

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – October 4, 2021

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, September 13, 2021 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
Jeanne Pirkì	Village Deputy Clerk
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney
John Catania	DPW Foreman
Bob O'Shea	Building Inspector
John Maher	Code Officer

At 7:30 pm, Mayor John J. Valdinì called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag and remain standing for the servicemen & servicewomen.

Approve previous Board Minutes from September 13, 2021

Motion: Mayor Valdinì Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Suffolk County Police Report

*SCPD Officer present said there has been an uptick in larcenies; unlocked cars; car stolen (due to keys left in car-theft of opportunity); Trustee Fawcett addressed with SCPD Officer an incident recently at the Post Office on Orinoco; resident lives in Fairfield Apts-theft at Post Office. USPS Worker did give reports to SCPD; Officer present said he will address the thefts at Post Office (145 Orinoco)

*Mayor said Brightwaters Deli reported having a few people rummaging through their dumpster; possibly homeless.

*Mayor asked if there is a plan on homeless. SCPD asks if they want to go to a shelter

*In connection to homeless, Mayor asked Paul Wernersbach, owner of Sunset Realty, about Chamber meeting & homeless discussion.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdinì:

- **Extend sidewalk** Windsor (from Lawrence to Union Blvd) for pedestrian traffic/safety Waiting on DeAl Contractors to do.
- **Wohseepee park:** Driveway redone, nicely paved, adding parking lines very soon; DPW added bushes near Cabin.
- **Gazebos:** Still taking applications for Gazebos, project target is Spring 2022
- **Bathrooms (Walker Beach)** Target for 2022
- **Request from Residents:** Pickleball Court (at Walker Beach) will get pricing
- **Garage Sale:** was a great success, occurred Oct. 2. Non-profits at Park did well this day. Some traffic on N. Windsor.
- **Sunday, 10/10:** Block party, downtown to be closed 11-5 p.m. Glad to have this year
- **Orinoco Zoning/Corridor:** Working on cleaning up this area; Zoning consultant working with Village attorney & Building Inspector, Planning Board. Approx. 2 months away to

present to the Board. Nothing has been proposed for this area; from owners; public hearings/comments. Open to everyone's input on this.

- **Old Hardware store:** still vacant; some inquiries nothing solid. Possibly tenant who may need a special use permit. Will advise when this happens.
- **Mamma Santina:** Construction documents to be given to Building Inspector. 1st proposal was over budget; scaled back their plans. Hope they go forward with renovations.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects

- Walking around the Village; working on fixing up the Village; put in Work Order with DPW; trim up trees in Downtown Area; address cleaning up the DPW yard; a new DPW building/house the vehicles than be out in the elements.
- Solitude: continue to work with this company for Lake remediation
- Shoreline issues: conversations with other Villages: ongoing.
- Tree removal permits: option for resident to donate Trees to Village if Tree cannot be replanted on property

Trustee Dopsovic – DPW

- Completing stop line jobs at stop signs; crosswalks; various areas within the Village
- Fall season: leaves in drains; see a drain that is covered; please advise DPW
- Mayor added that for residents to contact the Village is they see something as well.'
- Tree branches obstructing Stop Signs or street signs; DPW to compile list; take care of them at one time.

Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations/Events

- 10/10: Block Party (12-5 p.m.)
- 10/23 Pumpkin run
- 10/30 Tentative witches paddle
- 10/31 Halloween parade (5 p.m.) Mayor added that the time is earlier; still have daylight to view costumes; workout better; walk to haunted tennis court Village working with Brightwaters Business Association.

In connection to Events, Jenny & Stefan Hespeler spoke: Co-Chairs of Pumpkin Event. 20th Annual; excited about this; details: approx.. 30 Bay Shore High School volunteers from Interact club; crafting and face painting to take place. Free kids run, then followed by 5k. Register on-line; day of registration as well. Village Office to send out email with embedded registration link. Costume contest; post-run refreshments available; sponsorships available: deadline Sept 30. Part of proceeds go to Operation Vest. Brief description: Founded by Hespeler's, March 2020 money raised impact community/Veteran's cope with post-traumatic stress. Loose 20 veteran's a day from suicide. Operation Vest, to connect with each other and with other non-profits to find services.

Deputy Mayor Zepf – Code Enforcement

- Halloween is right around corner. Village & Code Department having communications with SCPD to have a safe Halloween evening.
- Lock your car doors day & night, prevents a lot of crime.
- Slow down. Dark in morning and early evening; kids at school bus stops
- Contractors/Landscapers: Reminder: not to start work until 8 a.m. in the morning.

Fire Marshal Report

All Public Assembly and Multiple Dwelling occupancies within the Village of Brightwaters are currently valid and up to date. Most recently, a Public Assembly Permit Renewal for Sea-Levels Restaurant – 391 N. Windsor Ave. has begun. All progress as related will be reported as processed.

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.

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 Local Law #4-2021** Law pursuant to Cannabis Law 131 Opting Out of Licensing and Establishing Retail Cannabis Dispensaries and/or On-site Cannabis Consumption Establishments within the Inc Village of Brightwaters.

Mayor added that at last meeting; some residents spoke against this law; seems simple on how to vote; doesn't make sense to Opt-in right now.

Charles Casolaro, Esq. added that if the Village votes to opt-out of this law then 30-days from tomorrow, a petition of 20% of registered voters within the Village of Brightwaters; need to submit to Village Clerk; a petition; needs to meet all requirements than we send out to special ballot for a vote.

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

This law has been officially adopted.

***Approve Treasurer's Report/Abstracts**

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT October 4, 2021

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4314-4317	vouchers	\$69,356.90
Expense		
Alpha Carting-Garbage September 2021	\$	36,036.00
Teamsters Union Local 237 Annual Payment with Arrear Payment	\$	18,750.00
Income for Period: 9/14/2021-10/1/2021	\$45,808.06	
Various Building/Plumbing Permits	\$9,855.00	
Suffolk County Quarterly Mortgage Tax Payment	\$35,370.46	

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand as of 10/1/2021

General Fund - BNB	264,190
General Money Market - BNB	50
CLASS General	2,130,979
Total Cash on Hand - General	2,395,220

Capital Fund	11,892
CLASS Capital fund	13,961
Total Cash on Hand - Capital	25,853

Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB	327,314
Canal Savings Fund - BNB	299,430
	626,744

Motion: Mayor Valdin
Vote: 5 ayes

Second: Trustee Dopsovic
0 Nays

Public Comments

- Paul Wernersbach: Sunset Realty, 175 Orinoco Drive: discussion some time ago; street lights installed along National Grid and Storage unit to have flag poles. Wanted more curb appeal. Working on adding a sidewalk to foot traffic; bike riding from Pine Acres into the Downtown. Trustee Fawcett added to the sidewalk discussion that we are looking into a grant to extend sidewalk from Pine Acres heading West. Need to have discussion with the landlord of that undeveloped property; but Village may move forward with grant/extension.
- Village can reach out to have Flags on these poles. Will start communication with them.

Close the Public Hearing

Adjourn the meeting:

Motion: Deputy Mayor Zepf Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM.