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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 at 8:00 pm at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

Joseph A. McNulty
Charles Fischer
Robert W. Fischer
John Valdini
John P. Finnerty, Esq.
Christine O'Shea

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

Absent: Mary Susan Belford, Trustee

At 8:10 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 8/2/10 as written was offered by Tr. Charles Fischer, seconded by Tr. Bob Fischer and all approved 4/0.

Suffolk County Police Dept. Third Precinct

There were two police officers here at the meeting tonight, one was a Sergeant. Both hadn't signed the sign in sheet. Three residents in attendance stated to officers that their boats have been broken into and items were taken. Jeff Mattera had a motor taken and Jane Tinelli had along with the motor taken a tv, gps and alcohol went missing (they had been broken into two times). Charles Fonseca had a tackle box and fishing rods taken and he also stated that another boat had the lines cut. Officer stated that the canal is patrolled two times a tour and these are considered "isolated incidents". All incidents should be reported to police. If you see anything unusual call 911. Mr. Meyn stated he saw a suspicious person with crab net looking at boats and not crabbing! Mr. Mattera said the no fishing law should be enforced.

Tr. Valdini said he is looking into security cameras and maybe having a code officer assigned to canal area. One resident said that the canal should have better lighting or how about motion lights?

Officer stated that boat burglaries are not "high priority" calls. Mrs. Tinelli said that the 3rd Prct. said that to her four times. Officer stated that 3rd Prct. doesn't prioritize calls, the 911 calls go to Yaphank and they prioritize.

A resident questioned the status of 551 Richland house. The Mayor stated that the house is in foreclosure. The Village Clerk stated that Officer Trager has been watching house and spoke to owner. He had been there last week and the week before.

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Trustee Reports

Highway Dept.

Tr. Bob Fischer read his report for this meeting -

- Prepared Gilbert Park for the Snapper Tournament. Cut and trimmed and cleaned up as needed.
- Replaced signage throughout village where necessary.
- Seaweed was removed at Walker Beach on a daily basis.
- Daily cutting and trimming of grass throughout village.
- Started preparing equipment for the upcoming fall and winter seasons.
- Painted over graffiti in the business district.
- Cold patch work done throughout village.
- Curbs were painted in village as needed.
- Pedestrian right-of-way signs are being used in the business district on a trial basis.

Lakes and Parks

The Mayor stated that the lake area has had cutting and trimming done and the lakes have been lowered for Hurricane Earl. We have been lucky with the graffiti. But they did hit the mail storage boxes and they have been painted over.

Administration

Trustee Charles Fischer talked about economic concerns..... With the recession that began in 2007 officially declared over, attention focused on the moderate recovery taking place this year. That is until the past couple of months. The economy appeared to be emerging from one of the deepest recessions since the great depression, and suddenly two months of poor economic news have caused concerns suggesting that we might be slipping back into recession, or better known as a double-dip recession.

The housing sector, which usually leads the economy out of recession, is stumbling badly. We have seen the negative impact on the housing market caused by the expiration of the government homebuyer's tax credit. Last week's news that existing home sales fell 27% from the previous month

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and new home sales for the same period were off more than 12%, have given us real cause for concern.

Former Central Bank Chairman Alan Greenspan said recently, that a so-called double-dip recession is possible if home prices fall further. Most economists expect a small dip in home prices but not the 8% or so that would induce a major increase in foreclosures.

Just as troubling is the slower than anticipated pace of the economy which grew at 1.6% in the second quarter after four quarters of averaging 2.9%. The economy needs to grow at a 3% rate just to keep the unemployment rate from rising above its current level of 9.6%. Economists expect that the unemployment rate could rise above 10% in the next couple of months.

Consumer spending increased slightly in July, however, some of that gain was price related according to the Commerce Department. Personal incomes were up marginally but disposal incomes were down as the mixed data further indicated that the economy will continue to struggle. However, as consumers continue to save and reduce their overall debt, the economy will not receive the spending boost necessary to jump-start it.

Consumer confidence faded further in July as consumers grew increasingly more pessimistic about the short-term outlook. Concerns about business conditions and the labor market are casting a dark cloud over consumers that is not likely to lift until the job market improves.

While it is not widely expected that the national economy will double-dip, various local economies may be at a greater risk. Large cities with high employment and large amounts of debt could trigger double-dip recessions to surrounding regional areas causing deep economic downturns. Since Long Island's economy is driven by New York City, that risk will remain with us.

In the Village of Brightwaters, we have weathered this recession fairly well. While we have seen some revenue decline, tax receipts, our largest source of revenue, have held up remarkably well. We are a "pay as you go village" and will continue to maintain the financial discipline that has made us one of the top villages in New York State. It is reassuring that despite our struggling economy and trying times that the Village of Brightwaters is and remains financially sound and DEBT FREE.

Tr. Charles Fischer moved to approve Abstract Report #3400 for accounts payable vouchers totaling \$290,082.46 - The primary drivers this month are BSFD protection contract \$203,000., garbage collection \$31,000., and health insurance \$21,000., - other wise business is as

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usual and Tr. Bob Fischer seconded and abstract was approved for payment 4/0.

Code Enforcement

Tr. Valdini stated that the code officers got new notebooks to record all goings on; including what times gates are opened/closed, etc. Please remember they are code officers not security officers.

This Saturday at the head of the harbor we will meet to help paint the mail storage boxes that were hit with graffiti.

The new crosswalk sign in the four corners business area has been hit a couple of times already. Please drive slowly through this area and don't park in crosswalks.

A few weeks ago there was a motorized bike at the beach and Tr. Valdini spoke to his parents on Concourse West and so did the lifeguard's father speak to them.

Treasurer Report @ August 31, 2010

<i>Municipal checking:</i>		
General Fund	\$	338,550
Payroll Fund		241
Trust & Agency Fund		162
Restoration Fund		444
<i>Investments:</i>		
CLA\$\$ General Fund		1,523,048
CLA\$\$ B.I.G. Fund		6,045

Hurricane Earl

The Mayor mentioned that due to Hurricane Earl approaching, Suffolk County Executive, Steve Levy, arranged conference calls throughout the county. He had a ½ hour call on Wed., and Thurs., and on Fri. the call was longer. A lot of preparation and money was spent for this storm. On Sat., at 11am there was another conference call but this was short due to Hurricane Earl not making landfall.

Resolution for Bay Shore High School Sailing Club

WHEREAS, the Bay Shore High School Sailing Club requests the use of the Village of Brightwaters Walker Beach for its 2010-2011 school year, and

WHEREAS, the sailing club will be under the supervision of Coach Erin

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Collins, and

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Insurance has been filed with the village clerk with a policy effective date of 7/1/10 – 7/1/11 and naming the village as additional insured, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Village of Brightwaters Board of Trustees does approve the use of Walker Beach for the Bay Shore High School Sailing Club for the 2010-2011 school year.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Trustee Charles Fischer moves to approve above resolution and Trustee Bob Fischer seconded and all approved 4/0.

Resolution for Village Justice Court Audit for year ending 5/31/10

WHEREAS, the Inc. Village of Brightwaters Village Justice Court is located in Suffolk County, New York, and

WHEREAS, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that village justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their village auditing board, and

WHEREAS, that such records then be examined or audited and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board's proceedings, and that we provide a copy of our most recent audit or examination of our local court's records and a copy of this board resolution acknowledging that the required audit or examination had been conducted to the New York State Office of Court Administration, and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that such audit or examination was performed by village clerk treasurer, Christine O'Shea with no negative findings and that each board member had reviewed such audit and examination.

Trustee Charles Fischer moves to approve above resolution and Trustee Bob Fischer seconded and all approved 4/0.

Mayor McNulty voted - aye

Tr. Mary Susan Belford voted - absent

Tr. Charles Fischer voted - aye

Tr. Robert Fischer voted - aye

Tr. John Valdinì voted - aye

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Facebook

Trustee Bob Fischer stated that the Village of Brightwaters Facebook page has been masquerading as the Village of Brightwaters official site. This site uses our letterhead and has commercial business advertising and political advertising. Tr. Bob Fischer would like permission from the board to have the village attorney, Jack Finnerty, to write a letter to Facebook to find out who started this account because it **was not** the Board of Trustees.

Tr. Bob Fischer moved for approval, Tr. Charles Fischer seconded and all approved 4/0.

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.

At 9:47 p.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 4/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine O'Shea
Village Clerk Treasurer

Public attendance: 20+-