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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – JULY 6, 2009

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, July 6, 2009 at 8:00 pm at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

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

At 8:04 pm, Mayor McNulty called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag.

Oath of Office

Mayor McNulty administered the oath of office to incumbent Trustee Robert W. Fischer and newly elected Trustee John Valdini to discharge the duties of Trustees for a term of two years.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mayor McNulty proposed the following appointments:

RESOLVED that Charles Fischer be and hereby is appointed Deputy Mayor for an official term of one year.

RESOLVED that George Peterson be and hereby is appointed Highway Foreman for an official term of one year.

RESOLVED that Vincent P. Clancy be and hereby is appointed Chief Code Enforcement Officer for an official term of one year.

RESOLVED that John P. Finnerty, Esq. be and hereby is appointed Village Attorney for a term of one year at \$2700/mo. and \$150/hr. for additional legal fees.

RESOLVED that Dennis Babinecz be and hereby is appointed Computer Consultant at a rate of \$80/hr. for a term of one year.

RESOLVED that Daniel Falasco be and hereby is appointed Village engineer at a rate of \$80/hr. for a term of one year.

RESOLVED that Bartlett Ackerson be and hereby is appointed Harbormaster for a term of one year.

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RESOLVED that John P. Finnerty, Esq. be and hereby is appointed Prosecuting Attorney at a rate of \$100/hr. for a term of one year.

RESOLVED that Christine O'Shea be and hereby is appointed Clerk of the Court for a term of one year.

RESOLVED that Nicholas Del Vecchio be and hereby is appointed Board of Appeals Chairman for a term of one year.

RESOLVED that John Riordan, Jr., be and hereby is appointed Member of the Board of Appeals for a term of two years.

RESOLVED that Dr. Richard Byrnes be and hereby is appointed Member of the Board of Appeals for a term of one year.

RESOLVED that Daniel Keane be and hereby is appointed Member of the Board of Appeals for a term of two years.

RESOLVED that Richard Graziano be and hereby is appointed Member of the Planning Board for a term of two years.

RESOLVED that Joseph Paliseno be and hereby is appointed Member of the Planning Board for a term of two years.

RESOLVED that Jane E. Arbeiter be and hereby is appointed Village Historian for a term of one year.

RESOLVED that Mayor McNulty, or his designated successor, be authorized to approve the attendance by the Board of Trustees, Board of Appeals, or Planning Board to specific training schools and/or meetings with expenses reimbursed.

RESOLVED that Trustee Charles Fischer, or his designated successor, be authorized to approve the attendance by the village administrative staff at specific training schools conducted by NYCOM or other appropriate agencies with expenses reimbursed.

RESOLVED that Trustee Robert Fischer, or his designated successor, be authorized to approve the attendance by the highway administrative foremen at specific training schools conducted by NYCOM or other appropriate agencies with expenses reimbursed.

RESOLVED that Trustee Valdini, or his designated successor be authorized to approve the attendance by the Code Enforcement Officers at specific training schools with expenses reimbursed.

RESOLVED that Sheehan & Co. be and hereby is appointed auditors for the official fiscal year ending May 31, 2009.

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RESOLVED that the Islip Bulletin be and hereby is designated the official newspaper for the village.

RESOLVED that JPMorgan Chase Bank be and hereby is designated as the depository for the village funds in the General, Payroll, Trust, Restoration and all other funds, said bank to pledge suitable and sufficient collateral at all times for the protection of said funds and that the funds in these various accounts be made available upon the signature of any two officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any two of the following officers of the municipality, to wit: Joseph A. McNulty, Mayor, Charles Fischer, Trustee, or Christine O'Shea, Village Clerk & Treasurer alone, with the approval of the foregoing, are hereby authorized to make arrangements to borrow money to obtain credit for this municipality from the JPMorgan Chase Bank or such bank as may seem advisable to make and deliver notes, drafts, acceptances, advances, agreements and any other obligations of this municipality therefore in form satisfactory to said bank and to manage and transact bank matters or other business of any kind whatsoever with the bank or its officers. Also, the treasurer is empowered to invest idle fund monies of the village at her discretion and in the best interest of the village, with the approval of the Mayor.

RESOLVED that idle fund monies be invested in CLAS\$\$ from the General Fund, Restoration B.I.G. account and sufficient collateral be pledged for the protection of said funds.

RESOLVED that the village board meetings be held on the first Monday of each month excepting those falling on a holiday and then the meeting will be held on the day following the holiday. The village is authorized to notify by postings, newsletters or the news media of such meeting schedule.

RESOLVED that certain recurring charges such as postage, public utility bills, health insurance payments, payroll salaries, petty cash and other usual expenses be paid in advance of audit of claims.

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees shall approve reimbursement to officers and employees of the village who use their personal automobiles while performing their official duties on behalf of the village at a rate of 55 cents per mile.

The Mayor concluded with saying that it is "my pleasure to make these appointments for the terms set thereto".

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Tr. Charles Fischer moved to approve the aforementioned and Tr. Belford seconded and all approved 5/0.

Board Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2009 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 officer present at this meeting. The June 2009 incident reported had been faxed to the village office and copies were given to the board to review.

Trustee Reports

Highway Dept.

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

Painted Wohseepee Cabin, put on new shutters and repaired rear steps.

Repaired fencing on tennis courts.

Restored & reseeded Lawrence & Johnson where water main was installed.

Installed seaweed fence at Walker Beach

Assembled 4 new picnic tables – 2 for the beach and 2 for Wohseepee.

Our summer help has come back, and we are utilizing them to the fullest capacity!

Preparations for day camp were completed for today's opening day.

Some of the newly planted flowers were stolen around the village.

Regular ongoing maintenance done such as grass cutting, pot-holes filled and signs replaced.

Pruned stop signs throughout village which were obstructed by overgrown foliage.

Lakes and Parks

Tr. Belford reported that the Wohseepee cabin looks beautiful. She also mentioned the beach fun nights on Thursday evening and they are a casual and fun evening for families. The Ice Cream Social will once again be held on Saturday, August 1 at 8p.m. She also mentioned that she had heard from Nick of Goose Control and the village has 14 resident geese.

Administration

Tr. Charles Fischer moved to approve Abstract Report #3236 for accounts payable vouchers totaling \$52,573.03 - The primary drivers this month were sanitation charges of \$30,800, MS4 stormwater fees of \$2400, SCVOA dues of \$1,000, boiler & machinery insurance of \$1,500 - other wise business is as usual and Tr. Belford seconded and abstract was approved for payment 5/0.

Security

Tr. Valdini mentioned that he has been part of the audience for many years and had a lot of code issues and yet he is still happy to be here and in charge of Code Enforcement. I'm looking forward to working with the mayor and trustees. He stated that the security report only states a lot of numbers and doesn't tell the whole story. He would like to have the SCPD Third Precinct, Code Officers and residents all to be on the same page and this will be his project so we all know what is going on. He says that there are a lot of police officers that are residents and he asked them to get together to discuss how we can be more efficient. One topic was to install security cameras at beaches and parks. We definitely could do better. And as far as code enforcement of fences I feel that they are inconsistent. I want enforcement of cars and trucks that are parked the wrong way. He also would like to see basketball hoops removed from the street and the parking lot that is fenced in on Orinoco Drive is overgrown by where a sidewalk would be and I need to find out who is responsible for cutting this. He will be setting up a meeting with Vincent Clancy to go over these issues.

Mayor McNulty's State of our Village Speech

"I would like to give this report under the backdrop of the following: California issuing IOU's because they can't pay their bills. The state of Michigan is on the brink of bankruptcy. The city of Detroit, bankrupt. The state of New York is the laughing stock of the nation. We the voters have been lead down the primrose path.

This being the first board meeting of our fiscal year, I would like to bring you up to date on the state of our village. Our village is still debt-free. I am proud that we are on a pay as you go basis and I hope to continue. Fiscal responsibility is our chief objective. We hope to resurface 10 miles of roads. This will be paid by SCWA. We purchased a new code car which should be on the road in two weeks. We also purchase a Ford F550 with multi-purpose bodies. This truck should be on the road in three weeks. We have done major work in the upper lake and in the next few weeks we will start bulkheading and refurbishing Duck Island. We are up to date on all clean water run off data as required by the NYS DEC. We have completed rebuilding the breakwaters in the Walker Park boat basin which was partially funded by FEMA. We are now restoring and painting

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the cascades due to vandalism and graffiti. To date, we have planted 1165 trees in the village and has been paid by current revenue.

The Board of Trustees and your Mayor truly believe that Brightwaters is the "Crown Jewel on the Great South Bay". We are doing all in our power to be sure that our beautiful village remains the "Crown Jewel".

Thank you for coming tonight and thank you for allowing me to be your Mayor."

JUNE 16, 2009 ANNUAL BRIGHTWATERS VILLAGE ELECTION RESULTS

THE NUMBER OF GENERAL BALLOTS ACTUALLY VOTED 602

FOR THE OFFICES OF TRUSTEE

ROBERT W. FISCHER RECEIVED 389

JOHN VALDINI RECEIVED 381

JOSEPH R. PALISENO RECEIVED 310

Morley Subdivision @ 270 Windsor Ave.

Jack Finnerty, Esq. explains the Morley subdivision. They went to Board of Appeals to request permission to subdivide their property leaving existing house on 97.20ft. road frontage lot and construct a new house on 100ft. road frontage lot. Their application had been approved by the Board of Appeals and now application gets forwarded to the Brightwaters Planning Board and the Planning Board makes their recommendations to the Brightwaters Board of Trustees. At the next regular scheduled meeting of the board of Trustees, which is tonight, they would make their final determination of said subdivision application.

Tr. Charles Fischer moves to approve Morley subdivision and Tr. Belford seconded and all approved 5/0.

County of Suffolk Resolution

WHEREAS, the County of Suffolk operates the Southwest Sewer District a/k/a Suffolk County Sewer District No. 3, hereinafter collectively "County," and

WHEREAS, the County operates a pumping station for said sewer system locating off the south side of Shore Road in the Village of Brightwaters, and

WHEREAS, during heavy rains the County uses large and heavy trucks to carry sewage from that pumping station to a sewer main on Montauk Highway in the Village of Brightwaters, and

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WHEREAS, and in so doing on or about June 22, 2009 the County damaged the Village's Shore Road and its right-of-way,

NOW, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the Village of Brightwaters shall be, and hereby is, authorized to file a Notice of Claim against the County, and commence suit against it, if necessary, to seek reimbursement for the damages as aforesaid.

Tr. Charles Fischer moved to approve County of Suffolk Resolution and Tr. Belford seconded and all approved 5/0.

Treasurer Report @ June 30, 2009

<i>Municipal checking:</i>		
General Fund	\$	452,567
Payroll Fund		241
Trust & Agency Fund		1,500
Restoration Fund		1,466
<i>Investments:</i>		
CLAS\$\$ General Fund		1,405,456
CLAS\$\$ B.I.G. Fund		16,070

Public

Mayor McNulty opened the floor to the audience for any questions and/or comments, and several issues were discussed –

On Friday, July 24, The Maggie Fischer Memorial Cross Bay Swim will start at 7a.m. at Fire Island and end at Robert S. Gilbert Park beginning with swimmers arriving as early as 9a.m.

Lakeview Ave. East road is destroyed by SCWA.

Put clams in at Walker Beach and Gilbert Park to help filter water and keep our bay area clean. Could be a Boy Scout project.

No tax increase in years is great! And the pay as you go basis is great too!

Flooding i/f/o 405 Peters Blvd. comes out of the storm drain.

Need more picnic tables at Wohseepee Park.

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The RR Xing on Windsor Ave. needs repair; one area is 10" high.

Car on Penataquit just east of Potter was there six nights with not one ticket.

Install GPS in code cars.

Bulkhead should have a guarantee of more than five years.

Two year happy resident likes the discussions that take place at board meetings, it's like a throwback in time, and it's really great!

Another resident suggested that the open meeting comments be part of the minutes.....so here they are!

Adjourn

At 9:05p.m., there being no further business before the Board, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tr. Charles Fischer made the motion; Tr. Bob Fischer seconded and unanimously carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine O'Shea
Village Clerk & Treasurer

Public attendance: 38