

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – February 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, February 4, 2019 at 7:30pm at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Drive, Brightwaters, NY with the following officers present

John J. Valdin	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Trustee
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Carol Posimato	Deputy Clerk
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney
John Catania	DPW Foreman
Anthony Rambazis	Code Supervisor

At 7:30pm, Mayor Valdin 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 January 7, 2019 & January 22, 2019.

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

Suffolk County Police Department Report

Officer Lenni from Suffolk County Police Dept. reported 2 incidents in January – one petty larceny and one aggravated harassment. The petty larceny was a wallet stolen from an unlocked vehicle. Officer Lenni spoke about the importance of locking vehicles at all times. He never leaves the doors to his vehicles or to his house unlocked. He mentioned how bad the drug problem is everywhere which is leading to more thefts. He also spoke about the ring doorbell and how it has assisted in arrests.

Bay Shore Brightwaters Ambulance Presentation

President Jim Nelson introduced Directors Monica Attisani, Kerri Paoletti & Robert Dean. He reviewed the overhead and equipment necessary to operate their services. He mentioned there were 26 incidents in the village for the month of January that they responded to. They are purchasing one new ambulance to replace two failing vehicles. One ambulance vehicle is \$280,000. With this new purchase they will have a good fleet of ambulances as well as the necessary life-saving equipment. He stated that money for their annual dinner comes from membership and not out of the budget. They are running on a very tight budget and are looking to sit down with the village to negotiate a new contract. They also offer free community CPR. Mayor suggested that they let the village know if they want us to post any community events on our website calendar.

Mayor's Report

- The Mayor announced the new website is up and running; working out a few minor adjustments. Praised Jeanne for her effort in getting this website updated.
- Spoke about the loss of state aid. Village is losing approximately \$50,000 due to the Governor's cuts. Most of the allocated funds for Long Island is now being funneled to NYC and other areas. Local municipalities are trying to fight this and hopefully get some of the lost aid back. This will affect our upcoming budget. He will keep residents informed on this.
- Last Saturday's meeting at the cabin was a success. We have an original letter from the Boy Scouts dated 1926 in the back along with a time frame for the work schedule.

- Our rental registration program is being finalized. Our attorney is finishing up a letter which will go out to all residents informing them of the details of the program. This is for single family rentals not apartment units.
- The Tree Preservation Program is being tweaked by the Planning Board. Once they are done, the board will review it. This is for village trees as well as trees on homeowner's property.
- Kayak racks will be at Gilbert Park this summer as well as Walker Beach Harbor to accommodate more kayakers. The DPW is in the process of building them over the winter.
- This year's Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday not on Easter Sunday morning. It will be 3pm and instead of being over in a few minutes it will be enhanced with activities. The Bay Shore Lion's club will be working on this.
- The handicap ramp construction began today; the village is being reimburse \$15,000 in materials from the Town of Islip Community Development Agency.
- We are in the process of getting prices on oiling of geese eggs. There are 10 pair of geese and they will probably produce 60 eggs so we have to make a decision if it's worth the cost to oil them.
- We recently heard that Mamma Santina purchased their building and the empty lot and will be expanding. We look forward to this as it should enhance the area greatly.

Trustee Dopsovic- Highway

- With the exception of last week, the winter hasn't been too bad so far. Salting was done, but no plowing with our new truck.
- Pot hole repair has been on going; call the village office and let us know if you notice any pot holes.
- As the mayor mentioned, kayak racks are being built by the DPW during the winter whenever time allows.
- After 5 years of planning, the village office will be getting the emergency generator installed. This is fully funded through the Great Bay Shore Generator Resiliency Project and the Town of Islip is spearheading the project. John Catania met with them last week to go over some details.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects

- The \$25,000 grant awarded by the Empire State Development is for traffic feasibility and to be used downtown area.
- We've been meeting with our grant writer and other grant writers to see how we can get money for lake area. Many grants are matching grants.

Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations/Events

- Planning for spring and summer events. The lake day will be our first event. Flyers should go out in March. We need volunteers for these events and would like to reach out to some middle school and high school students to volunteer for spring and summer events. Anyone who volunteers a letter of their time spent volunteering can be written up. This can help them with community service hours required for school. Please advise if any students are interested and provide their email addresses.
- Looking into the possibility of a food truck going to Walker Beach once or twice a week during the summer.

Trustee Zepf – Code Enforcement

- Our new code vehicle is outside. Thanks to Trustee Dopsovic and staff in helping obtain this vehicle.
- We will be hiring a new code officer to fill an open shift.

- Tony Rambazis, code supervisor will be in the village office on Fridays to assist residents with any issues.
- As the lakes are frozen and people are skating at their own risk, we ask that you watch where you park. Last week cars were parked all over which can cause a dangerous situation to everyone.

Fire Marshal'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.

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

On Thursday, January 24, 2019, I was requested by the Bay Shore Fire Department to respond to 1 Orinoco Dr. for a malfunction of the Automatic Fire Alarm System and its misuse by building personnel. Subsequently a meeting was arranged and attended with building management of P.S.E. & G and National Grid to rectify the malfunction issues and required protocols to be adhered in the event of alarm.

As a point of information, I was notified of a "vehicle fire" on Saturday, January 14th 2019 at approximately 4:15 PM. Notification was made to me by Tony, the Code Enforcement Officer on duty at that time. Tony informed me that the origin of the fire was that of a truck parked on the *DiGiovanni Brothers* property, extended to, and caused minimal damage to a nearby-parked vehicle. There was no extension of fire or damages to the adjacent structure and there was no request from the Bay Shore Fire Department to investigate.

During the past month, a "Knox Box" was installed at the offices located at 400 Potter Blvd. at the corner of Orinoco Dr. Keys to the buildings were provided and the Bay Shore Fire Department responded to secure the box.

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

Public Hearing on Local Law 2-2019 to amend Chapter 119 Vehicles and Traffic Article VII – Speed Regulations.

Mayor Valdinini announced that there would not be a Public Hearing on Local Law 2-2019. This will be postponed to a later date but will receive comments from residents regarding the speed limit.

Repeal resolution from January 7, 2019 and restore 30mph speed limit in the village.

Motion: Mayor Valdinini Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Comments from Residents:

- Resident Rich Dahab asked if the current speed limit of 15mph on the service roads would be changed if the speed limit is changed to 25mph. He also commented that changing the speed will not slow drivers down. As he's previously mentioned, speed bumps would help. They are everywhere now even in New York City.
- Resident Alan Cousins of Ackerson Blvd. commented that more stop signs would help.

Open Discussion – Requiring Landscapers to apply for a permit to work in the village.

Mayor Valdinini indicated we are looking into landscapers having to obtain a permit to work in the village to help us identify who's working in the village. It will also help them understand the rules that they can't work on Sundays or Holidays or start working before 8am. It will also be assurance that they are covered by insurance while working. Trustee Fawcett mentioned an incident a few months ago, when a landscaper left his work truck on Windsor Avenue overnight because he did not know the village rules. The truck caused a dangerous condition so we had to have it towed. We can avoid situations such as these if landscapers must obtain a permit and be familiar with rules and regulations.

Resident Rich Dahab asked what was the penalty if landscapers didn't have a permit while working.

Permission to hire Parking Meter Attendant, Colton Craft at a rate of \$14.00 per hour.

Motion: Mayor Second: Trustee Zepf

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Approve Treasurer's report & abstracts

VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT February 4, 2019

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4144 - #4149	vouchers	\$121,555.72
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Alpha Carting - January 2019	\$	27,454.33
Suffolk County Water Authority - Annual Hydrant Rentals	\$	7,849.80
Beyer Ford - New Code Vehicle	\$	37,121.63
Employee Benefits Division - Health Insurance Feb 2019	\$	18,937.52

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 1/31/2019

General Fund - BNB	145,595
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General Money Market - BNB	50
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CLASS General	1,001,802
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Total Cash on Hand - General	1,147,447
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Capital Fund	115,523
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CLASS Capital fund	13,625
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Total Cash on Hand - Capital	129,147
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Canal Enterprise Fund	83,529
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Canal Savings	-
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Motion: Mayor Valdinini Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Public Comment:

- Resident Peggy Arcuri of Richland Blvd. asked what's going on with the old hardware store & parking regulations. Mayor responded that the owner doesn't have a tenant but is working on the façade. Also, off street parking regulation passed regulating new business to have necessary parking for employees and patrons.
- Resident Sharon Cimino asked why don't we take donations for the oiling of the eggs; She's not happy with it coming out of her tax dollars.
- Resident Don Souhrada of Pine Acres Blvd. mentioned that the blinking light used to have a sign that said no U-turns. Also, can they identify 2 stops because cars just blow through the intersection?
- Resident Mark Mulvey of South Bay Avenue said we should get rid of the blinking light and replace it with a control light in sync with the rail road.
- Resident Jody McNulty of Pine Acres Blvd. asked the status of the DPW building and asked if we should consider making it smaller to save money. Mayor explained it wouldn't be cost effective to make it smaller and then in a few years, add on. He also stated that we are hoping to get more grant money as we requested for more than originally granted. He also mentioned that Newsday had an article on Marijuana being legal and the board may want to consider having a plan in place.
- Resident Ed Gabrois commented that the cabin meeting was very informative and hands on and maybe we can do the same thing at the DPW yard as well.

Meeting Adjourned 9:24pm