

8/6/12 - Board of Trustees Meeting

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – AUGUST 6, 2012

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, August 6, 2012 at 8:00 pm at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

Joseph A. McNulty	Mayor
Robert W. Fischer	Deputy Mayor/Trustee
John J. Riordan	Trustee
Timothy H. Cox	Trustee
Denise Gibson	Trustee
<i>John P. Finnerty, Esq.</i>	<i>Village Attorney</i>
<i>Christine O'Shea</i>	<i>Village Clerk Treasurer</i>

At 8:04 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 7/2/12 and 7/25/12 as written was offered by Tr. Fischer, seconded by Tr. Riordan and all approved 5/0.

Suffolk County Police Dept. Third Precinct

No officers present at this meeting.

Trustee Reports

Code Enforcement

Trustee Fischer read his report for this meeting –
Report for the month of July 2012.

Summons served 36

Fines collected \$2400.

Complaints prepared 18

Building permits issued 5 with fees of \$952.

C. O. inspections 11 @ \$550.

Dumpsters 3 @ \$75.

Fence permits 1 @ \$25.

Matt Brennan, Fire Marshal, was requested by the BSFD to 24 Hiawatha that had a fire that was contained to an outside fire pit commonly referred to as a “chiminea”.

Tr. Fischer also mentioned that landscapers and contractors had to be reminded again that work cannot begin prior to 8a.m.

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Administration

Tr. Gibson wanted to say thank you to the villages office staff for all that they do.

Tr. Gibson moves to approve accounts payable vouchers on Abstract Report #3671 for \$319,330.22 and Tr. Riordan seconded and all approved 5/0.

Highway Dept.

Tr. Riordan read his report for this meeting –

Watering of all village plants and flowers throughout the village as well as trimming, cleaning of drains with some of the rain has been on going.

Daily clean up of seaweed and beach maintenance done.

Cleaning of Wohseepee cabin and park done daily for camp as well as clean up after the Cross Bay Swim and Ice Cream social.

Stop signs were installed on the east/west roads at South Bay Ave.

Lakes & Parks

Tr. Cox said that 61 children attended Day Camp and the Day Camp ended on Wednesday, August 1. The story time and the family fun nights at Walker Beach had some cancellations due to the rain. But the BBQ Jimmy Buffet night had a great turnout (300+) with hosting by the Valdini's and Fawcett's. Snapple was provided by Chris Pace and the hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken wings, ribs and more was supplied by Milk 'n Sugar of Bay Shore and Caputo Cards contributed to this event by providing the kids with free silly bands & fun kid friendly toys.

The Ice Cream social was well attended and it was another great event. Coming up next is the garage sale at Wohseepee Park on Saturday, September 29th.

Mayor McNulty added that at the Ice Cream Social & Band Concert there were about 350-400 people there. We had beautiful weather and an excellent turn out. Priscilla Hancock of the Bay Shore Historical Society gave a short history lesson at the social.

Also, the mayor advised all in attendance that on Tuesday 8/7/12 between the hours of 2pm to 7pm at the Wohseepee park cabin there will be a veterans meeting. Your participation enables us to provide services for all the veterans. Your enrollment will enable fellow veterans and you to receive the best services and programs possible. Flyers had been sent out, so you should have received one about this event.

Treasurer Report @ July 31, 2012

<i>Municipal checking:</i>	
General Fund	\$74,759
Payroll Fund	\$241
Trust & Agency Fund	\$180
Restoration Fund	\$7,131
<i>Investments:</i>	
CLAS\$ General Fund	\$1,613,901
CLAS\$ B.I.G. Fund	\$3,049

Mayor McNulty Speech: I would like to take just a few minutes to correct some gross misconceptions, concerning our Village and it's governing body. My talk tonight is brought about by a newspaper article in Newsday Friday, August 3, 2012 (Remarks by State Comptroller, Thomas DiNapoli) concerning deficits:

“Hindsight is a wonderful gift, he should have had dispensing this information years ago”. He didn't, nor did his predecessor.

In spite of what the nay-sayers tell you, your Village government is far in advance of the curve. Allow me to explain:

1. I took office on July of 1996. At that organized meeting, I said I wanted to pay the debt in ten years. The debt amount was 1 ¾ million dollars.
2. I also promised to streamline our Village government as much as possible. I outsourced our garbage collection this eliminated 3 garbage trucks and 4 men, tremendous saving to our Village. Other than the highway department, we only have two full time employees.
3. We instituted a tree planting program. That we would plant no less than thirty new trees per year and every tree that was removed would be replaced. To date our Village has planted over 1,450 trees.
4. Our roads and bridges. This has been most difficult because of the expense. The Village plan on our roads is when dug up by a utility a new road curb to curb must be installed. We have a program when money allows, we pave sections of our roads.

A good number of you people are here because of your concerns about the cell tower.

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Still under long range Village planning. Allow me to assure you, your elected officials have dealt reasonably with this subject in the past as we will in the future.

Seven or eight years ago, a cell tower company came to your Village administrators wanting to erect a tower on Village property near Sunrise Highway. The board at that time was in favor of the project. Primarily because of the money it would afford our Village.

My dear friend and board member at the time, Carmine Alfano along with myself liked the concept but not the design. We felt we could bargain on the design if they would install it in our town yard. They came back and said no, they needed the coverage in the north of the Village. The rest is history, when you leave here tonight, and look across Sunrise you will see a cell tower we opted not to accept (Long Range Planning).

Because the tower is in the Village, but on private commercial property, *** we held 3 or 4 informational meetings. *** Here in the room filled to overflowing, standing room only. The pros and cons were debated the engineers and residents on both sides were heard.

On this same subject, cell tower, we are going to move forward because of the new design and I am sure the money, we would be derelict in our duty to our Village if we didn't look into it. I can assure you it will be dealt with in a proper and dignified manor, here in this very room and not in the local papers with half truths and innuendos.

In closing let me say this: Mr. DiNapoli alluded to deficits in this article.

We are not one of the 300 local governments that are running deficits, because of long range planning on behalf of your elected government.

I am proud to say:

1. The Village of Brightwaters is debt free
2. The Village of Brightwaters has not increased the tax levy in 13 years.
3. The Village of Brightwaters is still on a pay as your go basis.

I truly believe that Brightwaters is the Crown Jewel on the Great South Bay.

Introduce Resolution to amend 119-4

Tr. Fischer motioned for a public hearing to be held next month to amend 119-4 to add stop signs at Manatuck Blvd. and Mohawk Dr. and to be known as local law #10-2012 and Tr. Riordan seconded and all approved 5/0.

Lower Speed Limit Around Lakes

Nine residents spoke about how people speed around the lake area. They gave suggestions of stop signs, speed bumps, black plastic speed bumps, cross walks, post speeders names, ridges in road, etc.

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Increase Lighting on Bridges at the Lakes

Tr. Fischer to meet with Welsbach (lighting contractor) to see what the village can do for more lighting at the bridge at Johnson & Lagoon.

Public

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

- Who is on hwy foreman search committee
- Extend Gilbert Park dog hrs.; appreciate use of park
- Geese poop at beach
- Poison ivy around lakes needs to be cut
- Noise ordinance
- Huge hedge @ Lombardy & Orinoco triangle needs to be cut down. Should have plantings not bushes.
- When will the east breakwater at walker harbor be done
- 5/7/12 bd. Mins. stated east jetty should be WEST.
- Yellow line on Windsor needs to be painted from Montauk to Sunrise
- Ambulance contract
- Village lighting issue
- NYS auditors still here? Report available?
- Capital plan foil request
- Cell tower at Gilbert to look like flag pole with yard arms
- Hwy foreman civil service position? Salary or hourly?
- Install plastic grass at parks & you won't have geese!

At 9:44pm, there being no further business before the Board, the Mayor called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tr. Bob Fischer made the motion; Tr. Cox seconded and unanimously carried 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine O'Shea
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Village Clerk Treasurer

Public attendance: 30 (not everybody signed in)