

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – November 3, 2014

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Dr., Brightwaters, NY, with the following officers present:

Joseph McDermott	Mayor
Diane Urso	Trustee
Christian Sullivan	Trustee
Bernadette Whitwell	Trustee
Laurie Elliot	Trustee
John P. Finnerty, Esq.	Village Attorney
Donna M. Barnett	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.

Appointment and swearing in of Laurie Elliot as Trustee replacing Donna M. Barnett. Term will be until the next Village election in June 2015.

Approval of the Minutes from the Board meeting of 10/6/2014 and the Work Session of 10/20/2014.

Motion: Trustee Urso

Second: Trustee Whitwell

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Suffolk County Police Department 3rd Precinct – Officer Ruiz of sector car 314 addressed the audience if they had any concerns. Discussion about thefts that may not have been reported because of the low dollar value of the items. Invited audience to their monthly meeting with the Sergeant which is open to the public every Tuesday. Mayor thanked the SCPD for their help on Halloween.

Mayor's Reports:

- Repairing 114 feet of canal damaged in the August rainfall. Contractor needs to install the drain pipe and finish the job.
- Lights on the West Concourse have been repaired.
- Lights at the Cascade were vandalized over the summer. The replacement lights are not very nice looking. The Village is trying to provide more light in the area. Lights will be addressed immediately.
- Drains – Mayor and DPW Foreman did a quick evaluation of several of the drains. We have the maps and surveys and will start a drain inspection program to free up some of the clogged drains.
- New Code Car is in operation.
- Extending Village hours: as of the New Year, the Village Hall will be open from 9 AM to 12AM on the first Saturday of the month on a trial basis.

Code Enforcement – Trustee Sullivan

Code Enforcement officers will attempt to work with residents before issuing summonses. Named several incidents that occurred in the Village. Possibility of having a second car on some nights and adding a Supervisor of Code Enforcement position by mid-month.

Administration – Trustee Elliot

The New York State AUD report was filed with the Comptroller October 31, 2014. The Village posted a surplus which will take the Village off of the Fiscal Stress Monitoring list. The independent audit is under way and should be completed by the end of November and the final version will be available in Village Hall.

Lakes and Parks – Trustee Urso

The Ragamuffin Parade was very pleasant and thanked Bart Ackerson. The parade has been going for 25 years or more. The Pumpkin Run – this is the Village's 14th Pumpkin Run, first headed by Kevin Niles. Over 300 signed up prior and the great weather brought in almost 200 additional runners. Trustee Urso thanked Mr. Niles. Saturday, November 8th at 9:30 there will be a Parks Commission meeting for current and new members at the Whoseepee cabin. Photos with Santa will be November 29th at the cabin followed by the Tree Lighting at 5:00 PM at the head of the canal. Girl Scouts will be selling nuts at the Photos with Santa.

Highway Department – Trustee Whitwell

The DPW decorated the Village with cornstalks which will be up until after Thanksgiving. The downtown business district trees will be lit in the next several weeks. The pile of dirt at Gilbert Park has been reviewed by Maximum Environmental. We may contract with them for a long term plan to remove the dirt in a safe manner and possibly bring it to the Brookhaven landfill. The Village is working on a street sweeping contract. We have requested 4 quotes and have received 2 back. We will work with those vendors to get a firm quote. Curb in front of Post Office – have had 2 contractors look at it and are waiting for a quotes. We want to have it repaired before the Christmas season. Spoke with Village historian, Jane Arbeiter, to put more historical information on the new website. Please forward any old photos to the Village to establish a sound foundation of the history of the Village.

Approval for the demolition of the DPW break room: The Building Inspector determined that this building is a safety risk for the employees and should be demolished. We received three quotes - \$8,000, \$8,500 and \$4,000. The Mayor asks for approval to demolish the building at a cost of \$4,000.

Motion: Tr. Sullivan Second: Tr. Elliot

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Mayor McDermott would like to have the building demolished my Thanksgiving. Need to move the electricity, shut off the gas, and cap the sewer.

Approval of Budget Modification: submitted by Clerk-Treasurer.

Motion: Tr. Urso Second: Tr. Whitwell

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Approval of Abstracts and Treasurer's Report:

Motion: Tr. Whitwell Second: Tr. Sullivan

Vote: 5 ayes 0 nays

Budget Modification

Increase:	A1440.417 Environmental Engineer	2,500.00
	Additional Services needed of Village Engineer	
Increase:	A1640.414 DPW Misc. Supplies	7,000.00
	This is where the DPW summer help was booked and under-budgeted	
Increase:	A1910.412 Liability Insurance	15,490.91
	Premium more than budget	
Increase:	A3620.2 Code Enforcement - Equipment	30,000.00
	Cover cost of new Code Car	
Increase:	A7230.431 Canal repair	80,000.00
	Replace 114 feet of bulkhead on West canal	
Increase:	A4960 FEMA Aid	2,287.50
	Additional unbudgeted FEMA funds for Oct 2010 rain	
Decrease:	A1320.417 Auditor Expense	30,000.00
	Reduced amount due to RFP	
Decrease:	A1990.9 Contingency	22,703.41
	To cover costs not budgeted	
Decrease:	A5110.406 Road construction	80,000.00
	Move to Canal repair	

Abstract

General Fund

ABSTRACT #	Date	# of Vouchers	Abstract Amount
3898	10/7/2014	52	\$ 75,125.46
3899	10/17/2014	8	7,483.63
3900	10/31/2014	33	34,537.90
Prepaid 3900	10/31/2014	3	27,842.81

Trust & Agency

ABSTRACT #	Date	# of Vouchers	Abstract Amount
396	10/30/2014	2	440.25
397	10/31/2014	7	14,215.95

Treasurer's Report September-14

General Account Disbursements \$379,435.06
Includes checks 8954 through 9000

Trust & Agency Account Disbursements \$27,946.84
Includes checks 3075 through 3078

Payroll Account Disbursements \$51,869.77

Mayor McDermott announced that the Suffolk County Legislature approved a grant to the Village from the Department of Economic Development and Planning for **Downtown Revitalization** in the amount of \$ 38,000. The Mayor thanked everyone for their hard work on this grant. The Downtown Revitalization Committee can now start to put a plan together on how to move this forward.

Meeting Open for Public Comment

- Dr. Richard Byrnes, 235 Lakeview Avenue W. Lights at cascades are very 1970's and sodium. The Village code section 128-111 states that every new or replaced light should be directed downward. Provided the BOT with a copy of a study regarding lighting and crime.
- Kevin Niles, 536 Manatuck, thanked all the volunteers for the Pumpkin Run.
- Brian McCurdy, 220 Lakeview Avenue E., disappointed in the hardware chosen for the cascade lights.
- Margaret Maloney, 271 Plymouth, wanted to know how the lights were chosen and what was the process. Planning Board should be involved.

- Larry DeMarco, 479 Potter, - quality of life – din from Sunrise Highway. Dr. Byrnes commented that there was a study done indicating that increasing the plantings of trees was the best solution.
- Donna Periconi, 242 Lakeview Avenue East, thanked the Board for seeking more historical information. Asked if the BOT was going to remove tress – the Mayor replied no.
- David Gauntlett, 512 Manatuck, in the newsletter there is a mention of contractors not being able to place signs on properties. In this economy, they need every break they can get.
- Carmine Chiappetta, 480 Pine Acres, asked if the Village has sorted out the staffing in Village Hall and if there will be any costs savings. There is a storage container at the Sheehan vacant lot on Orinoco. Is there a permit? Will there be a special hearing for 59 Orinoco storage facility? What is the status of the DEC violations at the Lakes. Mayor will look into it.
- Brandt Rising, 98 South Bay. Concerned about people volcano mulching their trees which will kill them. Village should implement a landscaper permit with education on how to mulch trees. Wanted to know what the DPW building was used for.
- Priscilla Handcock, 109 Mohawk, provided the BOT with some historical information regarding the cascades.
- Celeste Demarco, 479 Potter wanted to know why the September minutes were not on the website. Mayor assured her they would be by the end of the week.

Motion to Adjourn:

Motion: Tr. Urso

Second: Tr. Whitwell

Votes: 5 ayes 0 nays

Meeting adjourned 9:40 PM

Approximately 26 people in attendance.

Minutes approved December 1, 2014