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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 1, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, November 1, 2010 at 8:00 pm at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

Joseph A. McNulty	Mayor
Charles Fischer	Deputy Mayor/Trustee
Mary Susan Belford	Trustee
Robert W. Fischer	Trustee
John Valdini	Trustee
John P. Finnerty, Esq.	<i>Village Attorney</i>
Christine O'Shea	<i>Village Clerk &amp; 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 10/4/10 as written was offered by Tr. Charles Fischer, seconded by Tr. Belford and all approved 5/0.

At this time Tr. Valdini asked why the minutes lately haven't had the public comments topics in them. It was stated that it is not required but the board decided that they should be included again in the minutes. The village clerk was so directed to do so.

**Suffolk County Police Dept. Third Precinct**

There were no officers present at this meeting.

**Trustee Reports**

**Highway Dept.**

Tr. Bob Fischer read his report for this meeting –

The installation of new reflective stop signs has begun. This will continue until all stops signs in the village are replaced. These new signs are highly visible at night and are made to remove graffiti easily.

Drain markers have been installed on all drains throughout the village. This is in compliance with the stormwater act.

The village has been decorated with corn stalks for the fall.

The seaweed fence has been removed from Walker Beach. Walker Beach will be completely winterized after the Pumpkin Run this weekend.

Cold patch work done as needed around the village. In addition all pot holes have been filled for the Pumpkin Run course.

Cleaned and prepped Wohseepee Park for the village's first movie night.

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Installed a new pet waste station at Gilbert Park.

Trustee Fischer also stated that he received a letter from Stephanie Arcuri that vehicles are running stop signs especially at Ackerson & Mohawk and she almost got hit.

He also said that we had the code officer follow school buses to see if anyone passes a stopped school bus with lights flashing. We did catch one vehicle and ran the plate and it came back to a resident. We had sent them a letter.

Tr. Valdini asked Village Attorney Finnerty if we can send letters to people going through stop signs. Mr. Finnerty said yes that we can but registered owner might not be the driver.

Mrs. Dahab said that she googled school bus weights and found they weigh between 24,000 – 32,000 lbs. The lake bridges state 3 tons max.!

Resident Susan Bela asked if the board could get back to the usual board meeting agenda and open meeting to the public at the end of said meeting. They agreed. Thank you Sue.

### **Lakes and Parks**

Tr. Belford said that we had quite a few activities in October including garage sale, movie night, pumpkin run and Halloween parade. All activities were well attended. Movie night had 200-300 people attend, it was a fun evening and the children were well behaved but it was expensive. The pumpkin run had beautiful weather. Halloween Parade was another great success. Don't forget photos with Santa will be on Saturday after Thanksgiving and the Christmas tree lighting will follow at the head of the harbor.

A Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ asked if lights could face playground equipment for the children and the mayor said yes.

### **Administration**

Tr. Charles Fischer moved to approve Abstract Report #3420 for accounts payable vouchers totaling \$51,395.39 - The primary drivers this month are sanitation \$31,000, hwy. vehicle maintenance \$6,000 and tree trimming/removal \$3,000, - other wise business is as usual and Tr. Belford seconded and abstract was approved for payment 5/0.

Tr. Fischer also mentioned that he had met with CPA on the financial status of the village. We had received \$200,000 from state aid which was -0- last year. With an additional laborer and new vehicle expenses were up from last year by \$82,000. Snow removal costs were also up from last year. CPA did find positives in our budget including Bay Shore Brightwaters Ambulance contract. Overall we are in good shape.

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NYS Retirement employer share cost last year was \$39,000 and this year its \$72,000 and we will be able to cover this. CPA also brought up the Restoration/BIG account and a few years ago we had \$51,000 and now its \$3500 and that's due to new playground equipment and installation and we have to be careful on spending from now on.

CPA advises we raise taxes by 25% but the mayor said that is not going to happen.

The village has to be compliant with GASB45, which we are looking into and basically it's an actuarial evaluation of post employee benefits.

NYS money is tough coming and last year we did get \$200,000 with the help of Senator Owen Johnson for the bay bulkhead.

### **Code Enforcement**

Tr. Valdini stated that we hired a new code officers and he is giving out a lot of summons for parking the wrong way. He has also been told to cover the business section of village between 5 and 6 to look for crosswalk violations.

Code officers are also to look for garbage and leaf bags placed out early, speeding in lake area but stop signs are not the solution.

He also mentioned that the boat committee is not here but safety issues will be presented. On the boat committee is Tr. Valdini, Jack and Jane Tinelli.

Tr. Valdini also mentioned that Halloween night overall wasn't that bad; no graffiti and no broken glass in town.

### **Treasurer Report @ October 31, 2010**

<i>Municipal checking:</i>		
General Fund	\$	41,886
Payroll Fund		241
Trust & Agency Fund		-0-
Restoration Fund		1,641
<i>Investments:</i>		
CLAS\$\$ General Fund		1,178,396
CLAS\$\$ B.I.G. Fund		3,046

### **Award drainage requirements contract bid**

#### **Resolution to award 2010/2011 drainage requirements contract bid**

The village had received five bids from: D.F. Stone Contracting, All Island Plumbing, Laser Industries, Norman Kurrass Contractor and Suffolk Paving Corp.

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Trustee Charles Fischer moved to award bid to All Island Plumbing and Trustee Belford seconded and all approved 5/0.

### **Facebook Complaint**

Tr. Bob Fischer stated that someone had opened a facebook page masquerading as the Village of Brightwaters with business advertising on it and political party associations. The village had sent a letter to Facebook and we have not heard back from them yet. Facebook is regulated by FTC (Federal Trade Commission) and village attorney had sent them a letter requesting the name of the person who opened this account.

Tr. Valdini asked what is illegal about this. Village Attorney Finnerty stated 1) can't represent the village when you are not and 2) can't support political parties or a business and its advertising. The Village of Brightwaters is a legal entity and there is only one Village of Brightwaters and that is right here (pointing to the board of trustees).

Tr. Bob Fischer moved to have Village Attorney Finnerty file a complaint with the FTC and Tr. Charles Fischer seconded and all approved 5/0.

### **GASB 45 – Actuarial Valuation**

The mayor said that we have to be in compliance with this new accounting law and file with the state. The cost to have this done will be approx. \$3900 but we will discuss this further at the mid month meeting

### **Public**

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

- SCPD is missed at board meeting
- canal revenue
- dark sky lighting adopt local law for residential & businesses
- village street lights are not dark sky compliant
- lawn mowers/leaf blowers should have noise ordinance
- pesticide ban ordinance
- quiet lawn equipment is it available? is it affordable? inc. village would have to comply also
- restoration/big fund revenue, expenses, fund raising
- beach chairs, swings for elderly
- Lowe's, south shore mall, Suffolk transportation supporters
- unlocked cars vandalized
- code officers should patrol 24 hrs
- if I died could I leave the village a million dollars
- raise taxes
- nys retirement employer share will increase continue
- scwa maintains water repairs on rdway for a year

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- Nosrekca lake planting w/be done in fall
- Seneca drive when will it be paved
- rats in house & yard on Manatuck
- parking lot on Orinoco has been unlocked
- Jack Finnerty & Charlie Hughes are co-Grand Marshall's for 2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade, YEAH!
- thank you for movie night

At 10:02 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. Belford seconded and unanimously carried 5/0.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Christine O'Shea  
Village Clerk Treasurer

Public attendance: 23+-