Inspector
John Catania	DPW Foreman

At 7:30 pm, Mayor John J. Valdinì called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for those who served our country and passed.

**Approve** previous Board Minutes from February 7<sup>th</sup> & February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2022

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

Boy Scout Connor Charron Eagle Scout Project Proposal - Around the lakes there have been issues with swans and ducks eating and getting stuck in fishing lines. A Company called Berkley in Iowa will send for free the PVC pipes to properly dispose of fishing lines to help prevent the death of wildlife. The signs that go near the pipes are \$20 each and he will be fundraising for that. He is proposing to have the PVC pipe collectors mounted at a few locations near the Lakes. He will be looking for volunteers during fishing season to empty out the fishing line collectors so he can send back to the company.

Suffolk County Police Department: - Domestic related crime. One of the Code Officers was assaulted while giving a ticket in his vehicle. If someone is caught rifling through a vehicle, they get a summons. They do not get arrested. All the laws have been changed since bail reform and the criminals have more rights. There was another incident on Hiawatha where someone banged on a door of a house and yelled racial slurs. The Officer will look into this.

**Public Hearing:** Pursuant to Village Code Section 128-16, Brightwaters Racquet & Spa, Inc, (SAFStor), at 225 Howells Road, Brightwaters, New York, seeks permission to construct a Self-Storage Facility within the Sunrise Business District to a height of three (3) stories where only one (1) story is permitted.

*Copy of complete transcript available at Village Hall.*

Motion to open Public Hearing.

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

**Public Comment:**

- Resident Lisa Benson of N. Windsor is not in favor.
- Resident Richard Dayhab of Lakeview Avenue N. asked if they can include solar panels on building.
- Resident Carmine Chiapetta of Pine Acres felt there could be a better use of this lot. We already have storage facilities.
- Resident Dan Nichols of Windsor Avenue asked about the timeframe of the projects from start to completion.

Motion to close the Public Hearing.

Motion: Mayor Valdin                      Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 5 ayes                      0 nays

**Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdin:**

- The Crossfit Rapture / Operation Vest Run was a great success.
- It is Landscaping season and we are working with the Landscapers to sign off that they are aware of the working hours and not to work on holidays.
- We have signed a contract with the Bay Shore Brightwaters Ambulance to start with the soft billing which will save the Village money.
- Boats will be allowed in the canal April 13<sup>th</sup> this year.
- Camp registration is April 27<sup>th</sup>. Strongly encourage online registration but you can however sign up at Village Office.
- Beach passes will start being sold in a couple of weeks. We are limiting passes to 50 non-residents and they will only be getting one pass per family.
- We are getting started with the renovation of the Walker Beach Bathrooms, upgrading to ADA Compliance. The Gazebos will be completed by Memorial Day Weekend and there is still time to buy a family brick to support this project.
- Strongly encourage residents to sign up for emails as that is our main source for communication with our residents.

**Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects**

- Did a walk around of the lakes. The stumps need to be grinded to protect the DPW equipment as well as helping with the erosion. Soil needs to be added down at Gilbert Park to also help with erosion.
- Please slow down speed in the Village. His son almost got clipped on Concourse West.

**Trustee Dopsovic – Highway Department**

- DPW helping with the demo and renovation of Walker Beach Bathrooms.
- They've been busy cleaning up downed trees in the lakes.
- Always patching pot holes. Please call the Village Office to report any potholes.
- National Grid is on the hook for repaving Pine Drive and other side streets that they just dug up.

**Deputy Mayor Zepf – Code Enforcement**

- We are working with the COPE Officer with any issues in the Village and will be having a Community Safety Meeting at the Library April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Neon signs are back in the Downtown and they need to be dealt with.

- On Orinoco there are lots of employees of the businesses parking in front of resident's homes.

**Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations**

- This Saturday at 2pm is the Bay Shore Brightwaters St. Patrick's Day Parade.
- March 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-9PM is the Ladies Paint Night at Wohseepee Cabin.
- April 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Liam Foundation Pub Crawl
- April 16<sup>th</sup> at 3PM is the Easter Egg Hunt at Wohseepee Park
- April 27-30<sup>th</sup> is the Let's Scrap Cancer Recycling Fundraiser led by Resident Mario Fiore. You can get rid of your scrap metal, A/C Units, etc down at the DPW Yard. Mario will be riding his bike from Brightwaters to Buffalo to raise funds for Cancer Research.

**Fire Marshal Report**

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

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

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

As a reminder and as reported previously, my resignation as Fire Marshal and retirement will commence on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Please advise at your earliest convenience any consideration of a replacement for this position as I will make every effort to avail myself for a training/orientation period to make the transition.

Sincerely,  
**Matthew Brennan, Fire Marshal**  
**Village of Brightwaters**

**Call** for a Public Hearing on April 4, 2022 at 7:30PM on the Tentative 2022-2023 Budget

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

**Appoint** Election Inspectors for the June 21<sup>st</sup> Village Election as follows:

Michael Ruggiere of Howells Road from 7am – 9pm at a flat rate of \$210.00 plus \$20/hour past 9pm

Barbara Boccone of Brooklyn Blvd from 7am – 9pm at a flat rate of \$210.00 plus \$20/hour past 9pm

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

**Public Hearing** on Local Law 2-2022 replacing Section 108-18 of the Village Code the placement of materials in certain locations prohibited

Motion to open the Public Hearing.

Motion: Mayor Valdinì                      Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf

Vote: 5 ayes                      0 nays

Public Comment:

- Resident Joe Pers - Can you leave trash on right of way? Mayor responded yes Garbage is fin. We are talking about Trailers on cars, boats, pods, that type of thing.
- Resident Sue Belford – can not leave basketball hoops on street. You can pull out to play but then pull back in.
- Resident Rich Dayhab – Believes right of way should be taken out of the code.
- Resident Carmine Chiapetta – Agrees to take out right of way.
- Rachel of 221 Pine Drive – Stems from Pine Drive. Notification from Town that the Pine Drive's street is split down the road. Mayor stated that is not true, we paved it and Town agreed it wasn't their road. They will be getting a new letter from the town to replace the incorrect statement.
- Mr. Jameson of 407 Pine Drive – What are the intentions to enforcing all the laws to the West side of Pine Drive? Also, don't have the room to move the cars out of driveway to leave the basketball hoop in driveway to play.
- Resident Mark Mulvey of South Bay – Definition of where the right of way is

Motion to adjourn Meeting and Continue Public Hearing on April 4, 2022 at 7:30PM.

Motion: Mayor Valdinì                      Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf

Vote: 5 ayes                      0 nays

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

**ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT March 7, 2022**

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4332-4335	vouchers	\$93,849.27
Expense		
Alpha Carting -February 2022		\$ 36,036.00
NYS Employees' Health Insurance Pending -March 2022		\$ 24,743.34
Hohwald Landscaping - Tree Trimming & Removal		\$ 3,670.00
Income for Period: 2/8/2022-3/7/2022		\$ 28,292.71
Cable Franchise Fee (Quarterly)	\$12,832.25	

### 3/07/2022 – Board of Trustees Meeting

Building/Plumbing Permits and ZBA Fees	\$5,875.00
Landscape License & other Permits	\$5,140.00

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Cash on Hand as of 3/7/2022

General Fund - BNB

178,771

General Money Market - BNB

50

CLASS General

1,181,242

Total Cash on Hand -  
General

**1,360,064**

Capital Fund

1,371

CLASS Capital fund

13,963

Total Cash on Hand - Capital

**15,334**

Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB

195,766

Canal Savings Fund - BNB

61,904

**257,670**

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

#### **Public Comment:**

- Andreas Makropoulos Of Hiawatha Drive – Safety and security concerns with in the Village. Mayor is holding a Community Safety Meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Brightwaters Library.

#### **Adjourn** the meeting:

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:34PM.