

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – December 4, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters held on Monday, December 4, 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. Valdinì	Mayor
Thomas Zepf	Deputy Mayor
Michael Dopsovic	Trustee
Patrick Fawcett	Trustee
Mary Del Vecchio	Trustee
Nicole Rhodes	Clerk – Treasurer
Charles Casolaro	Village Attorney
Bob O'Shea	Building Inspector

At 7:30 pm, Mayor John J. Valdinì 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 November 4th and November 18th 2023.

Motion: Mayor Valdinì	Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 5 ayes	0 nays

Suffolk County Police Department: - 3 larceny calls in Brightwaters in the month of November. The Officer advised once again to not leave car keys in or near your vehicles to avoid any break ins. The Mayor mentioned that the menorah lighting is this Sunday at 5pm and would like extra police presence at the ceremony. Mayor Valdinì mentioned that the speeding and stop signs are always an issue in the village. A resident asked the Officer if there is any activity on the southern end of Concourse West that would require police attention. The Officer was unaware of anything there.

Trustee Fawcett – Special Projects

- Working with the office on the new App for residents to do service requests. It will use the location of where you are and has the ability to upload pictures, and select a category, etc. It will be a nice convenient feature for residents to use in the near future.

Trustee Dopsovic – Highway Department

- Last month was spent cleaning up leaves, fall cleanup around the village and cleaning out drains so that they don't back up during rainstorms. If you see a drain that is clogged and needs cleaning for now you can call the office but pretty soon can use the new App for the Village.
- Decorating around the village at the four corners and the head of the canal.
- Prepping for the winter snow, getting the sanders ready, etc.

Trustee Del Vecchio – Celebrations

- Thanked everyone for the last weekend. Photos with Santa was a huge success as well as the Christmas Tree Lighting was a great event thanks to the Fire Department and all the volunteers.
- December 10th is Light the Night. You can purchase kits at the Village office as well as stores in town.

Trustee Zepf – Code Enforcement

- Two new Code Officers one of whom is certified by NYS which is a big help to our Building Inspector.

Mayor's Report – Mayor Valdini:

- This Sunday is the Menorah Lighting at 5pm. It is open to everyone with food and music and is a great event.
- Photos with Santa is great and we appreciate Judy Sally who keeps coming back to help.
- Thank you to the Garden Club that decorated the boxes in town. Every year we make improvements to make things better.

Update on Suffolk County Transit Bus Stops: One was scheduled to be put on the island right by the railroad tracks which was cancelled but might be moved further down near the firehouse but as of right now that stop is gone. The one on Howells Rd and Richland is still there and is an issue with the accident right over there and is dangerous. The moved it across the street which is still not safe. More than happy to support safe stop signs that are thought out.

Bay Shore Fire Department – Chairman Greg Nardone and the Treasurer, Patricia Reinfurt could not be here for a presentation on their budget. We can't officially vote on their budget but would like to always get a breakdown. We do this every year to approve the Fire Budget even though we technically can't vote on the actual budget and the numbers will remain the same. Resident Carl Fraser asked about the pilot revenue and where it comes from. We can ask them when they return.

Approve the Bay Shore Fire District 2024 Contract in the amount of \$348,839.

Motion: Mayor Valdini Second: Deputy Mayor Zepf
Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Continue the Public Discussion to consider the adoption of Local Law 2-2023 § 128-54 – Storage of Campers and Trailers.

The current Code contradicts itself as it seems when it was revised in the past the contradictions were left in error. This is why the code needs to be cleaned up and updated.

The Board is willing to discuss and consider any feedback. Please also send emails to the Village with any feedback on this topic.

Public Comment:

- Wayne Rottkamp of Concourse W – Has a 24 ft mobile home and in the past has always called code to let them know when he was loading it and unloading it to get relief. Change the size for temporary storage.
- Arthur Angst of Ackerson Blvd – There is also boats on cinderblocks and should be easier to make everything up to 25ft to be consistent with boats. A camper with a trailer could be over 25ft.
- Lara of Peters Blvd. – Consider seasonal permit to align with the boats from Memorial Day to Labor Day as it is a family-oriented activity. Also need the time to load and unload factoring in work schedules, school, etc.
- Chris Pace of North Windsor – Would hope the look of the village is a priority of importance over

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convenience.

- Matthew Rainis of South Bay – Boats without power are not registered with the state.

Call for a Public Hearing for the proposed Orinoco Corridor Legislation to be held at the January 8, 2024 Board of Trustees Meeting at 7:30PM. (A flyer will be sent out to all residents before the meeting)

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

Permission to pay Edward & Edward Fence in the amount of \$2,300 for a fence installed at the southern end of Concourse W.

Tabled this for the next meeting.

Permission to pay Edward & Edward Fence in the amount of \$3,000 for a gated fence installed around Concourse W breakwater to be paid from the Canal Enterprise Fund.

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

Approve Treasurer's Report and Abstracts **VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS**

ABSTRACT REPORT FOR BOT December 4, 2023

Seeking to approve payment on:

Abstracts #4404-4406	vouchers	\$177,309.95
Expense		
NYS Employee Health Insurance Dec 23 & Jan 24		\$47,347.60
Town of Islip - Fire Marshal Services (44 hrs)		\$4,400.00
NYS Retirement annual contribution		\$89,884.00
Watral Brothers - Dumping Fees from Drain debris		\$8,000.00
Income for Period: 11/4/2023 - 12/4/2023		\$30,274.04
Building/Plumbing Permits & ZBA Fees	\$13,373.50	
Cable Franchise Fee	\$11,852.04	
Insurance Recoveries	\$1,605.00	
Business Licenses	\$1,095.00	
Rental of property	\$950.00	
Event Income	\$763.00	
Treasurer's Report		
Cash on Hand as of 12/4/2023		
General Fund - BNB		250,962
General Money Market - BNB		50

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CLASS General	1,543,392
Total Cash on Hand - General	1,794,404
Capital Fund	39,171
CLASS Capital fund	14,816
Total Cash on Hand - Capital	53,986
Canal Enterprise Fund - BNB	198,061
Canal Savings Fund - BNB	56
	198,118

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

Motion to Open to Public:

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

Public Comment:

- Rich Dayhab of Lakeview Ave N – Gazebos in front of circle. Make it larger for more room for pavers and events. Experiment with a section of leaves do not pick them up until May as it is better for the environment.
- Carmine Chiapetta of Pine Acres Blvd – Submitted a petition from resident Jason Ruggiere with regards to 103 Orinoco Dr. operating a boat facility which violates the code. Why did it not go to the Board of Trustees first?
- Christian Martin of Concourse W – Edward & Edward Fence at the end of Concourse W. should have been approved first before work was done.
- Ken Michaels – Why was the fence at the end of Concourse W put up?
- Ray Samson of Bay Way Avenue – His wife was interrogated by the person living down where the fence was put up at the end of Concourse W. The fence matches the resident's private fence and feels him and his family can't go down there without getting interrogated by the resident who lives there.
- Mark Kennedy of Concourse W – Was down at the end of Concourse W 3 times and it was locked all 3 times. Opposed to limited access and has never seen a problem down there for 50 years until now. It is offensive.
- Christian Martin of Concourse W – The fence installed at the end of Concourse W is reminiscent to when the boaters parking signs were put up as it only affected one resident.
- Matthew Rainis of South Bay – The Village limited access to the land that was public access. Liked the openness of the village. Why was this decision made with only one resident complaining. Why wasn't it discussed with the Board or residents?
- Chris Pace of North Windsor – 6/7 years ago when Gilbert Park allowed dog access it was so packed. It is a give and take.
- Andrew Darcy of Lakeview Avenue E – The best times to be down at the end of Concourse W are after dark. The resident's complaints are irrational.
- Lynda Zapal of Concourse W – No enforcement with thru traffic and cobblestones damage yet one resident complains and a fence goes up.

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- Gina Lambert of South Bay Ave – The fence installed at the end of Concourse W matches the private property's fence which gives off the vibe that it is private property. Maybe a sign can go up on the fence that it is village property allowing access.
- Resident at 40 South Bay asked if a bench can be donated at the end of Concourse W since it is Village property.
- Bill Snyder of Concourse W – Code leaves the gate at the end of Concourse W so that it looks like it is locked. Upset about the process should have been put on an agenda to be heard. They are telling people they own the property.
- Mayor advised that a sign will be worked up as soon as possible to be installed on the gate at the end of Concourse W.
- Chris Pace of N Windsor – Speed hump in front of his home.

Adjourn the meeting:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:53PM.