

8/4/2014 - Board of Trustees Meeting

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 4, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

Joseph McDermott
Donna Barnett
Diane Urso
Christian Sullivan
Bernadette Whitwell
John P. Finnerty, Esq.
Christine O'Shea

Mayor
Deputy Mayor/Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Trustee
Village Attorney
Village Clerk Treasurer

At 8:00 pm, Mayor McDermott called the meeting to order followed by a salute to the flag and a moment of silence for our armed forces.

Mayor McDermott administered the oath of office to Trustees Christian Sullivan and Bernadette Whitwell to discharge the duties of Trustees to complete the remainder of two-year terms.

Suffolk County Police Dept. Third Precinct

Sgt. Peter Hansen was in attendance. Tr. Sullivan told the officer that there was a suspicious vehicle in the village lakes area and the driver was asking kids their ages and making them uncomfortable. Also, on Friday, August 1 on Lombardy there was another incident involving a red car with a light skinned male driving. Tr. Sullivan also questioned the incidents on 7/1 and 7/22 'police info'.

Village Notes

Mayor McDermott stated ~~

- Hired a new Building Inspector, Bob O'Shea and he will be working on Tuesdays and Fridays
- Illegal apartment search will now be done by the village office staff
- Removed sales tax from telephone bills
- No flowers will be sent to trustees on Christmas and Easter
- RFP's were sent out for auditing services; we could have a cost saving of \$30,000.00
- Combined efforts with the Parks Committee to hold one of the largest Family Fun Nights with over 400 people attending. Milk & Sugar supplied the food.
- Invited to join Community Reconstruction Program with Bay Shore to potentially share in 3 million to be used towards various projects based on the CRP Committee Proposals; part of the NY Rising Housing Recovery Program

Trustee Reports

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Code Enforcement

Tr. Sullivan said he started meeting with the code officers and listened to their needs and what needs to be addressed. He is trying to get a feel of their operational system. July report ~ Summons served 37, Fines collected \$2,025., Complaint reports prepared 11.

Tr. Sullivan said his graffiti helper was his daughter, Caeli Sullivan that helped cover graffiti on mailboxes. Graffiti telephone #'s are Suffolk Co. 631.852.4070 and NYS 631.952.6702. The graffiti removal program will begin again on Saturday morning; use sign in sheet to volunteer.

Tr. Sullivan also stated that he would seek more info/clarity on SCPD Incident reports.

Lakes & Parks

Tr. Urso said that she started a Facebook page for the Village of Brightwaters. A lot of photos are up on FB. The Ice Cream Social on July 26 was a great night and it was well attended and received. Family night was on Wednesday and almost 600 people were there. They honored Richie Arcuri who passed away. Families enjoyed this night, it wasn't all about sadness. Thanked Chris Pace for the Snapple, Milk & Sugar supplied the food, and John Valdini for all his help. Two days later we had the Cross Bay Swim ~ an amazing great day. Coming up is the Snapper Tournament on Thursday, August 21 and the Garage Sale on Saturday, Sept. 27. Tr. Urso also said that we have a new company to control the geese population and its \$75 less a week. Tr. Urso also added if you have photos you want to put on FB or news items forward them to her.

Highway Report

Tr. Whitwell read her report for this meeting.

- July has been busy with village maintenance such as daily removal of seaweed and garbage pick-up at Walker Beach, watering of all village flowers, trimming all park areas and service roads and grass cutting.
- Gilbert Park was prepped for the Cross Bay Swim. 93 swimmers finished.
- Ice Cream Social was prepped for and cleaned up after. A wonderful evening
- Many repairs were made to our aging fleet. Spoke with Mike about the aging vehicles
- We continue to fill pot holes as needed

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Mayor McDermott asks for a motion to approve July 28, 2014 board minutes and Tr. Urso moved and Tr. Sullivan seconded and all approved 5/0.

Mayor McDermott asks for a motion to purchase three new PC's for the village office to replace the Window XP computers. Cost not to exceed \$2600. Funding from FEMA 2010 disaster claim – unbudgeted revenue. Tr. Sullivan moves to approve and Tr. Barnett seconded and all approved 5/0.

Mayor McDermott wants to adopt Personnel Policy for village staff to become effective immediately and asks for a motion. Tr. Barnett moves, Tr. Urso seconded and all approved 5/0. (Personnel Policy attached to these minutes.)

Mayor McDermott gave permission to enter into contract with LI Geese Control for geese control services at Walker Beach starting July 25 for six weeks at \$295/week. Which includes three visits each week day and two each weekend day. (Board was polled prior to meeting) Tr. Barnett seconded and all approved 5/0.

Introduce local law#5-2014 to amend the powers of the Planning Board. Mayor spoke of the reasons for this. Tr. Sullivan moves for a public hearing on Sept. 2, 2014 and Tr. Urso seconded and all approved 5/0.

Tr. Barnett said that three auditing firms have replied to our RFP for services. Sheehan & Co. had a fee of \$27,500., Cullen & Danowski had a fee of \$24,000., and Skinnon & Faber had a fee of \$12,000. Tr. Barnett moved to approve Skinnon & Faber to do our annual audit report for year ending 5/31/14 and Tr. Urso seconded and all approved 5/0.

Tr. Barnett moves to approve accounts payable abstract reports. ~~~
Abstract Report # 3880 dated 8/1/14 with 36 vouchers for \$27,688.36 and checks will be dated 8/5/14.

Tr. Barnett also moved to approve the following abstracts that were generated during the month of July & August.

APAR #3878 dated 7/30 with 2 vouchers for \$556.75

APAR #3879 dated 8/1 with 10 vouchers for \$2694.00

*****Total 12 vouchers for a total of \$3250.75*****

Tr. Whitwell seconded and all approved 5/0.

Open Meeting to Public

Donna Periconi said the lowest accounting firm fee doesn't mean they will be the best. Who decides that Planning Board loses looking at plans? TOI Trish Bergen handles graffiti matters. NY Rising program has no plans on giving money to Brightwaters, the 3 million is to go to Bay Shore.

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Frank Maffucci wants to get involved with emergency awareness.

Joan Manahan wants an open meeting on term limits. She also gave a rose to new Trustees Sullivan & Whitwell.

Charles Kazura questioned the financial audit fees.

John Clark spoke of the suspicious guy asking females questions; the SCPD should be called not the code officers.

Ed Gaibrois lives between Mohawk & Sunrise, markers are highlighted & wanted to know if work is being done there.

Dennis Gartland thanked the board for going with the low bidder on auditing services. He had vandalism at his home & he called SCPD. Need code officers working midnight to 8a.m. Hwy. dept. cuts village office grass at 7:30a.m.

Kevin Niles said that this will be the 14th year for the Pumpkin run and we need volunteers. Through then NY Rising program we need to get Brightwaters money.

Doris Rullo wants the sign back "No parking beyond this point", boaters park i/f/o her driveway.

Geraldine Greenbert said there is a Key West boat in driveway on Iroquois.

Carmine Chiappetta said he got a call from Senator Boyle's office & there is money available for the prevention of crime & theft. He questioned the audit firm Skinnon & Faber – are they competent? Asked the board what is their policy on responding to letters? Code officer are not security; should consider a private security firm as an option. He wants a ZBA moratorium on Orinoco.

Joe Pers said that the public should be able to comment before the board votes.

Joe _____ asked if the geese are at the beach only? Where do they go when chased?

Joan Manahan said that at Southward Ho to deter geese they have a balloon with a hawk on it at each golf hole & it keeps geese away.

Geraldine _____ said you should start simple in the business district.

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Joe Paliseno said the landscape architect suggested a round-about, lighting, paving, walks but will lose parallel parking.

Donna Periconi said that Denise Gibson submitted an application for the business revitalization grant & it was reviewed favorably today. You may hear good news.

Chris Souhrada questioned saving money on lawyers fee for illegal apartments.

Carmine Chiappetta wanted to know if we are locked in to a certain plan if we get money for the business district.

Frank Maffucci spoke of the business revitalization plan; ground work has to be laid & he worked hard on this with Mark Sagliocca.

Sandy Rising asked how she can find out about the mid month meeting times.

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Mayor McDermott asked for a motion to close and Tr. Barnett moved to adjourn at 9:42 p.m., seconded by Tr. Urso, and the meeting was adjourned on a 5/0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Christina O'Shea
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Village Clerk Treasurer

Public attendance: 35 signed in (not everyone signed in)