

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – APRIL 7, 2008

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, April 7, 2008 at 8:00 pm at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

Joseph A. McNulty		Mayor
Charles Fischer	Trustee	
Mary Susan Belford		Trustee
Robert W. Fischer	Trustee	
David Thomsen	Trustee	
John P. Finnerty, Esq.	<i>Village Attorney</i>	
Christine O'Shea	<i>Village Clerk & Treasurer</i>	

At 8:05 pm, Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag. After the Pledge of Allegiance, a motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2008 as written was offered by Tr. Charles Fischer, seconded by Tr. Belford and all approved 5/0.

Suffolk County Police Dept. Third Precinct

There was no police officer here for the board meeting but the March 2008 incident report had been faxed over and was delivered to the board.

Trustee Reports

Highway Dept.

Tr. Bob Fischer read his report for the meeting.....

Construction has begun on the repair of bulkhead on the east side of the canal, along with repairing the water system that was vandalized earlier in the year.

Pruning is completed around the lakes.

Cleaned up service roads of winter debris, and helped residents with the tree debris from the windstorm/tornado that took out some very large trees.

Spring cleanup of the lot on Howells Rd was done, along with cutting and shaping the hedges at Gilbert Park.

Tennis courts are cleaned and the nets are up for the season.

Landscape equipment has been prepped for summer activities.

Planter boxes are planted with spring flowers. All flowerbeds are prepped for summer planting.

Tree was planted for Arbor Day dedication April 30th.

Hwy laborers were fit tested for respirators. This has to be done annually according to OSHA compliance.

Cold patch was done as needed throughout village.

Received a letter just today from the Chief Deputy Commissioner of Suffolk County Public Works and they will be resurfacing along Howells Rd. and repairing the water drainage system as well.

Also, at next month's board meeting we will be having a public hearing on the Stormwater Management Program and the annual report for 2008.

Lakes and Parks

Tr. Belford thanked the Brightwaters Lions for their Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday. It was very well attended and the park looked great due to the cleaning up by the volunteers of the Wohseepee Park clean up committee. Tickets are being sold for the Fatfish social to be held on May 2, and 1/3 of the tickets have been sold already. On May 10 our annual plant sale will take place once again at the head of the harbor, Mother's Day weekend. Tr. Belford also brought up the parties that are held at Walker Park beach. Some parties consisted of 12 – 14 children and it was becoming overwhelming for the lifeguards. The mayor suggested that this be discussed at a working meeting and the board so noted. Tr. Belford also stated that the Antique and Collectible show will not be run by the Mulveys this year but by Cathy & Paul Jan. The Mulveys have the list of the vendors and the Jans would like the village to pay for this list, the cost is about \$2,000. Again, the mayor suggested that this be discussed at a working meeting and the board all agreed.

Tr. Belford announced that we have an update and an exhibition on the Wohseepee Park playground and equipment plan. The Mayor stated that this is the first time the board is looking at this except for Tr. Belford.

John Valdini speaks on the drawing submitted to the board for Wohseepee Park. Then Asher Provda, 512 Pine Acres, spoke on the clean up day of the park and wanted to thank the mayor and the board that came out that day. Maybe we can do this at Walker beach. The mayor said that you didn't mention Gilbert Park, our #1 park; we like to keep it a passive park. The conversation went on to include speaking of what playground equipment to purchase and the placement. They spoke of how they want to improve the play area of the park. The mayor stated that he wanted the Wohseepee park committees to pick five people and we could meet all meet next week to discuss this further. Then at our working meeting we'll decide what equipment you want to purchase for Wohseepee Park.

Laurie Elliott spoke on the fund raising for Wohseepee Park. They are going to be delivering 50/50 raffle flyers door to door. Raffle tickets are \$25

each or five for \$100. All the proceeds will go to benefit the parks and playgrounds in Brightwaters. Checks are made out to Brightwaters Parks Fund. The drawing will be held at the Fatfish Brightwaters Spring Social on Friday, May 2 at 8p.m. Ticket holders don't have to be present to win. She would like to get t-shirts for the cleanups of the parks. They would like this money to go to a dedicated fund for park equipment.

Alicia O'Connor, director of the Pumpkin Run, stated that when they started the run in 2001, it wasn't for a fund raiser, more of a community event. And if they did make a profit, the funds would go to the beautification of the parks for all villagers. Since 2001 the pumpkin run has raised a \$14,200 profit.

Resolution for playground equipment

Tr. Charles Fischer moves to have the funds that are raised by the 50/50 raffle be deposited into the BIG/Restoration Fund and earmarked for playground equipment. Tr. Belford seconded and it was approved 4/0 (Tr. Thomsen abstained).

Administration

Tr. Charles Fischer moved to approve Abstract Report #3057 for accounts payable vouchers totaling \$74,833.47 - The primary drivers for A/P this month were for garbage collections \$33,000. and tree trimming and removal \$22,000. , other wise business is as usual and Tr. Thomsen seconded and abstract was approved for payment 5/0.

Security

Tr. Thomsen read his report for the month of March 2008.

- Summons issued 24
- Complaints prepared 17
- Fines collected \$600.
- Building permits issued 2 – with total fees of \$342.
- Building permits renewed 3 – with total fees of \$883.
- C.O. inspections 5 @ \$50./ea.
- Fence permits issued 0 @ \$25. /ea.
- Pod permits issued 0 @ \$25. /ea.
- Dumpster permits issued 0 @ \$25.each
- Sign permits issued 0 with fees of \$.
- Business permits issued 0 @ \$15/ea.
- Plumbing permits issued 5 with fees of \$1100.

Tr. Thomsen also added that according to the SCPD report over 85% of the calls were for commercial and residential alarms.

Treasurer Report @ March 31, 2008

<i>Municipal checking:</i>		
General Fund	\$	64,314
Payroll Fund 240		
Trust & Agency Fund		1,500
Restoration Fund		13,303
<i>Investments:</i>		
CLA\$\$ General Fund		936,756
CLA\$\$ B.I.G. Fund		49,451

Public Hearing – 2008/2009 Tentative Budget

The mayor read aloud the following...

MAYOR'S BUDGET MESSAGE

April 7, 2008

To: The Board of Trustees of the Incorporated Village of Brightwaters

Submitted herewith, in accordance with Article 5 of Village Law, is the tentative budget for the fiscal year June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009. The total recommended appropriation amounts to \$2,735,006.

Recommended revenues, exclusive of property taxes and sanitation fees, are basically the same as last year.

It is anticipated that the village will end the current budget year without any significant surplus. As a result, taxes, consisting of property taxes and sanitation fees will remain the same.

Sanitation fees are proposed at \$561,833, with a \$509.83 per unit charge.

Property taxes will remain close to last year at \$1,373,373.

The tentative total assessment roll, after all tax exemptions, amounts to 61,043,784. This will produce a tax rate of \$22.50 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed valuation, the same as last year.

I am pleased to submit a budget that will reflect no increase for the upcoming tax year of June 1, 2008 – May 31, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. McNulty
Village Mayor

After the audience heard that taxes were not going up for the 2008/2009 tax year they all applauded. The mayor opened the meeting to the public and no one had any comments and/or questions on the budget. Therefore, the meeting was closed and Tr. Charles Fischer moved to approve the budget for 2008/2009 as submitted and Tr. Thomsen seconded and all approved 5/0.

Board Minutes on website

Resident asked if the Board of Trustees minutes could be put on the village's website. The Mayor asked Tr. Charles Fischer to look into this and I'm sure we can.

Public

Mayor McNulty opened the floor to the audience for any questions and/or comments, and discussions of matters were raised, and all had a chance to be heard.

Executive Session

The Mayor, Board of Trustees and Village Attorney went into executive session to discuss a Village of Brightwaters litigation matter. They all reconvened back to the board meeting/public session and voted to authorize Village Attorney Jack Finnerty to go forth on the litigation matter 5/0.

Adjourn

At 9:48 p.m., there being no further business before the Board, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Charles Fischer made the motion; Tr. Belford seconded and unanimously carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine O'Shea
Village Clerk & Treasurer

Public attendance: 24