

MINUTES

On July 25, 2012 at 8:02 PM the Mayor called to order a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brightwaters, following proper posting and notification. Present was Mayor McNulty, Trustees Fischer, Riordan, Gibson and Cox, as well as Village Attorney Finnerty, who also took the Minutes. Three residents, as well as a Newsday reporter, were in attendance.

All vouchers were reviewed, discussed and signed.

The Mayor advised that the Village was asked by the Town of Islip to contribute \$43K to the total cost of \$105K to repave Bay Way Avenue, a jointly-owned road. Upon motion by Fischer, seconded by Cox, it was approved 5-0.

Upon a motion by Cox, seconded by Riordan, and acting upon a Certificate of Necessity signed by the Mayor, the local law to forbid alcohol possession in the Village's Parks was approved 5-0.

Gibson advised that a veteran's group would use the Brightwaters Cabin to collect signatures in petitions aimed at helping the Veterans.

The Mayor stated that he had been advised by the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Chamber of Commerce that an upsurge in homeless persons has been experienced in this area.

The Mayor advised that Charles Fischer of the Highway Department reported that there has been an increase in not-cleaned-up dog waste in Gilbert Park. Following discussion, there was a consensus to increase Code enforcement and to use Email and the Village website to urge compliance.

Gibson advised that Facebook is a better tool to reach our residents than the website. A discussion followed as to whether the Village should try to take over a Facebook account which implies that it is the official one but is not operated by the Village. Fischer will look into the matter.

The Mayor offered public praise for the job done by the Suffolk County Police Department in arresting some suspects who were recently breaking into cars in the Village and elsewhere.

Gibson wants to have the Village to do more to encourage its citizens in volunteerism and fundraising for worthy causes.

Fischer pondered the question as to whether LIPA would cooperate with the Village to set up solar power on the western portion of its Orinoco Drive property. The issue was discussed and left open.

The Mayor advised that the Village had been contacted a while ago by an entity known as Elite Towers, which wanted to lease part of Walker Park to install a cell phone tower in the form of a maritime-style flagpole. It would then lease its use out to various cell phone providers. It offered \$100K up front and thereafter 50% of the gross rentals it will receive. Joseph McNulty Jr. presented more details of Elite's offer, made during his tenure as Chairman of the Planning Board. Riordan suggested that the Village seek out other offers as well. The Mayor advised that he felt that Gilbert Park, adjacent to the sewer pumping station, would be a more appropriate location and Elite agreed to it. Gibson suggested that the term "cell phone tower" not be used, as it does not fairly depict the proposed structure and will enflame people before they see the design. There was a consensus amongst the Board that the concept be further investigated. The Mayor added that if it came to pass, he would want the revenue held in a dedicated account for road repair and not to be used for any other purpose unless a supermajority (4 Board Members) voted to do so. Gibson felt that it should be for all infrastructure and not just for roads.

Fischer reported that the “Welcome to Brightwaters” sign on Orinoco Drive, entering the Village driving westbound, was missing and should be replaced. Attorney Finnerty urged the same, noting that the sign’s warning as to not allowing overnight parking is necessary for prosecuting summonses issued for that violation. There was a consensus to replace the sign as soon as reasonably possible.

Fischer reported an incident where a Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) gave someone permission to park “for a short time” across from Walker Beach, and that later his shift replacement CEO issued a summons to the then-irate driver. Attorney Finnerty, in his role as Village Prosecutor, advised that such lack of communication between changing shifts happens frequently and causes bad feelings on the part of the car owners, who understandably feel they were double-crossed. Fischer will have the Chief CEO push his CEOs to verbally, and by notes left in the CEO car, update the next shift on all matters, including this type of parking arrangement.

Fischer thanked the Village for all of its help and efforts in the recent and highly successful Maggie Fischer Swim. It was also noted that at 88 years old, the event is one of the oldest swims in the world.

Gibson expressed her admiration for the Village’s office staff, after having observed how hard they work, during her recent visit.

The Mayor noted that he had received a few calls concerning how well the Village looks recently under the supervision of Charles Fischer. Riordan advised that he hadn’t received any calls, but as the Trustee overseeing same, he is pleased with the way matters are being handled.

At 10:05PM, following a motion by Fischer to adjourn, seconded by Cox, and a unanimous vote in favor, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned.