

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – January 22, 2019

The mid-month meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

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| 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 |

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

Discuss next steps for grant process with Nicole Christian of HB Solutions – Nicole Christian announced that the village was fairly successful in obtaining grant funds. The village received \$25,000 from the NYS Empire State Development Planning for needed planning in the business district at the four corners. Also received was \$29,127 from Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization also to be used in the downtown area. Going forward as we apply for grants, there has been a big change in the Senate but the benefit is that we have a Long Island delegation and people from Long Island that understand what we are dealing with. The Long Island Regional Economic Development Council is our representative and they are housed in Hauppauge and they meet bi-monthly. They are responsible for getting feedback from municipalities, community groups and business organizations about the direction that we should be going in on Long Island and in various areas (environment, housing, downtown revitalization, etc.). They have Public Meetings where Brightwater's can present to the regional council. Nicole Christian is currently a member of the Infrastructure committee and would like to possibly become a member of the Water Quality committee. The more we can articulate the needs of the village the better we can educate them. The Master Capital Plan that Craig Low from Great Bay Communications is completing will act as a guide when applying for grants. Nicole Christian would like to start approaching and advocating to those people what the village's needs in March and not just focus on the one consolidated funding application due in July. She would also like to look into grants from the Suffolk County Water Quality Improvement, NYSEDA (Solar) and the Environmental Conservation for the water quality of Great South Bay.

Call for Public Hearing on February 4, 2019 on Local Law 2-2019 to amend Village Code, Chapter 119 Vehicles and Traffic, Article VIII – Speed Regulations.

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Approve Resolution 2-2019 – Place and Hours of Election for Tuesday, June 18, 2019

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Section 15-104(3)(a) of the Election Law, notice is hereby given that the Village of Brightwaters shall hold the Annual Village Election for the designated Village offices on Election Day, Tuesday, June 18, 2019 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Drive, Brightwaters, New York 11718.

| | <u>OFFICES</u> | <u>TERMS</u> |
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| | Trustee | Two years |
| | Trustee | Two years |
| | Trustee | One year |
| Motion: Mayor Valdini | Second: Trustee Zepf | |
| Vote: 5 ayes | 0 nays | |

Permission to contract with Great South Bay Home Improvements Inc. to build a Handicap Ramp as per plans by Robert O'Shea in the amount of \$16,275.

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

Topics for discussion:

- Fees for Day Camp, Walker Beach and Canal Slips – Within the last 5 years the fees have not been increased. The Board agreed to document the reasons for being raised so that the residents are aware. The applications for the canal slips need to be sent out by the end of February so we will have to make a decision at the next meeting.

PROPOSED FEE INCREASES

Increase Rates for Canal Fees

Residents from \$40 per foot to \$45 per foot
Non-Residents from \$70 per foot to \$75 per foot

Increase Resident Kayak Fee

Resident from \$100 to \$125

Increase Day Camp Fees

Residents Only from \$200 to \$225

Increase Walker Beach Fees

Resident from \$30 to \$50
Non-Resident from \$100 to \$120

- Cabin Revitalization – When the cabin is complete the cabin fees will also be increased, along with a list of rules. This Saturday there is an open meeting at the Cabin from 10am -12pm. We hope to start by the last week in March and complete by Memorial Day weekend. We've had many donations and donations for labor and materials.
- Highway Building – We've updated our project description and budget to the Dormitory Authority State of NY. We are waiting to hear back to see if they will increase the funds for reimbursement to the village.
- Planning Board Powers – Joe Paliseno, Planning Board Chairman presented to the Board the Planning Board's desire to increase their powers in order to better protect the village. They would like to have the ability to hold public hearings on sub-divisions, would like the authority for site plan review, would like to see applications going to the Zoning Board as well as any change in zone and would also like to have the ability to recommend restrictions on a project that goes before the Zoning Board. The attorney said that most of their requests are covered under NYS Law and some of the requests he would like to redraft. The Attorney will work with the Chairman and put something together in writing for the next working meeting.

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- Last fall a bunch of meetings regarding the lakes were held at the cabin. The village is obtaining price quotes for oiling the geese eggs but the Mayor does not feel it is necessary at this point in time.
- In July, the village will have a lakes day to hand pull the weeds throughout the lakes.
- Mayor and Clerk met with the Inspector of the Third Precinct. A few concerns in the village were brought to his attention. He also agreed to take better security measures when Halloween comes around. It was discussed to install cameras and also to possibly start the parade a little earlier.
- Stop signs were recently added on a few cross blocks on Concourse E. There are more that will be needed and the Mayor would like to have a Public Hearing in the Spring.
- Ackerson Building – The time has expired for the Ackerson Building to have a non-conforming use status and is now zoned Residential. Any use variances going forward will need to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- In efforts to preserve the trees in the village, a tree preservation program for village trees and residential trees is being worked on. Once complete it will be presented to the public.
- There have been issues with non-residents using Wohseepee Park. The Mayor would like to look into setting up a key card system and possibly install cameras. Code should continue to monitor the parking around the park. The goal is to make sure everyone respects the park and cleans up after themselves.
- A new event is being planned for May 19th at the lakes. The roads will be closed off from 10am-2pm and residents can enjoy a walk and live music around the lakes.
- The Governor is proposing to eliminate AIM (Aid Incentives for Municipalities) and EWR (Extreme Winter Recovery) funding. This means a loss in next years budget of about \$40,000.
- Decaling the Ford Police Interceptor will be ready very soon. The Suffolk Share Initiative is almost up and running and the village can look into pricing for the second code car through that portal.
- The Code Supervisor has Tony Rambazis has new office hours and a new cell phone. The Board asked the clerk to look into having the calls forwarded to the supervisor phone from the Code phone if the code phone does not answer.
- The bulletin Board by the post office is in need of updating. The Mayor suggested having one of the office staff go down there once a week to update the board.
- Craig Low of Great Bay Communications completed an inventory of different projects that are needed throughout the village. The total known costs added up to 4.6 million over the next 7 years. The roads alone are roughly \$200,000 a year. The vehicle replacement over the next 7 years totals 1 million. What's not included in these costs are the unknown costs (repairs to the dam and cascades). One of the large unknown cost is the village infrastructure drainage and piping.
- Village Attorney and Building Inspector will be revamping the village codes in dealing with the fines.

Motion: Mayor Valdinì

Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 5 ayes

0 nays

Adjourn:

Motion: Mayor Valdinì

Second: Trustee Dopsovic

Vote: 5 ayes

0 nays

Meeting adjourned 8:56 PM