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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 7, 2011

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters was held on Monday, November 7, 2011 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
Timothy H. Cox	Trustee
<i>John P. Finnerty, Esq.</i>	<i>Village Attorney</i>
<i>Christine O'Shea</i>	<i>Village Clerk & Treasurer</i>

At 8:07 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 10/3/11 and 10/18/11 as written was offered by Tr. Charles Fischer, seconded by Tr. Robert Fischer and they were approved 5/0.

Suffolk County Police Dept. Third Precinct

Police officer Peter Scheuere was present at this meeting. He reported that there was one grand larceny, one criminal mischief, three petty larcenies and two harassment charges in the village last month.

Trustee Reports

Code Enforcement

Tr. Bob Fischer read his October report for this meeting.....
Summons served 11, fines collected \$1300., complaints prepared 13, building permits issued 6 for \$1450., 4 renewal fees \$3234., CO inspections 5/\$250., dumpsters 3/\$75., and fence permits 3/\$75. Tr. Fischer also referenced the Fire Marshal, Matt Brennan's letter, stating that all multiple dwelling and public assembly permits are valid and up to date. Fire inspection activity continues weekly throughout the village with periodic re-inspections of all commercial properties insuring code compliance. All violations have been corrected.

Tr. Bob Fischer also mentioned the upcoming security meeting that will be held Wednesday, November 16 at 7:00p.m. at the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Administration

Tr. Belford stated she had nothing to report. (See Hwy. Dept. report for the A/P abstract

Highway Department

Tr. Charles Fischer read his report for this meeting...

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Prepared the village for the fall with corn stalks and harvest decorations.

Planter boxes in the village have been planted for the fall.

Tagged and ordered trees for fall planting. Trees will be dug once there is a continuous frost and planted thereafter.

Set up for Garage Sale and Pumpkin Run.

Cutting and trimming done around village as well as signs replaced where necessary.

Maintenance cold patchwork done where necessary.

Still cleaning up from Hurricane Irene. Clean up consists of hauling and dumping logs and wood chips as well as stump grinding downed trees.

Prepped vehicles and equipment for winter.

Tr. Charles Fischer moved to approve Abstract Report #3563 for accounts payable vouchers for \$47,645.53 - The primary drivers this month was street sweeping, dump tipping fees and leaf plastic bags; other wise business is as usual and Tr. Bob Fischer seconded and abstract was approved for payment 5/0.

Lakes and Parks

Tr. Cox stated that this past month the village had the annual garage sale, pumpkin run and ragamuffin parade. He thanked the Brightwaters Lions Club and Bay Shore Fire Dept. for their help in assisting with the ragamuffin parade.

Treasurer Report @ September 30, 2011

Municipal checking:		
General Fund	\$	13,369
Payroll Fund	\$	241
Trust & Agency Fund	\$	-0-
Restoration Fund	\$	9,008
Investments :		
CLAS\$ General Fund	\$	903,861
CLAS\$ B.I.G. Fund	\$	3,049

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Resolution for Health Benefits for Elected Officials

The Mayor read the following resolution aloud.....

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees voted on December 19, 1996 to extend health insurance benefits to all Trustees and the Mayor, at the expense of the Village, but only while in such elective office, and further extended to any ex-Trustee or ex-Mayor who has served for six (6) years or more the same coverage he or she received while in office but at half-price, the other half to be paid by the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees voted on April 25, 2001 to extend health insurance benefits to all sitting elected officials, and their families, at the expense of the Village, for the life of such official, if he or she has served at least ten (10) consecutive years as an elected official of the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, four Trustees and the Village Justice constitute the elected officials of the Village, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees deems it appropriate to review the entire health insurance benefit program for the Board of Trustees at Village expense, in this time of economic downturn and spiraling health care costs,

NOW, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that effective as of January 1, 2012, no Mayor or Trustee then in office, or future Mayor or Trustee, shall receive any health insurance benefits, while in office or in the future, at the expense of the Village, and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that effective as of January 1, 2012, no Mayor or Trustee, formerly in office, shall receive any health benefits, at the expense of the Village, and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that effective as of January 1, 2012, any Mayor or Trustee then in office shall be entitled to continue to receive health insurance through the Village, but at said official's sole cost, as long as required by COBRA, and may continue same after the expiration of COBRA, at said official's sole cost but only while still in an elected position of the Village, and it is hereby further

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RESOLVED, that effective as of July 1, 2014, no Village Justice then in office, or future Village Justice, shall receive any health insurance benefits, while in office or in the future, at the expense of the Village, and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that effective as of July 1, 2014, any Village Justice then in office shall be entitled to continue to receive health insurance through the Village, but at said Justice's sole cost, as long as required by COBRA, and may continue same after the expiration of COBRA, at said Justice's sole cost but only while still a Village Justice.

Tr. Bob Fischer moved to approve aforementioned resolution, Tr. Belford seconded and all approved 5/0.

Public Hearing to amend 128-96

Tr. Bob Fischer read the following public hearing notice aloud.

INCORPORATED VILLAGE
OF BRIGHTWATERS
PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Inc. Village of Brightwaters will hold a public hearing on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. at Village Hall, 40 Seneca Drive, Brightwaters, NY to consider the adoption of local law #14 of 2011 to amend section 128-96 of the Brightwaters Code to allow the Planning Board to review subdivisions before being heard by the Board of Appeals.

All interested persons are welcome and will be given an opportunity to be heard.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
INC. VILLAGE OF BRIGHTWATERS
Christine O'Shea, Village Clerk

Dated: October 14, 2011

The Mayor opened the public hearing. Village Attorney Finnerty explained the reasoning for this local law. At this time the public was allowed to ask questions and make statements.

Tr. Charles Fischer moved to close public hearing, seconded by Tr. Bob Fischer and all approved to close 5/0.

Tr. Charles Fischer moves to approve local law #14-2011 to amend section 128-96, seconded by Tr. Bob Fischer and approved 5/0.

Resolution to create Article XV to regulate exterior lighting (Dark Sky Law)

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A discussion ensued amongst the board members and Tr. Bob Fischer commented that the 23 pages of rules and regulations needs more time to review. At this time the public was allowed to ask questions or give comments.

Tr. Bob Fischer moves to table this resolution for further discussion at the December board meeting, seconded by Tr. Cox and all approved 5/0.

Public

The Mayor opened the meeting to the audience for any questions and/or comments and several issues were discussed –

- Recent board minutes not on website; why?
- Board minutes are available at the village office
- Judge won't get health insurance after being here 10yrs.
- Health insurance wasn't a good idea & should apologize
- Donna Periconi thanked the board on how they manage the village; you are a noble board
- Carmine Chiappetta read his letter aloud about health insurance, etc.
- Mayor added that we have no debt; we are a beacon for other village on Long Island
- Webmaster problems
- Lombardy & Penataquit roads need repair
- Sidewalks between LVAE & LVAW; will they be cleared of snow this winter
- Saturday, 11/26, 10am-4pm photos with Santa at the cabin. Followed with tree lighting at the gazebo's and cookies & hot chocolate will be served
- Planning board opening if anyone is interested

At 8:57 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. Robert Fischer seconded and unanimously approved 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine O'Shea
Village Clerk Treasurer

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Public in attendance that signed in: 30 (not everyone had signed in)