

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2019

The mid-month meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:30pm at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY with the following officers present:

John J. Valdin	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Deputy Mayor
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Carol Posimato	Deputy Clerk
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney
Robert O'Shea	Building Inspector
Anthony Rambazis	Code Supervisor

Absent: Trustee Michael Dopsovic

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

Approve Resolution 10-2019 Participation in the 2019 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP).

**VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS
RESOLUTION 10-2019**

Participation in the 2019 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP)

WHEREAS, funding is available to eligible municipalities under the Justice Court Assistance Program, wherein eligible projects can receive up to \$30,000.00 in grant monies; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Brightwaters has determined that three (3) new desks, shelving & three (3) desk chairs will provide enhanced services to the Village's Justice Court, and is a qualifying purpose and therefore an appropriate use of grant proceeds;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Village Board of the Village of Brightwaters does hereby authorize the Mayor to file an application for grant funding under the Justice Court Assistance Program.

WHEREFOR, this RESOLUTION, hereby adopted by vote of the Board of Trustees on September 16, 2019 and shall be promptly recorded in the Office of the Village Clerk, and made part of the public record.

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee DelVecchio
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays 1 Absent

Call for Public Hearing on October 7, 2019 for Local Law #4-2019 to require Landscapers to be permitted to work in the village.

Mayor Valdini advised that this has been discussed for quite some time and is long overdue as many villages have been requiring this for some time. The purpose of the permit would be for the village to ensure landscapers working in the village are licensed and insured and know the village rules and procedures. The permit would be valid for 1 year and they must provide license & proper insurances to be issued the permit. They would receive the rules & provisions of the village as well as a copy of the landscaper code. They will need to sign an acknowledgement on the permit stating that they understand the rules & provisions of the village. Permits would be available as of January 2020 which gives us plenty of time to inform & remind residents of the required permit.

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays 1 Absent

Other Topics:

Tree preservation program – Mayor Valdini mentioned this has been discussed many times and we recently lost a lot of trees due to the storm. Discussed & reviewed the Tree Permit Application for trees located on resident's property. Any tree 12" or more in diameter would require a permit by the village. The diameter would be measured 4' above ground. The village tree committee would evaluate the request and inspect the property and if approved, determine if a replacement tree should be planted on homeowner's property or village property/park. We'll have a discussion at next meeting on October 7, 2019 and then we'll vote on it.

Plastic bags – The issue of plastic bags was discussed as they are not being permitted at compost facilities. We've been informed that plastic bags will be accepted currently but we don't know for how much longer. This will probably be the last year we provide bags in order to comply with the Suffolk County plastic ban law. Resident's will not be permitted to pick up bags for neighbors.

Lake Remediation – Trustee Fawcett met with Joe from The Pond Guy and discussed a multi-step plan where phragmites can be treated with a proper permit in place. The lily pads & curly tail weeds can be dealt with next September. Some of the ways to deal with the lily pads include using a pesticide to decimate them and it is safe for the fish. We can also add die to the lakes to black out the sun for 6 months as well as adding fish to the lakes to eat the overgrowth. Some of the fish would be bass & carp. We have a plan in place as long as the numbers work. We will be able to bring the lakes to a place where they can be controlled with annual maintenance to follow. Joe, from The Pond Guy said it would take 4 -5 years and then we have to maintain them. DPW Foreman, John Catania and his crew have done a great job cleaning up what the DEC said we are permitted to cut back. We will be inquiring with Seatuck to see if there are free fish available that we would be able to add to our lakes to start the process.

Bridges: The Board plans to address the bridges in the spring even if the village doesn't get the grant it applied for. DPW will paint the cascades at this time to improve the look of them until we can get the proper work done.

103 Orinoco – The eviction process has begun and the tenant is starting to move his stuff out. It will take days for the equipment to be removed but it is underway. Even though it doesn't seem like it has progressed quickly, the entire process has been done very swiftly as far as evictions go. This process was started in court in March and the eviction is underway in September; which is record time for the court system.

Old hardware store – Bob O'Shea updated the Board that property owner & contractor have a major dispute and a new general contractor is being sought out. All parties are fully aware of

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what the village is requiring to be done immediately to secure the boundaries of the property. Before we allow anyone else come in to continue work, they will have to put up a more suitable permanent structure. The site has been a mess and any damage done to the sidewalk needs to be fixed at the expense of the owner of the building. Prep work is needed before the block party.

Block Party – There are 14-15 vendors sponsoring the Block Party event to date. This should keep the cost to the village at a minimum. Volunteers will be scouted to help out with the pumpkin decorating. Trustee DelVecchio will reach out to her contacts. The Y has volunteered to be there. All 3 restaurants will all have music. There will be t-shirts sold by the business association. We want to keep this for residents and the local community only.

Tree Permit Application – The Board reviewed the tree permit application for Jennifer Henry at 329 Windsor Ave to remove a village tree which prevents her from widening her driveway. The current driveway is very narrow and she needs to widen it a bit to accommodate her family vehicles. The board does not have an issue with it but will take a look at her house and the area of the tree.

Halloween – The planning process needs to start with ordering the light towers and coordinating with the library and SCPD.

Stop Sign installation – The stop sign at Woodland Drive was approved months ago and needs to be installed. An opposing resident has been given ample opportunity to address this with the board and hasn't.

Tennis Courts – The courts will be sealed in order to maintain them.

Cabin – The Village Office is working on the Donor Plaque for the Cabin and will try to have it ready by Photos with Santa in November. It was suggested to have a Cabin appreciation day.

Adjourn Meeting:

Motion: Mayor Valdin Second: Trustee Fawcett
Vote: 4 ayes 0 nays 1 Absent

Meeting adjourned 9:23pm