

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – April 3, 2023**

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, April 3, 2023 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. Valdini  
Thomas Zepf  
Mary Del Vecchio  
Patrick Fawcett  
Jeanne Pirk  
Charles Casolaro  
Bob O'Shea  
John Catania

Mayor  
Deputy Mayor  
Trustee  
Trustee  
Deputy Clerk – Treasurer  
Village Attorney  
Building Inspector  
DPW Foreman

*Absent*  
Nicole Rhodes  
Mike Dopsovic

Clerk-Treasurer  
Trustee

At 7:30 pm, Mayor John J. Valdini 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 March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Motion: Mayor Valdini                      Second: Trustee Zepf  
Vote: 4 ayes                                      0 nays

**Suffolk County Police Department** – Officer John Wright—Community officer (COPE) of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Precinct spoke.

- Office Wright has not attended one of the BOT meetings in a while. Reported a few larceny's to (bike stolen left in a driveway, items left in an unlocked car), all can be avoided if cars were locked, "Lock it or Lose it".
- Officer Wright mentioned that the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month there is a Community Precinct meeting at the BSBW Library. Next meeting is Tues., April 4<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. Next one after that is May 2<sup>nd</sup> BSBW Library 7 p.m. Mayor mentioned this division of the SCPD handles the few races we have in the Village. (ie SOS Run) Officer Wright mentioned the COPE division can be reached at: 631-854-8308 (Non—emergency).

### **Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdini:**

- Thanks Trustee Fawcett for preparing all the grant paperwork (NE extension)
- Thank the Garden Club for decorating for Easter, looks great, plant sale coming up in a month.
- NE extension almost complete; just waiting on the trees to be planted.
- Signed the contract for the DPW building; probably start the work at the end of May; getting quotes on cement and plumbing
- History room: doors went in; painting it; will be complete in a few weeks. Spoke with Veronica Kramer who will be coordinating the group. Have a meeting in the middle of May to talk about set up, etc..

- Mayor Valdini mentioned his daughter is working on a merchandise page; order hats, shirts (a website) doesn't cost us anything; custom ordering; proceeds will go towards History room.
- Governor's budget; Housing issue not resolved on 3% increase. No bail reform approved yet; multiple meetings talking to representatives.
- Thanks to Kristen French, Court Clerk for the JCAP grant paperwork. Approved for new roof, new front doors. Appreciative.
- Budget hearing is April 17<sup>th</sup> at Working meeting. Under the cap.
- Orinoco Corridor: Planning Board members came to our last working meeting; gave update on the zoning; plan on having another public session in May. From that session, go to BOT for a public hearing.
- Open discussion on the new apartments being built in Bay Shore need to see how these will affect Brightwaters Village (Howell's Road is busy now, Montauk Highway is busy); Plan a meeting in the Fall (Sept, October) to have a public meeting to discuss this. Apartments could affect our parks, roads. Maybe add a new traffic light on Montauk Highway. Residents to be invited; possibly meet at the Library.

#### **Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects**

- Working on installing 6 Adirondack chairs at Gilbert Park (installed in pairs) near the Great South Bay; will avoid installing at the bulkhead/canal area due to storm surge/work order to add soil and rocks to mitigate erosion against the bulkhead.
- Communicated to the fellow Board members, a map of the lakes to secure a mechanical harvester. Will piggy back off a former NYS DEC permit to Trim the top of the lily pads; found with previous companies that just spraying is perpetuating the growth of the lily pads; cutting will be more effective.
- On Trustee Mike's behalf; Trustee Fawcett reported DPW is doing a good job cleaning up around the lakes, Parks, Opening up the Parks, cleaning up the lakes, getting ready for Spring.
- NE Extension/Walkway on Orinoco/Pine Acres is almost complete.
- Discussion to create a more safe, pedestrian walkway, east to west on Orinoco.

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#### **Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations**

- Trustee Del Vecchio wanted to thank 5<sup>th</sup> grade students for holding the banner at the St. Patricks Day parade.
- Parks Playground Fundraiser was a great success! Raised over \$8,000. Pricing out playground equipment for the "littles".
- Upcoming events: Sat., 4/9, 3 p.m. is Easter Egg Hunt at Wohseepee Park (sponsored by the Bay Shore Lions and the Village).
- Let's Scrap Metal fundraiser happening now through May 1<sup>st</sup>. Resident Mario Fiore is spearheading this.
- April 27 Summer camp registration this day between 8-9 a.m. Lottery may have to take place over 82 campers.
- April 29<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Village Wide garage sale. Please take out a permit at the Village office.

#### **Deputy Mayor Zepf – Code Enforcement**

- Code Enforcement Supervisor has resigned for personal reasons. Wish him the best.
- Village staff: will assist in the interim with scheduling, misc.

**Approve,**

Permission to pay Edward & Edward Fence out of the Capital Fund in the amount of \$4,000 for PVC Fence and installation at the Northeast corner extension for the Suffolk County Downtown Revitalization Round 19 Grant.

Motion: Mayor Valdini

Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 4 ayes      0 nays

**Approve,**

Appoint Election Inspectors for the June 20<sup>th</sup> Village Election as follows:  
Michael Ruggiere of Howells Road from 7am – 9pm at a flat rate of \$210 plus \$20/hr past 9pm  
Barbara Boccone of Brooklyn Blvd from 7am – 9pm at a flat rate of \$210 plus \$20/hr past 9pm

Motion: Mayor Valdini

Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 4 ayes    0 Nays

**Approve** Resolution 3-2023 Appointment of the Hon. David Kluepfel as Village Justice

Motion: Mayor Valdini

Second: Trustee Zepf

Vote: 4 ayes      0 Nays

**Approve** Resolution 4-2023 – Place and Hours of Village Election for Tuesday, June 20, 2023 and Offices to be filled.

Motion: Mayor Valdini

Second: Trustee Fawcett

Vote: 4 ayes      0 nays

**Approve** add pier footings and lower columns to be installed as a pole barn to Morton Buildings' contract in the amount of \$6,438.

Motion: Mayor Valdini

Second: Trustee Zepf

Vote: 4 ayes      0 Nays

**Approval** of Treasurer's report and abstracts.

**VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS**

**ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT April 3, 2023**

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4373-4374

vouchers

\$80,081.72

04/03/2023 – Board of Trustees

Expense

Employee Medical Insurance April 2023		\$	26,545.69
BSBW Ambulance - 2022 Deposit		\$	25,000.00
Income for Period: 3/7/2023 - 3/30/2023		\$	50,524.97
National Grid Gross Receipts	\$22,648.90		
SC Mortgage Tax Payment	\$17,850.13		
Building, Plumbing Permits / ZBA Fee	\$4,153.50		
Landscape Licenses	\$3,625.00		

**Treasurer's Report**

Cash on Hand as of 3/30/2023

General Fund - BNB	367,306
General Money Market - BNB	50
CLASS General	1,176,058
Total Cash on Hand - General	<b>1,543,415</b>

Capital Fund	45,086
CLASS Capital fund	14,315
Total Cash on Hand - Capital	<b>59,400</b>

Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB	91,213
Canal Savings Fund - BNB	12,248
	<b>103,461</b>

Motion: Mayor Valdini                      Second: Trustee Zepf  
Vote: 4 ayes                      0 nays

**Motion** to open up meeting for Public Comment.

Motion: Mayor Valdini                      Second: Trustee DelVecchio  
Vote: 4 ayes                      0 Nays

**Public Comment:**

Resident Carmine Chiapetta, asked about budget meeting; could it be live streamed and take public comment. Mayor mentioned that no other Villages do a live stream. Can be broadcasted on Facebook but no public comment.

Resident Chiapetta, also talked about a policy issue; would like feedback on certain issues. Chiapetta has concerns about Code enforcement and enforcing the code in downtown area. Trustee Zepf said he does receive texts from Carmine about this; Code is trying to do their best.

Resident Joe McDermott said that the Village has a 3<sup>rd</sup> code car; what was the reason with this purchase. It was explained to extend the life of the other 2 cars. He would like more coverage for the early start of work. McDermott asked about the work downstairs and who is doing the work. Mayor mentioned that all the work is being donated. McDermott has mentioned he has FOILED a lot of information. Sit back relax work to trim lakes. Mayor said the Village did get 3 quotes. McDermott mentioned about Always electric and lease of Village property on Orinoco.

Resident Anne Shierant: Thanked Mary Del Vecchio and other volunteers for the playground equipment; ran by Megan Quinn. Feels the equipment should have been a line item in the budget. Tax payers should have paid for this.

Resident about speed bumps N. Windsor. Also asked about woodpeckers and if a policy on these. Mayor addressed this resident that the Village will be putting up a post and rail fence near the Wohseepee Park sign.

Resident Sharon Cimino wanted to thank the Board of Trustees, feels it great that people are offering services to the Village.

Resident asked about putting the water on at Walker Beach, probably by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Resident McDermott mentioned about leading by example; to live stream the budget meeting that was postponed by the Board to the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor and Trustee Fawcett said that no comments will be answered from the live stream at the budget meeting. Resident can email questions before hand if they can't make the meeting.

(from earlier approval of Justice) Joe McDermott wanted confirmation on Village Justice appointment: Village attorney Charles Casolaro explained that the Village Justice will be appointed retroactively from July 1, 2022 to June 20, 2023 (Nunc Pro-tunc) Be on ballot June 20, 2023 for a 3-year term (of a 4-year term).

**Adjourn** meeting,

Motion: Mayor Valdini  
Vote: 4 ayes      0 nays

Second: Trustee Zepf

Meeting adjourned: 8:21 p.m.